

Saint Michael the Archangel & Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic 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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If you are looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish Family.
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Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer: Carol Baran, John & Alicia Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo, 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, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Lila Smerkanich,, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott, Lois Brink

From the Saints

It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction.

— St. Edmund

This, in short, is the difference between us and others who know not God, that in misfortune they complain and murmur, while the adversity does not call us away from the truth of virtue and faith, but strengthens us by its suffering.

—St. Cyprian

Do not think that every affliction is a consequence of sin. For there are some who do God's will and yet are tested. Thus it is written that the ungodly and wicked shall be persecuted (cf. Ps. 37: 28), but also that those who "seek to live a holy life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12).

-St. Mark the Ascetic

Worldly virtues promote human glory, spiritual virtues the glory of God -St. Thalassios the Libyan

10th Sunday after Pentecost

By Rev. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.

In the famous book written by Willa Cather, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, there is a dramatic scene involving a priest by the name of Father Valliant and a Pima Indian who had become a convert.

The priest tells of how the Indian led him into the wilds of the desert into an enormous canyon of black rock. There hidden in a cave the Indian showed Father Valliant a container holding a chalice of gold, vestments, candlesticks, and all the paraphernalia needed to liturgical services.

One of the Indian's fore-bearers had protected these sacred objects when the Apaches had overrun their mission a number of generations before. From father to son, the secret hiding place and its contents were passed on until finally a priest again arrived to use them.

In today's gospel story (Matt. 17:14-21), our Lord unlocks the secret of faith for His disciples who were faced with the challenge of demonic action. Like the Indian in Willa Cather's story, the disciples' faith was

contained in themselves; they did not know how to use it. Jesus tells them that the power of faith is available through prayer and fasting. It is a force so powerful that it can move mountains. But, that power hinges on trust in God.

From time to time we face the challenges, the devils if you will, of life: family troubles, difficulties at work or in school, problems with our health, unexpected upsets. Our faith may be tested and become disturbed. Those are the moments when the treasures of our belief in Jesus Christ give value and meaning to any situation no matter how overwhelming it may seem, because our faith is not locked within ourselves. It is secure and limitless once vested in the power of God.

The miracle on the Eighth Avenue Subway

Among the commuters waiting for a Manhattan subway train was an elderly woman. Her clothing had seen better days, and she was laden down with three large bags. Once on the subway car, she began reading a small booklet. Then she began to pray the rosary on beads she held tightly in her hand. The pamphlet was a Scriptural reflection on the rosary prayers.

A priest who observed her wrote: "This woman did something very special for me and everyone else in that subway car. In her own way, in the midst of all the noise and motion that one can associate with a subway, she brought her God with her – and in doing so, she blessed us with his and her presence." Rev. J. Patrick Ryan, *The Acadiana Catholic*

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of July 16 & 17	
Allentown	\$1212.00
Total Bills	\$95.14
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$ 1116.86
Palmerton	\$265.00
Total Bills	\$77.83
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$187.17
Bills paid this week: Cable/Internet:\$71.06; Phone/Fax: \$24.08	
Palmerton: PPL (Church):\$54.00; PPL (Hall): \$23.83	

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of July 24, 2016

Saturday July 23

Vigil~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday July 24

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] William Parkinson by Margaret Cebenko

Saturday July 30

Vigil~ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday July 31

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] +Margaret Walson by Loretta Brosky