

Dear Friends,

The building up of the kingdom of God is ultimately powered by God. Jesus gives us two parables comparing the kingdom to seeds. The first about the mysterious way it grows, and the second about how much can come from small beginnings.

In the first parable Jesus emphasizes how the kingdom grows even while the man sleeps. The building of the kingdom, even the kingdom on earth, is not just our work. The ultimate success of building the kingdom is in God's hands not ours. We still have a part to play. The man still has to reap the harvest. God wants us to participate in the building of the kingdom. It is not about how much we achieve, it is about how faithful we are to trying to discern and do God's will.

The second parable about the mustard seed encourages us to not worry too much about how much we achieve. We cannot know how God will use the good we do in the future. We will not know until the end of time when God reveals it, how much good God drew from our faithfulness or how many lives it eventually touched.

We are all called to be part of God's kingdom. We are all called to help build up that kingdom. We are not called to do it alone.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



Knights of Columbus--Carry out chicken dinner on Sunday, June 13th 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 20th from 8:30am-11:30am at Ridge Volunteer Fire House.

St. Mary's College of Maryland--presents the Mulberry Music Festival, Friday June 18th at 6:00pm on the Townhouse Green. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! Food vendors will be onsite. The grounds open at 4:00pm. The event is free and open to the public. *The Nighthawks*, *The Kelly Bell Band*, and *The Josh Riley Band* will be performing. For more information go to www.smcm.edu/mulberry.

**Weekend Ministries
June 19th & 20th**



Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: N. Abell

Altar Servers: A. Simmons & G. Simmons

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: J. Kellam

Altar Servers: M. Wood

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: S. Hall

Altar Servers: C. Coon

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: B. Bayne

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 |
| Roberta Evans | 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 14th- 20th**

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| Monday | 9:00am | Special Intentions |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | Timothy Ridgell |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | Special Intentions |
| Thursday | 9:00am | Janice Wood |
| Friday | 9:00pm | St. Michael's School |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | St. Michael's Parishioners |
| Sunday | 8:15am | All Fathers |
| Sunday | 10:30am | For the Bean and Hale Families |
| Sunday | 6:00pm | James & Bernice Dellaquila |

Readings for the Week of June 14th-20th



Monday, June 14th:

First Reading--2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Psalm 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4--The Lord has made known his salvation.
Gospel--Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 15th:

First Reading--2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Psalm 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a--Praise the Lord, my soul!
Gospel--Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 16th:

First Reading--2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9--Blessed the man who fears the Lord.
Gospel--Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 17th:

First Reading--2 Corinthians 11:1-11
Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8--Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.
Gospel--Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 18th:

First Reading--2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7--From all their distress God rescues the just.
Gospel--Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, June 19th:

First Reading--2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Psalm 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-12--Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Gospel--Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday, June 20th:

First Reading--Book of Job 38:1, 8-11
Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31--Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.
Second Reading--2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Amazon--Get ready for Prime Day June 21st & 22nd! Sign up for AmazonSmile and select St Michaels School as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0670159. Remember to shop for deals at **smile.amazon.com**, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you.

Stewardship Report

June 6 th Offertory	\$2,492.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 490.00
First Dist. Catholic Aid Society	\$ 620.00
Faith Direct Offertory for May	\$ 8,835.00
Faith Direct Maintenance for May	\$ 305.00

Catechetical Corner

The universe did not spring complete from the hands of the Creator. The universe was created in a state of journeying toward the ultimate perfection yet to be attained, to which God has destined it. We call "divine providence" the dispositions by which God guides his creation toward this perfection. By his Providence God protects and governs all he has made. (CCC 302)

The presence of evil in the world can make people doubt God's providence. There is physical evil because the world is in the state of journeying and as not yet reached perfection. (CCC 310) There is also moral evil brought about when intelligent and free creatures use their free choice to sin. God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil. He permits it because he respects the freedom of his creatures. (CCC 311)

Ultimately God's plan prevails. Our choice is whether to work with God's will or against it.



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.

Golf Ball Drop Information--The Golf Ball Drop will take place on September 18th from 11:00am-3:00pm at Flat Iron Farms. This single day event will be replacing our Annual Auction. First Place prize is \$50,000! It is imperative that we sell all 2000 golf balls. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.smsgolfballdrop.com>. This event was postponed due to Covid-19.

Queen of Hearts Day: One and Done--First draw prize is over \$31,000. We will be finishing out the Queen of Hearts from last year in ONE DAY on the 26th of June at the American Legion in Ridge. We will need a great deal of help to make this a successful event; there are many opportunities for service hours. Please sign up at the link provided below. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4da8ac2fabfb6-queen2>.

Weekly Calendar

June 26--Queen of Hearts Day at American Legion begins at noon.
September 18--Golf Ball Drop, 11:00am-3:00pm