

Dear Friends,

I want to wish a Happy Father's Day to all our fathers. We thank you for all you have done to make us who we are, and especially for your love. Fathers build us up as God builds up the kingdom of God.

As a father has authority over his children, so God has authority over creation. God reminds Job of this in the first reading. Jesus demonstrates that He has this authority in today's gospel. God does not use this authority as a tyrant to dominate and control every action of creation. God acts out of a perfect love for creation including all of us. Part of that love means giving creation freedom and in particular free will to humanity.

Free will does mean we have the same freedom as God does, especially in determining right and wrong. People invoke freedom to justify deciding what is right or wrong for themselves, while also using it to judge what another is doing is right or wrong. But the universe is created with physical as well as moral realities. We cannot set those, but we can learn what they are. Freedom is ability to choose to conform ourselves to those realities, especially to the moral realities of this creation.

This is not a constraining or limiting reality. Think of all the technologies that exist today because we learned about the realities of the physical world, and conformed our inventiveness to them. What would happen if we did the same with the moral realities?

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



Peter's Pence Collection--Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

St. Michael's Rectory--We are trying to update our records this summer. Please send an e-mail with your address and cell number to us at our e-mail address church.stmichaels@md.metrocast.net. This is vital information that our records should have for all our parishioners so that we can keep you inform with any updated information about the Church. If you do not have an e-mail please call with your new number. Thank you.

**Weekend Ministries
June 26th & 27th**



Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: Joe Orr
Altar Servers: S. Mullinix and R. Hawkins

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: G. Dameron
Altar Servers: L. Salazar

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: F. Hall
Altar Servers: J. Siebert

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: N. Abell

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 21st- 27th**

Monday	9:00am	Special Intentions
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	Betty Aldridge
Sunday	8:15am	Mark Walters
Sunday	10:30am	St. Michael's Parishioners
Sunday	6:00pm	Wendy Dellaquila

**Stewardship
Report**

June 13th Offertory \$1,838.00

Readings for the Week of June 21st-27th



Monday, June 21st:

First Reading--Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-22--Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel--Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 22nd:

First Reading--Genesis 13:2, 5-18

Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5--He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel--Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 23rd:

First Reading--Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9--The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Gospel--Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 24th:

First Reading--Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15--I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.

Second Reading--Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26

Gospel--Luke 1:57-66, 80

Friday, June 25th:

First Reading--Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5--See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

Gospel--Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 26th:

First Reading--Genesis 18:1-15

Psalms Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55--The Lord has remembered his mercy.

Gospel--Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, June 27th:

First Reading--Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13--I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading--2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

The River Concert Series--The 23rd anniversary of the series will feature acclaimed musicians and rising stars performing the orchestra's traditional mix of iconic Classical symphonic works, along with selections from the "Pops," Jazz, and Broadway repertoire. **June 25th** features *Summer Nights* with Larry Vote as guest conductor and Olivia Vote as mezzo soprano. Food/beverages provided by local vendors will be available for purchase.

Sacred Heart Church--in Bushwood is hosting their annual June Drive-Thru dinner on **Sunday, June 27th**, from 11:00am until food is gone. Menu includes: fried chicken, crab cakes, country ham, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, beets and rolls. The cost is \$28.00. There will also be a bake table outside.

Catechetical Corner

Today's gospel shows Jesus' miraculous power over creation. This is a sign that indicates that Jesus exercises divine authority. Though God has authority over nature, that does not mean that God commands all that happens in nature.

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. First Place prize is \$50,000! It is imperative that we sell all 2000 golf balls. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.smsgolfdrop.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