

Dear Friends,

Amos was a shepherd before God called him to be a prophet. When Jesus sent the twelve out for the first time He told them to take nothing with them. If no special preparation or equipment is needed to preach why did I spend six years in the seminary? If we read the whole of Scripture we realize that God is not saying we should never prepare or make use of the abilities and goods God has given us. What God is calling for us to do is act on the Word immediately.

Everyone is called to holiness. Holiness resides in God, so only through union with God can we be holy. That holiness reaches its fullness in heaven, but begins here on earth. What Amos and the twelve need to go out on their mission is a deepening relationship with God. Since God is the ultimate creator and conservator of all creation including each of us, even those who reject God have a relationship to God. Everyone whether rich or poor, educated or uneducated, young or old, can grow closer to God.

Growing closer to God is the one thing necessary for going on any mission. Individual missions may call for extra preparation, such as seminary training for priests, but result of any of these missions depends on God's power.

To go on the mission we need to grow closer to God, and to draw closer to God we need to go on the mission. Just as Jesus puts love of God and love of neighbor into one commandment, He also puts our interior and exterior life together. We are to be filled with the light of Christ and to be the light of the world. How are you fulfilling your mission to bring God into the world?

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



Encounter Grace Catholic Women's Retreat:
But Then Jesus is a day and a half retreat at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown MD, Friday, July 23rd (6:30pm-9:00pm) and Saturday, July 24th (8:00am - 3:00pm). Featuring 4 talks, praise and worship sessions as well as opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration and confession, this retreat is designed to encourage women to rediscover where Jesus is working in their lives today and how to continue to grow deeper in relationship with Him. Tickets on sale now: www.encountergrace.com.

Weekend Ministries
July 17th & 18th



Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: Joe Orr

Altar Servers: A. Simmons & G. Simmons

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: P. Woodburn

Altar Servers: L. Salazar

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: S. Hall

Altar Servers: C. Coon

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 Spelz | Brenda Unkle |
| Tim Urban | Catherine Woodburn |
| Carl Young | |

Mass Intentions
July 12th- 18th

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| Monday | 9:00am | Special Intentions |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | Janice Wood |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | Timothy Ridgell |
| Thursday | 9:00am | Special Intentions |
| Friday | 9:00am | St. Michael's School |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | Janice Wood |
| Sunday | 8:15am | St. Michael's Parishioners |
| Sunday | 10:30am | Peyton Ham |
| Sunday | 6:00pm | Special Intentions |

Readings for the Week of July 12th- 18th



Monday, July 12th:

First Reading--Exodus 1:8-14, 22

Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8--Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Gospel--Matthew 10:34--11:1

Tuesday, July 13th:

First Reading--Exodus 2:1-15a

Psalms 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34--Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Gospel--Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 14th:

First Reading--Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12

Psalms 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7--The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel--Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 15th:

First Reading--Exodus 3:13-20

Psalms 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27--The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Gospel--Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 16th:

First Reading--Exodus 11:10--12:24

Psalms 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18--I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel--Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 17th:

First Reading--Exodus 12:37-42

Psalms 136:1 & 23-24, 10-12, 13-15--His mercy endures forever.

Gospel--Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, July 18th:

First Reading--Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6--The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading--Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

RVFD Auxiliary is having a chicken salad and pork BBQ sandwich drive-thru on Sunday, July 18th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Ridge Firehouse. This is a Pre-Order Sale ONLY. Need to order by Sunday, July 11th by sending an email to rvfdaux@ridgevfd.org or leave a voice mail at 301-872-5090. The cost is \$4.00 and can be paid at the time of pickup by cash or check. Thank you for your support!

Knights of Columbus--July 11th will be the next Knights of Columbus chicken dinner from 11:30am-5:00pm unless we run out early. Dinners will be \$14. Carry-out or self-serving dining room available. K.C. Hall in Ridge. For more info 301-872-4641.

Catechetical Corner

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops(USCCB) identifies seven themes in Catholic **Social Teaching**: Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Rights and Responsibilities, Solidarity, Care for God's Creation, and The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.

The third theme is the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. A basic moral test of a society is how it treats the most vulnerable members. In a world marred by many divisions, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

One of the needs that is often forgotten, even as we tend to someone's physical needs, is the need to be treated with respect. Just because someone lacks this or that, does not mean any less in the eyes of God. It should not make them less in our eyes either.

Our Ladys Church at Medleys Neck is seeking a faith-filled individual for the position of Coordinator of Religious Education. This position coordinates our Religious Education Program for approximately 40 students from First to Eighth Grade. Our Religious Education program is mostly online with some limited in-person instruction. This individual serves as the Child Protection Coordinator for the parish. This is an 8-hour per week assignment. For more information or to apply for the position, please contact Our Ladys Parish Office at 301-475-8403.



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.smsgolfballdrop.com>. This event was postponed due to Covid-19.

Weekly Calendar

July 10/11--Little Bethlehem after all Masses
September 18--Golf Ball Drop, 11:00am-3:00pm