Saint Michael the Archangel & Saints Peter and Paul

Byzantíne Catholíc Churches "I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."1 Corinthians 2:2

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<u>Liturgical Schedule for</u> The Week of April 12, 2015

<u>Saturday ~ April 11</u> Vigil~ Thomas Sunday

4:00 PM [P] +Joseph Dvorak by Joseph and Barbara Herman

<u>Sunday ~ April 12</u> <u>Thomas Sunday</u>

10:00 AM [A] Parish Families

<u>Saturday ~ April 18</u> Vigil~ Sunday of the Ointment Bearers

4:00 PM [P] Health & Blessings for Patrick Walck by Joseph and Barbara Herman

<u>Sunday ~ April 19</u> Sunday of the Ointment Bearers

10:00 AM [A] Parish Families

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3



Confessions: Saturdays [P] 3:15-3:45 PM Sundays: [A] 9:00-9:30 AM and by appointment Baptisms and Weddings: See Father Frank

If you are looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish Family. stmichaelallentown@ptd.net byzcath.org/Allentown

Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer: John & Alicia Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo, Melissa Kavounas, Dolores Flannery, Theresa Pinto, Patrice Danyluk, Hoyt Walter, Rosalie Walter, Kristin & Bobbie Di Giacomo & family, The Mehalshick Family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine Wilk, Stephen Wursta, Maryann Wilk, Charles Hysick, Father Steven Galuschik, Barry Hoffman, Deacon Lewis Rabayda, Father Diodoro Mendoza, Josephine Hanincik. Members of our Parish Families, Father Frank and his family.

Pope Francis on Mercy

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more."

Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm.

Looking ahead: Father Frank will be away during the last week of April as he attends the annual eparchial priest's meeting (Presbyteral Days) in Maryland. This is the annual eparchial business meeting where practical matters such as changes in insurance and information about finances is discussed. Please pray that he has a safe trip.

Papal preacher: Passion continues today as world ignores persecution

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Widespread indifference to the violent persecution of Christians and other communities suggests the world is full of Pontius Pilates who eagerly wash their hands of all responsibility, the papal preacher said. How many times the world witnesses

Sacrificial Giving for Holy Week and Pascha	
Allentown	\$5,892.00
Total Bills	\$183.24
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$,5708.76
Palmerton	\$914.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$914.00
Bills paid this week: Allentown: Office Supplies: \$89.73; PPL (Rectory): \$58.99; PPL (Church): \$109.00; Pest Control: \$43.50	
Palmerton: No bills paid this week.	

other examples of "ecce homo" -- "behold the man" with so many "prisoners that find themselves in the same situation as Jesus in Pilate's Pretorium: alone, shackled, tortured, at the mercy of rough soldiers filled with hate," Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa said during the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. "Jesus is in agony until the end of the world in every man and woman who is subjected to his same torments" he said in his homily during the April 3 service in St. Peter's Basilica. Presided over by Pope Francis, the service commemorates Christ's death on the cross. The pope began the rite after a silent procession down the central nave. Two assistants helped him kneel to lie prostrate on the floor before the main altar in silent prayer, a sign of adoration and penance.

Orthodox patriarch says reconciliation urgent, common action possible

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Reconciliation between the Catholic and Orthodox churches is urgently needed, said Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople in an extensive interview with a prominent Jesuit journal. Due to great suffering and injustice around the world, "today, perhaps even more than 50 years ago, there is a greater and more urgent need for reconciliation," he told Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro, editor of Civilta Cattolica. In the interview, which was available online April 1, the patriarch suggested collaborating with Pope Francis in "common action" on social justice issues. Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew demonstrated deep mutual respect and during their meetings in Rome, Turkey and the Holy Land. Many remarked on the pope's gesture of humility and rapprochement last November, when he bowed and asked for Patriarch Bartholomew's blessing in the patriarchal cathedral in Istanbul. The patriarch responded by gently kissing the top of his head. Patriarch Bartholomew told Father Spadaro that the world is marked by "unprecedented rapid changes" and people's ability to "exercise more influence on their surroundings. Never before have human beings been in a position to decide and determine the future of our community and planet," he said. "We can literally choose and change the way we live in order to inform and influence the challenges that we face."