

*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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**Liturgical Schedule for  
The Week of January 15, 2017**

**Saturday January 14  
Vigil~ 35th Sunday after Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] Special Intention by  
Anonymous

**Sunday January 15  
35th Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 AM [A] For the people

**Saturday November 21  
Vigil~ 36th Sunday after Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] For the people

**Sunday January 22  
36th Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 AM [A] +Rose Hoffman by  
Aunt Catherine & Joseph Brosky



**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.*

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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  
Mehalschick 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, Gabriella Yaskanich

**Catholic Quotes**

"When men understand what each other mean, they see, for  
the most part, that controversy is either superfluous or  
hopeless." – Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman

"We all suffer for each other, and gain by each other's  
suffering; for man never stands alone here, though he will  
stand alone hereafter; but here is he is a social being, and  
goes forward to his long home as one of a large company." -  
Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman

"Our human dignity is inseparable from the sacredness of  
life as a gift of the Creator. In God's plan, each person is  
unique and irreplaceable. A person comes into this world in  
a family, which is the first focus of humanization, and above  
all the first school of peace. To build peace, we need to look  
to the family, supporting it and facilitating its task, and in this  
way promoting an overall culture of life. The effectiveness of  
our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of  
human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!" – Pope  
Benedict XVI

"The family is the first essential cell of human society." –  
Pope Saint John Paul II

**The Rich Young Man**

A dramatic incident took place as the journey to  
Jerusalem began. Someone came running, forgetful of  
all dignity, and kneeled impulsively in the dust. He was  
young, Matthew tells us; he held high office in the  
Jewish religious community, says Luke. All three  
evangelists who tell the story leave us in no doubt that  
he was a rich man, and by the common standards of  
society a blameless character. As Harold St. John puts

The Scripture readings for next week  
(Thirty- sixth Sunday after Pentecost) are: **1  
Timothy 1:15-17 & Luke 18:35-43.**

The saying is sure and worthy of full  
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came  
into the world to save sinners. And I  
am the foremost of sinners; but I  
received mercy for this reason, that  
in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ  
might display his perfect patience for  
an example to those who were to  
believe in him for eternal life. To the  
King of ages, immortal, invisible, the  
only God, be honor and glory for  
ever and ever. Amen.

impossible. As touching the law, he is blameless. He has been perfect since boyhood. It thus  
became necessary, as it was with the woman at the well, to touch the weakness in the life. The  
young man was shown that in spite of his eagerness, comfort was his supreme desire. He loved  
this life rather than the next. In the pain of self-revelation he left the cross upon the ground, and  
went away with heavy steps. Looking after him, and turning to His disciples, the Lord said:  
"How difficult it is for those who have riches to enter into the Kingdom of God!"  
The word in the Greek text is *chremata* which also means "things." The root is that of the verb  
"use," and fundamentally *chremata* are "useful things." Wealth, in other words, is what we can  
use, and it follows that wealth is what we should use. It was the fault of the unprofitable servant  
in the Parable of the Talents that he hid away the money he had, and denied it useful  
employment. So it must have been with the young man in the story. His "useful things" were  
denied their usefulness because they had taken the character of a soul that was dull and barren,  
and fired by no generosity or love. And yet Christ loved him, perhaps for the spark of that day's  
desire, perhaps with a wider pity than we, His followers, can feel.

it: "He  
seemed to  
have all  
the keys  
of life

hanging at his girdle—wealth, youth, prestige and  
a blameless character, but withal an empty heart."  
The Lord answered the young man's question with  
another. "Why," He asked, "*why* do you call me  
good?" The emphasis is on the first word. He  
sought to bring leaping to the young man's lips a  
glad confession of His deity. He led Peter to  
blessing in the same way (Matt. 16:13-19). But  
here no answer came. The young man failed to rise  
to the faith that would have solved his problem.  
Imagine a pause after this verse. The Lord next  
seeks to elicit a confession of sin. He refers him to  
the inexorable standard of the law, which is "our  
schoolmaster to lead us to Christ." The young man  
is quite unabashed. He has performed the

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of January 7 & 8	
Allentown	\$1651.00
Total Bills	\$2390.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>(-\$739.00)</b>
Palmerton	\$442.00
Total Bills	\$1545.20
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>(-\$1104.20)</b>
<b>Bills paid this week: Heating Oil (Rectory):\$184.00; Bulletins:\$106.00; Priest Pay: \$2100.00</b>	
<b>Palmerton: Heating Oil: \$1289; Candles:\$256.20</b>	