

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY



"From: The Mystery of Septuagesima"

By Dom Prosper Gueranger

"...In order to console us in the midst of the combats, which so thickly beset our path, the Church, - like a beacon shining amidst the darkness of this, our earthly abode, - shows us another Seven, which is to succeed the one we are now preparing to pass through. After the Septuagesima of mourning, we shall have the bright Easter with its Seven weeks of gladness, foreshadowing the happiness and bliss of Heaven. After having fasted with our Jesus, and suffered with Him, the day will come when we shall rise together with Him, and our hearts shall follow Him to the highest heavens, and then after a brief interval, we shall feel descending upon us the Holy Ghost, with His Seven Gifts. The celebration of all these wondrous

joys will take us Seven weeks, as the great liturgists observe in their interpretation of the Rites of the Church:- the seven joyous weeks from Easter to Pentecost will not be too long for the future glad Mysteries, which, after all, will be but figures of a still gladder future, the future of eternity.

Having heard these sweet whisperings of hope, let us now bravely face the realities brought before us by our dear Mother the Church. We are sojourners upon this earth; we are exiles and captives in Babylon, that city which plots our ruin. If we love our country, - if we long to return to it, we must be proof against the lying allurements of this strange land, and refuse the cup she proffers us, and with which she maddens so many of our fellow captives. She invites us to join in her feasts and her songs; but we must unstring our harps, and hang them on the willows that grow on her river's bank, till the signal be given for our return to Jerusalem [Ps. 125]. She will ask us to sing to her the melodies of our dear Sion: but, how shall we, who are so far from home, have heart to sing the Song of the Lord in a strange Land? [Ps.136]. No, - there must be no sign that we are content to be in bondage, or we shall deserve to be slaves forever."

-From: The Liturgical Year

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 5 - 11

SUNDAY: SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY
8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: ST. TITUS, BC
7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: ST. ROMUALD, ABBOT
7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: ST. JOHN OF MATHA, C
7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: ST. CYRIL, BC
7:45 AM

FRIDAY: ST. SCHOLASTICA, V

5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY: 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM

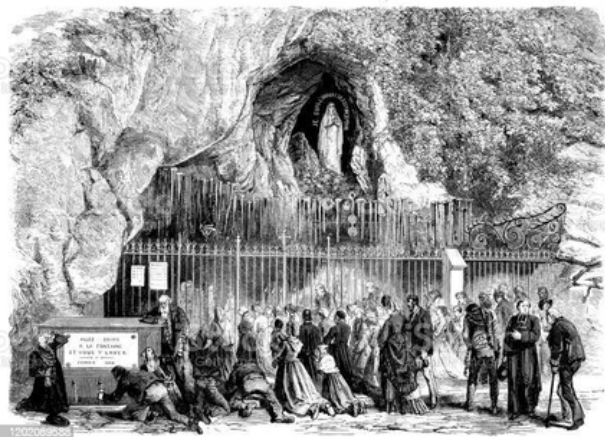
MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM

FRIDAY: 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM

SATURDAY: 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Our Lady of Lourdes Feast February 11th

About four years after the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, a girl named Bernadette asserted that she had seen the Immaculate Mother of God several times. The place of the apparition was a grotto of the cliff by the bank of the Gave river, near the town of Lourdes, France, in the diocese of Tarbes. The many great miracles which followed were evidence enough for any prudent and faithful Christian that the finger of God was there. The location of a hitherto unknown spring at the grotto had been revealed in one of the apparitions; and the miracles for which Lourdes became best known were those very frequent occasions when the sick regained their health after drinking the water of the spring. And so, as news of the benefits said to be received by the faithful at the holy grotto was spreading abroad and the number coming there was increasing day by day, the Bishop of Tarbes carried out an official investigation and then gave permission for the cult of the Immaculate Virgin at the grotto. Soon a church was built. Vast crowds of the faithful have come to Lourdes each year, and the name of the Immaculate Mother of God continueth to increase in glory all over the world. Adding to this glory are the events during the procession of the most Blessed Sacrament: year after year, among the sick brought to Lourdes from all parts of the world to ask health from the Lord through the intercession of his Immaculate Mother, many are immediately cured. Rightly influenced by these events, Pope Pius X extended to the Universal Church the feast already granted to certain places by Leo XIII.

40 Hours Devotion

We will be hosting 40 hours devotion to the Blessed Sacrament here at St. Michael's beginning February 19th after the 10:15 am high mass and concluding with Solemn Benediction at 7:30 am on Tuesday, February 21st.

The devotion of 40 hours of adoration to the Most Blessed Sacrament is a very old tradition of paying homage to Our Lord as well as making reparation for sins of blasphemy.

Please consider signing up for a time slot to keep our Lord company for an hour or two during this time. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

Ask Wednesday February 22 7:45 am Mass 6:30 pm Mass

*Confessions available before both

Palm Sunday - April 2nd Easter Sunday - April 9th

Harrisburg Basketball Tournament Canceled!

St. Lawrence Parish in Harrisburg canceled the advertised Basketball Tournament for February 11.

November Collections/Expenses

January 1 - \$7074.00
January 8 - \$6014.00
January 15 - \$4044.00
January 22 - \$3803.00
January 29 - \$2606.00
\$23,541 St. Michael Collections

Expenses
\$18,687.74

"Do you not know that those who run in a race, all indeed run, but one receives the prize? So run as to obtain it. And everyone in a contest abstains from all things - and they indeed to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25

MASS INTENTIONS **FEBRUARY 5 - 11**

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo

Donna Platt

rb: David A. Smith

Monday: 7:45 AM

+Joseph Lackner

rb: Jerome Lackner

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

+ Leigh Gilbert

rb: Maas Family

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

Jerome Lackner Intention

rb: Jerome Lackner

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Tom

rb: Eric Kabitzke

Friday: 6:00 PM

Sr. Marie Bernarde Keifer OSB

rb: Cilia Family

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Preservation of the Latin Mass
and Traditions of the Church

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