

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate our parish feast day, the feast of the archangels; Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The names of the archangels are messages about God. Michael name means "Who is like God?", Gabriel means "God's strength"; and Raphael means "God's Remedy".

Angels are free willed and intelligent spiritual beings. (CCC 330) The term angel actually refers to their mission as messengers from God. (CCC329) Michael's name comes from his battle cry in the book of Revelation while fighting against Satan. Though a being of great power Michael acknowledges God as the only true ruler. He is accepting that God decides good and evil. Gabriel delivers messages to Daniel and Mary. He calls on them to depend on God's strength. When we are following God's Will it is God's Power that will determine the success of our action not ours. Raphael appears in the book of Tobit, and brings physical and spiritual healing to Tobit and Sarah. He brings the healing from God in answer to their prayers. He also does it by guiding Tobias and having him be part of the process, as our guardian angels can guide us to do what is needed.

Angels deliver God's messages, but are also messages themselves by their actions. These powerful spiritual beings are responding to God's commands. They are acting out of love for God, but they also act out of love for us. They have conformed themselves to God's command to love God and neighbor, which all can do no matter how strong or weak they are.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE--Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #1470. Saturday, October 16th from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Knights Hall, 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD. You can sign up at www.redcrossblood.org then insert KOC1470 into the box FIND A DRIVE in the upper right corner or call 1-800-733-2767. After registering for your donation appointment use Rapid Pass the Day of the drive to fast track your donation "check-in". Go to www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to learn more.

<u>Stewardship Report</u>	
September 19 th Offertory	\$1,813.00

**Weekend Ministries
October 2nd & 3rd**

Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: L. Muir
Altar Servers: M Muir

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: C. Tennyson
Altar Servers: M. Wood

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: M. Padukiewicz
Altar Servers: A. Gonzalez-Rivera

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: N. Abell

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 27th - October 3rd**

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| Monday | 9:00am | Ryan Koontz |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | Timothy Ridgell |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | Special Intentions |
| Thursday | 9:00am | Riley Walters |
| Friday | 9:00am | St. Michael's School |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | For Intentions of
Barbara Lynn |
| Sunday | 8:15am | St. Michael's Parishioners |
| Sunday | 10:30am | Jay Barickman |
| Sunday | 6:00pm | Special Intentions |

Readings for the Week of Sept. 27th-Oct.3rd

Monday, September 27th:

First Reading--Zechariah 8:1-8

Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23--The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all His glory.

Gospel: Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 28th:

First Reading--Zechariah 8:20-23

Psalms 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7--God is with us.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 29th:

First Reading--Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or

Revelation 12:7-12ab

Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5--In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Gospel: John 1:47-51

Thursday, September 30th:

First Reading--Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11--The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 1st:

First Reading--Baruch 1:15-22

Psalms 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9--For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

Gospel: Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 2nd:

First Reading--Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29

Psalms 69:33-35, 36-37--The Lord listens to the poor.

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Sunday, October 3rd:

First Reading--Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6--May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading--Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

FALL KIDS BINGO--The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will host a fun-filled day on Saturday, October 30th. Doors will open at noon and bingo starts at 1:00pm. Treats, no tricks! Enjoy a fun afternoon, wear your costume! Raffles and more!

BROWN BAG AUCTION--This great community fundraising event will be held on Saturday, October 2nd to support the Ridge Rescue Squad. The event will be held at the Ridge Firehouse and doors will open at noon and the auction begins at 2:00pm. Tickets: \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 25 for \$20. Food, drinks & desserts will be on sale by Ridge VFD Auxiliary. Bring a non-perishable food item for our local food pantry and receive 5 free tickets (limit 1 per family). Come out and enjoy a great afternoon!

Catechetical Corner

Today we celebrate our parish feast day. We remember all that has gone before and look to what comes next in our future. We have come this far by faith and realize that our faith journey is not yet completed.

This idea can be expressed as an answer to the question, "are you saved?" The answer to that question is yes, not yet, I hope so.

Yes because in the Passion death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has all that is needed to redeem the universe and all in it from sin.

Not yet because God has given us free will and after God's offer of salvation we need to accept it by our lives on earth. Until my race is run the ending is not determined.

I hope so because I do not want to presume on God's mercy. Hopefully I am not aware of any mortal sins on my soul and if I am I need to go to confession as soon as possible. Once that is done I need to recall that in the spiritual life we are either going closer to God or moving away from God. There is no standing still. So this is a time to check ourselves, our parish, and ask, "Do my words and actions indicate that doing God's will is the most important thing in my life?"

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.

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

October 6--First Communion/Confirmation Mtg.

6pm/6:30pm

October 28--Early Dismissal, 12:30pm

October 29--No School