

Dear Friends,

The covenant is sealed by blood. In the first reading we see the sealing of the old covenant with the blood of the sacrifices. The letter to the Hebrews points out that this is a foreshadowing of the true covenant sealed with the blood of Christ. This blood washes away our sins and shows that what God gives to the covenant is life. At the last supper Jesus tells us that He is truly giving us His Body and His Blood. Today we want to set firmly before our minds that this is the reality of the Mass, and not a reenactment or symbol.

The Real Presence is the name we give to this reality, the reality that Jesus is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. God is present to us in many ways, but is encountered this completely only through the Eucharist. We can sometimes forget this fact, because this reality, which is most important thing in the mass or in the world, is present to us so often and in so many places.

Jesus comes in the fullness of the Real Presence whether the church is a cathedral or barely a shack, whether the preaching is good or bad, whether the music is professional or off key, whether the congregation is holy or hypocritical. The scandal of the Incarnation, Jesus' simple life, and the cross is always present in the Eucharist.

Jesus' promise guarantees us that He will be present in the Eucharistic. It does not guarantee that we will receive all that is offered when we receive communion. Will we participate in the body and blood of Christ that we receive? First we have to recognize what we are receiving. When we receive we say "Amen". We say we believe. Let us be aware of what we receive, and let us let it transform us to be ever more the true children of God.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni

**Knights of Columbus**--Carry out chicken dinner on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-5:00pm. The dinner is \$12 each at the K.C. Hall in Ridge. Baked goods available. Call 301-872-4641 for more info.

**Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary**--Father's Day Breakfast is now dine in and drive thru. The cost is \$10 on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-11:30am at Ridge Volunteer Fire House.

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
May 30 <sup>th</sup> Offertory	\$1,397.00

**Weekend Ministries**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**



**Saturday--5:00pm**

**Lector:** L. Muir

**Altar Servers:** M. Muir

**Sunday--8:15am**

**Lector:** P. Woodburn

**Altar Servers:** C. Wood

**Sunday--10:30am**

**Lector:** C. Smith

**Altar Servers:** A. Gonzalez-Rivera

**Sunday--6:00pm**

**Lector:** M. Yeatman

**Prayer for the Sick**



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| Bobby Abell        | Marilyn Brewer     |
| Terry Carroll      | Betty Ann Clarke   |
| Sue Colon          | Jack Cullison      |
| Chris Dawson       | Keith Demarre      |
| Erica Dingle       | Esther Durkin      |
| Fritz Feltman      | Marcos Flores      |
| Joan Gisriel       | Pam Hayden         |
| Mary Agnes Hill    | Jason Hoyer        |
| Cameron Kalen      | Jane Kenyon        |
| Kevin Lorence      | Paul Mackie        |
| Sid Marcus         | Liz Marcus         |
| Ann McDonough      | Diane Miller       |
| Leroy Owens, Sr.   | Kelly Prescott     |
| Michael Raley      | Peggy Raley        |
| Joe Parran Ridgell | Joel Rivera        |
| Janet Sanders      | Gabriel Santos     |
| Joe Speltz         | Brenda Unkle       |
| Tim Urban          | Catherine Woodburn |
| Carl Young         |                    |

**Mass Intentions**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>**

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| Monday    | 9:00am  | For the Intentions of Katie and Jesse Harper |
| Tuesday   | 9:00am  | Janice Wood                                  |
| Wednesday | 9:00am  | Special Intentions                           |
| Thursday  | 9:00am  | Timothy Ridgell                              |
| Friday    | 9:00pm  | St. Michael's School                         |
| Saturday  | 5:00pm  | Ted Abell                                    |
| Sunday    | 8:15am  | Tony Koontz                                  |
| Sunday    | 10:30am | St. Michael's Parishioners                   |
| Sunday    | 6:00pm  | Greg Rumpf                                   |

## Readings for the Week of June 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>



### **Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--2 Corinthians 1:1-17

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9--Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel--Matthew 5:1-12

### **Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Psalm 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135--Lord, let your face shine on me.

Gospel--Matthew 5:13-16

### **Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9--Holy is the Lord our God.

Gospel--Matthew 5:17-19

### **Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6

Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14--The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

Gospel--Matthew 5:20-26

### **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

First Reading--Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6--You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second Reading--Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19

Gospel--John 19:31-37

### **Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

First Reading--2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12--The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel--Luke 2:41-51

### **Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Exekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16--Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading--2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



**Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian's Holy Land Pilgrimage 2022**--Monsignor Charles Pope is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. The dates for the pilgrimage are November 8-17, 2022. The cost is \$3,799 from Washington, D.C. Featuring: Roundtrip air from Washington, D.C., first class/select hotels, breakfast & dinner daily, comprehensive sightseeing with a professional English-speaking local guide, entrance fees, portage, hotel taxes and service charges. Please contact Debbie Vanzego at 202-277-1823 or email devanzego@cohenmilstein.com.

## **Catechetical Corner**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. This is the third of the Ten Commandments. Our Sabbath day is the Lord's Day, Sunday. On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass. (CCC 2180) The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example illness, the care of infants, pandemic) or dispensed by their own pastor or bishop. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. (CCC 2181)

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. It is the encounter with the Real Presence of Christ. Without Christ there can be no Christian.



**Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's**--Opening Fall 2021 in Leonardtown. Join us with your student for **CHESTERTON CHAT**, an information session on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-8:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park or for Zoom: visit [www.chestertonstmarys.org/events](http://www.chestertonstmarys.org/events). For information call 301-800-0227.

**St. Aloysius Parish**--Encounter Grace presents a retreat for women "*But then Jesus*" at St. Aloysius Parish Hall on July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. This retreat features four talks designed to help you recognize where Jesus is at work in your life today and how to grow even closer to Him in your everyday life! There will be praise & worship sessions, opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration & confession. Tickets go on sale June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am. Go to [www.encountergrace.co/but-the-jesus-womens-retreat](http://www.encountergrace.co/but-the-jesus-womens-retreat). More information to come.



## **St. Michael's School News**



**Angels Wings and Things** Items may be dropped off by appointment only by calling 240-298-6285. Visit our Facebook page for more information. The store is open on Saturdays from 9:00am-4:00pm and Sundays 10:00am-1:00pm.

**Helicopter Golf Ball Drop**--Great News! We have rescheduled the golf ball drop for September. Buy your golf ball **NOW!**

## **Weekly Calendar**

June 9--Last Day of School, Early Dismissal