

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER**

**2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



**”Et Deficiente Vino”**

**”The wine having run short”**

Fr. Mahowald FSSP

Today's holy Gospel passage relates the first of Christ's public miracles and the beginning of His public ministry. It's no small detail that He begins His work of redemption at a nuptial ceremony as it is immediately following the nuptials of Adam and Eve that the serpent entered into the Garden. The new Adam (Christ) picks up where the first Adam went awry. We can plainly see from the devil's tactics how we can defeat him. He attacks the family, the domestic church. The family stands as the visible image of divine love on earth. God created us as our catechism tells us, "to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven." Woman was created as Genesis tells us, "to be a helpmate" to man in achieving this goal. We are meant to find happiness with another person and every man and woman

do find a certain happiness in their relationship, but every husband and wife find out eventually after their wedding that true and lasting happiness cannot be found in their spouse. Their 'wine runs short.' We are meant to find happiness in union with another, only the "other" is actually a Divine Person. Men and women find a certain happiness together, but they are meant to find happiness with God, together. God ordered it so that man and woman would more easily grow in perfection together.

The wine in today's Gospel passage represents the virtues, graces and fidelity that one has brought with them leading up to their marriage. Those graces and gifts, however, fall short because matrimony requires something more. Our human efforts are represented in the story by the six jars full of dirty water. It's Christ Who transforms these jars into fine wine through His power, which represents the transformative power He gave to the sacrament of Matrimony and the graces that are particular to it.

Couples can often fall into the trap of thinking that their spouse will be the fulfillment of their happiness. Or they think that if I am unhappy than I am in a "bad marriage." The presence of the cross in marriage is not a sign of a "bad marriage," but a mere reminder that the joys of Heaven aren't yet upon us. Don't give into the discouragement. You were created to carry this cross, God has prepared you with His graces to carry it, and where the cross is, there Christ will always be found along with His Mother, our Mother.

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 15 - 21**

**SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
8:00 AM LOW MASS  
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

**MONDAY: ST. MARCELLUS I, M**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**TUESDAY: ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT, A**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**WEDNESDAY: FERIA/CHAIR OF ST. PETER IN ROME/ST. PRISCA, VM**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**THURSDAY: FERIA/SS MARIUS, MARTHA, AUDIFAX & ABACHUM MM/ ST. CHANUTE, M**  
COMM: ST. THOMAS BECKETT  
7:45 AM

**FRIDAY: SS FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN MM**  
5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
6:00 PM LOW MASS

**SATURDAY: ST. AGNES, VM**

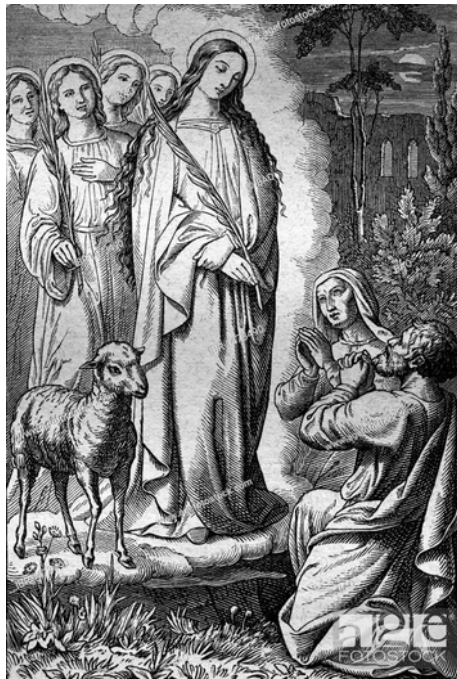
8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
9:00 AM LOW MASS

**CONFESSIONS**

**SUNDAY:** 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM  
**MON-THURS:** 7:25AM - 7:40AM  
**FRIDAY:** 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM  
**SATURDAY:** 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM

**OR BY APPOINTMENT**

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



**St. Agnes**

**Feast January 21 and 28**

"Today is the birthday of a Virgin; let us imitate her virginal innocence. It is the birthday of a Martyr; let us also bring sacrifice. It is the birthday of St. Agnes; let men look up in admiration and children not be disheartened. You married, be filled with wonder; you unmarried, follow in her footsteps. But where shall we find words of adequate praise, since her very name bespeaks her glory and renown? In her we see a devotion that far surpasses her age; a virtue that exceeds all Power of nature. Hence, it seems to me that she had not merely a human name, but, prophetically, she was given the name of a Martyr to indicate beforehand what she was to be. The name of our Virgin to a guarantee of her purity. If I call her Martyr, already I have praised enough. For, that is great praise indeed, which one does not need to seek but is freely given by others. No one can be more praised than one who is praised by all. As many men, so many encomiums. They have only to mention her name to praise her as a Martyr. According to tradition, it was in her thirteenth year that she suffered martyrdom. How despicable the cruelty that spared not even this tender age! But how great the power of faith that found even that age its witness."

-From the Roman Breviary

### Welcome Our Newest Catholic!

Saint Michael welcomes our newly baptized members:

**Rick Dewey**

Conditionally Baptized, received into the Church and Confirmed 12-30-2022

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### Harrisburg Basketball Tournament

St. Lawrence FSSP Apostolate in Harrisburg is hosting a 5 on 5 men's basketball tournament on Saturday, February 11th.

The Tournament is open to players 14 years old and older. If you would like to enter a team contact Fr. Mahowald this week at fsspscranton@gmail.com.

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### Big Thank You's

**A BIG THANK YOU** all for your generosity to us priests here at St. Michael's during the Christmas Season!!! The gifts, candy, baked goods, cards, and dinners are so very much appreciated. You all remain remembered in our daily prayers, especially at the altar.

Another **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped with and who contributed to the fundraising effort for the youth Pro Life bus to Washington DC. Please keep them in your prayers as they will be in Washington this Friday. Pray for a safe a effective witness to the sanctity of human life.

And **A BIG THANK YOU** to all the servers, singers, their families and all those who helped decorate and clean for the Holiday Season. May God bless you all for your devotion and love for the Bride of Christ.



*"The Lord said, Fill the jars with water and take to the chief steward. When the chief steward had tasted the water after it had become wine, he said to the bridegroom, You have kept the good wine until now. This first miracle Jesus worked in the presence of His disciples."*

COMMUNION PRAYER FOR  
THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 15 - 21

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo

For the Church

rb: Mark & Julie Whitehead

Monday: 7:45 AM

+James Ratchford

rb: Daniel Ratchford Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

Finn and Zito Families

rb: Ann Finn

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

Noll Children

rb: Nancy Noll

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Margot & Dan Davidson

rb: Schneider Family

Friday: 6:00 PM

Mason Zajac

rb: William & Valerie Zajac

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Michael Egan & Mr. Delaplace's Intentions

rb: Pierre Delaplace