

Dear Friends,

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all. Jesus tells the Twelve this after they are arguing about which of them is the greatest. The Twelve are going to be the leaders of the Church, but there is to be a difference between what it means to be a leader in the world and a leader in God's kingdom.

To be a leader means to have power. To have power from the world's point of view is to have the tools to impose your will. Like any tools it can be used for good or ill, but as Jesus said another time in the gospel the great ones of this world make their authority felt.

What Jesus calls on the disciples to do is serve not dominate others. By choosing a child as an example, Jesus also emphasizes the call to serve the least as much or even more than the greatest. This service is done for the sake of receiving Jesus and the One who sent Him. In this way we put into action what we say we want in the Our Father, that God's will be done. Leadership becomes than a desire to see God's will done not our own.

People may carry out the same action but for different reasons. Our utilitarian culture says it is only the result that matters. Whatever produces the best result in worldly measures is what we should do. Jesus disagrees. Why we do things matters more. The Church will need leaders, but Jesus wants leaders that imitate God and not the world. In the long run why we do things will make a difference. As James asks, why are there still wars among you? If we ask people around the world most will say they want to live in peace, yet the world has rarely had even a year where there was not war somewhere.

If the world's way continues to fail, maybe it is time to truly live God's will and not our own.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



Ladies of Charity--will met in the Sacristy of St. Michael's Church on Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00pm.

St. Peter Claver--Mass is celebrated in English every Wednesday evening at St. Peter Claver Church in St. Inigoes, MD at 6:00pm preceded by Adoration and Confession from 4:00pm-5:45PM. The church's contact information is 301-872-5460 or st.peterclaver@verizon.net.

**Weekend Ministries
September 25th & 26th**



Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: J. Orr

Altar Servers: S. Mullinix & R. Hawkins

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: G. Dameron

Altar Servers: C. Wood

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: F. Hall

Altar Servers: A. Ojeda-Galindo

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: M. Yeatman

Prayer for the Sick



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| Bobby Abell | Gerald Birch |
| Marilyn Brewer | Dolly Carroll |
| Terry Carroll | Betty Ann Clarke |
| Sue Colon | Jack Cullison |
| Frances Ann Cullison | Chris Dawson |
| Keith Demarre | Erica Dingle |
| Esther Durkin | Tom Fairfax, Sr. |
| Fritz Feltman | Marcos Flores |
| Joan Gisriel | 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 | Anita Tate |
| Tim Urban | Catherine Woodburn |

**Mass Intentions
September 20th - 26th**

Monday	9:00am	Mark Walters
Tuesday	9:00am	Tony Koontz
Wednesday	9:00am	Sylvia Dill
Thursday	9:00am	Special Intentions
Friday	9:00am	St. Michael's School
Saturday	5:00pm	Jimmy Blair
Sunday	8:15am	Special Intentions
Sunday	10:30am	Betty Aldridge
Sunday	6:00pm	St. Michael's Parishioners

Stewardship Report

September 12th Offertory \$2,180.00

Readings for the Week of Sept. 20th-26th



Monday, September 20th:

First Reading--Ezra 1:1-6

Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6--The Lord has done marvels for us.

Gospel: Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 21st:

First Reading--Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5--Their message goes out through all the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday, September 22nd:

First Reading--Ezra 9:5-9

Psalm Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8--Blessed be God, who lives forever.

Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 23rd:

First Reading--Haggai 1:1-8

Psalm 148:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b--The Lord takes delight in his people.

Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 24th:

First Reading--Haggai 2:1-9

Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4--Hope in God; I will praise Him, my savior and my God.

Gospel: Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 25th:

First Reading--Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a

Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13--The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

Gospel: Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 26th:

First Reading--Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14--The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading--James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Men's Retreat for All St. Mary's County

Parishes--Give a weekend to God! You are invited to join other parishioners for a grace-filled weekend retreat at Loyola On The Potomac--A *Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD*. The theme for this year's Ignatian Weekend Retreat is "Seeing All Things New in Christ". Rooted in the traditions of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the retreat is conducted in prayerful silence and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. The retreat begins Friday evening, October 22nd and concludes with lunch on Sunday, October 24th. For more info or to make a reservation contact Charlie Tennyson, 240-538-2560. A deposit of \$115 is required. The fee for the weekend is \$245. You can reserve on line at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com

Catechetical Corner

A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God. (CCC 1803) The moral virtues are acquired through human effort aided by God's grace; the theological virtues are gifts from God. (CCC 1803-1845)

Human virtues are grouped around four main virtues called the cardinal virtues. They are prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. The theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity. We can grow in all these virtues through prayer and being open to the Holy Spirit working in us. In addition we practice the cardinal virtues and grow also in them.

In all these efforts charity is to be the one that binds all these together. Charity is the virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. (CCC 1822)

St. Clement's Island--All are welcome to join a Roman Catholic Mass on St. Clement's Island in Colton's Point, Maryland on Sunday, October 3rd beginning at 3:00 pm. This is the site of the Maryland's first colonial landing in 1634 and the birthplace of religious freedom in America. The Mass will be celebrated by - Father Stephen Wyble, Pastor of Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD and Sacred Heart Church, Bushwood, MD. Join us for a special celebration Blessing of the Fleet Admission: \$10.00 (children 10 and Under: Free) Includes: Free Boat rides to St. Clements Island to attend the Mass as well as Free Admission to St. Clements Island Museum. Sponsored by the Optimist International Friend of the Youth. For more information Contact: John Laychak, Blessing of the Fleet Chairman at 410-610-3457 or gamehunter.md@yahoo.com.



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.

Weekly Calendar

September 23--Early Dismissal, 12:30pm

September 24-- School Closed, County Fair