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## SAINT MICHAEL
Defender • Champion • Protector

"And there was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels."
— Apocalypse 12:7 (DR)

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!



## SAINT GABRIEL
Messenger • Herald of God • Proclaimer

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."
— Luke 1:28 (DR)

St. Gabriel the Archangel, help us to hear and answer God's call!



## SAINT RAPHAEL
Guide • Healer • Companion

"For I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord."
— Tobias 12:15 (DR)

St. Raphael the Archangel, guide us on our journey and bring God's healing to us!

# MICHAELMAS

## FAITH, TRADITION & FOLKLORE

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## MICHAELMAS GOOSE



Eating goose on Michaelmas has long been a traditional custom, especially in Britain and Ireland. It was one of the quarter days, when rents were paid and accounts settled, and a fattened goose was a customary meal, symbolizing prosperity for the coming year.

*"Eat a goose on Michaelmas Day, and you'll never want for money all the year."*

## BLACKBERRY FOLKLORE



Folklore tells that when St. Michael cast the devil out of heaven, he fell into a blackberry bush. In his rage, the devil is said to have spat on, trampled, or otherwise cursed the berries, so they should not be picked or eaten after Michaelmas.

As a result, many traditions say it is unlucky to pick blackberries after this date, and some say the devil still leaves his mark on later berries.

## MICHAELMAS DAISIES



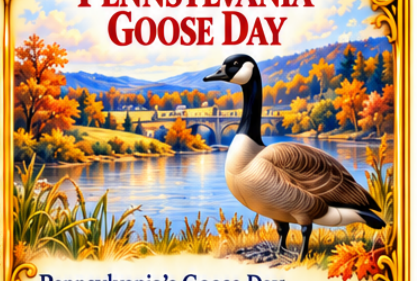
The late-blooming asters, known as Michaelmas daisies, flower around the feast of St. Michael. Their autumn bloom has made them a fitting symbol of perseverance and beauty as the year turns toward its darker half.

## QUARTER DAY



Michaelmas was one of the four traditional quarter days, with Christmas, Lady Day and Midsummer. It marked harvest's end, when rents and debts were settled, servants changed employment, and preparations began for winter.

## PENNSYLVANIA GOOSE DAY



Pennsylvania's Goose Day, celebrated on September 29, is a local tradition especially associated with Mifflin County and the Juniata River Valley. Descended from the old European custom of feasting on goose at this time of year, it remains a popular celebration in the region, with food, festivals and family events.

# MICHAELMAS

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## SEVEN BEFORE THE LORD

*"For I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord."*
*— Tobias 12:15 (DR)*

Catholic Scripture names Michael, Gabriel and Raphael; the Church venerates these three as archangels.

In addition to these three, ancient Jewish and Christian writings (such as the Book of Enoch and other traditions) mention four other archangels by name: Uriel, Raguel, Sariel (or Saraqael) and Remiel.

The Catholic Church discourages assigning names to angels other than Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

## MEANINGS OF THE THREE SCRIPTURAL NAMES

**Michael** — "Who is like God?" (Quis ut Deus?)

**Gabriel** — "God is my strength" or "Strength of God."

**Raphael** — "God heals."

## PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

## A TIME OF TRANSITION

Michaelmas marks a turning point in the year — a time to give thanks for the harvest, to seek God's protection in the months ahead, and to remember the victory of St. Michael and the heavenly angels over evil.

Michaelmas takes its name from "Michael's Mass," the traditional feast of St. Michael.

*"Bless the Lord, all ye his angels: you that are mighty in strength, and execute his word, hearkening to the voice of his orders."*
*— Psalm 102:20 (DR)*

# FOUR ANGRY DACHSHUNDS

## *Johnny • Abby • Jimmy • Bella*

**Sixteen Paws. Four Personalities. One Pack.**

Angry by Name, Adorable by Nature. Tiny Legs, Big Attitude. Short on Legs, Long on Sass!



"Around here, ordinary life
has a way of becoming a story.

Sometimes we laugh.
Sometimes we ponder.
Sometimes we cry.

And somewhere along the way,
we discover that
**God has been with us all along.**

The door's always open.
The light's always on.
There's always room for one more
at the table.

**In Christ's peace, welcome!**"

— Jimmy & Johnny's Dad

### Four Angry Dachshunds

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*Holy Archangels of God, pray for us. Amen.*



**To God be the honor and the glory.**

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph,
and the Joyful Heart of St. John the Baptist
keep you and those you love close to God.

*God bless you.*

