

Dear Friends,

They were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus sees the people are in need of many things. When Jesus sees the people the first thing Jesus does is teach them many things. Jesus knows that what the people mostly need is the truth. That is true for all people at all times.

It is especially true today. In many ways modern societies believe there is no objective truth, at least in the case of anything to do with morals, ethics, or anything that deals with how we treat ourselves or others. Truth is whatever you think it is for you. Of course that idea is impossible to truly live out in reality once one or more people interact with each other. So it becomes everyone believes what they want but everyone else has to do it this way, or no one can publicly say something different, or you can believe what you want but you have to help me do what I want even if you disagree, etc.

What it comes down to is saying that truth is whatever the culture says it is now. There is an objective truth though. It is a truth that is beyond any person, culture, society, or government. Since it is bigger than us it has to come from outside of us. Thus you do have to receive this truth from a source outside of yourself. You are free to reject or accept it, but when you reject the truth you are wrong. When you reject the truth from God you have sinned.

There is a truth. That truth matters. It matters that you be in conformity with the truth. When people are led away from the truth by themselves or by bad shepherds God looks on them with pity. So God sent us the Word of God, Jesus.

The Word is sent so that we might hear it, and hearing it we might believe, and having believed we may act it, and so be saved.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni

**Religious Education**--St. Michael's parish religious education program has volunteer positions open for catechist for grades 1-6. Qualifications include: being a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church; participate faithfully in the sacramental life of the Church and lead a life that is doctrinally and morally consistent with the person of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Classes are held at St. Michael's school on Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15 beginning September 12, 2021 through May 15, 2022. Please contact Deacon Jim via email [james.dominic1957@gmail.com](mailto:james.dominic1957@gmail.com) for more information.

**Weekend Ministries  
July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**



**Saturday--5:00pm**

**Lector:** N. Abell  
**Altar Servers:** S. Mullinix & R. Hawkins

**Sunday--8:15am**

**Lector:** J. Kellam  
**Altar Servers:** C. Wood

**Sunday--10:30am**

**Lector:** F. Hall  
**Altar Servers:** C. Seskar

**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    |
| 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          | Tim Urban        |
| Catherine Woodburn | Carl Young       |

**Mass Intentions  
July 19<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	9:00am	Betty Aldridge
Tuesday	9:00am	Special Intentions
Wednesday	9:00am	Special Intentions
Thursday	9:00am	Janice Wood
Friday	9:00am	St. Michael's School
Saturday	5:00pm	Ryan Koontz
Sunday	8:15am	Timothy Ridgell
Sunday	10:30am	Anne McCoy Hayes
Sunday	6:00pm	St. Michael's Parishioners

**Stewardship Report**

July 4 <sup>th</sup> Offertory	\$2,135.00
Maintenance	\$ 635.00
FDCAS	\$ 525.00
July 11 <sup>th</sup> Offertory	\$1,895.00

## Readings for the Week of July 19<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>



### **Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Exodus 14:5-18

Psalm: Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6--Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Gospel--Matthew 12:38-42

### **Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Exodus 14:21--15:1

Psalm: Exodus 15:8-9, 10 & 12, 17--Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Gospel--Matthew 12:46-50

### **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>:**

First Reading--Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15

Psalm 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28--The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel--Matthew 13:1-9

### **Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

First Reading--Song of Songs 3:1-4b

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9--My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel--John 20:1-2, 11-18

### **Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

First Reading--Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11--Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel--Matthew 13:18-23

### **Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Exodus 24:3-8

Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15--Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

Gospel--Matthew 13:24-30

### **Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18--The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading--Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

## **Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer**

**Fire Department--Vendor Show** featuring independent consultants only. To be held at Hollywood Firehouse social hall on **Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** from 10:00am-3:00pm. Free admission and parking. Refreshments will be available for sale by the Ladies Auxiliary. For more information contact: Vendorshow@hvfd7.com.

**Pitch Card Party**--Join us for a night of fun playing pitch, beginners welcome. We will be following CDC recommendations for COVID-19. Fridays, August 6<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 6:30pm and games begin at 7:30pm. The games will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridge, MD. Entrance fee \$10 per person. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. [www.facebook.com/RidgeLions/Club](http://www.facebook.com/RidgeLions/Club) or call Bobbie Bell 301-872-5114 or Terri Kaftan 240-538-2818.

## **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 fourth theme is Rights and Responsibilities. The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Often people focus on their rights and other's responsibilities to them. We certainly have to stand up for our rights, but also have to be striving to fulfill our own responsibilities and to respect the rights of all others.



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



**St. Michael's School** is looking to fill two teaching position for the FY 21/22 school year. Teachers are needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes. If you are interested in applying for either positions please call 301-872-5454 to set up an appointment or send your resume to P.O. Box 259, Ridge, MD 20680.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm at Flat Iron Farms. First Place prize is \$50,000! It is imperative the 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**

September 18--Golf Ball Drop, 11:00am-3:00pm