

Dear Friends,

The two shall become one flesh. Jesus quotes from Genesis to answer the question about divorce. At the time of Jesus the debate about divorce was centered on whether the husband had to give a reason for divorce or not. There was also the question of whether only he the husband could divorce his wife or if the wife also was allowed to divorce her husband. Jesus instead points out that God's plan was for marriage to be for life. God gave humanity the ability to unite with the other before sin entered the world. As a matter of fact God says we need the other.

Marriage is given to us as one form of that unity. The fullness of that unity is to be found in our relationship to God. The understanding of that unity is found in understanding the Trinity, who God is in Himself. Because marriage was meant to be a union of persons that lasts, it is the most often used analogy of our relationship with God in the Bible.

When we no longer see marriage as having any special form of union, then we are in danger of seeing our union with God in the same way. If marriage is the closest union we have on earth that is not explicitly about union with God, seeing marriage as temporary and as about each person's individual needs more than about the needs of the union influences our other relations. Our relationship with God becomes temporary. It becomes something we use to satisfy our needs. We bring it out when we want something from God.

To enter into a true relationship with God requires us to be willing to be changed. It means entering into a relationship that is about the other as well as ourselves. It means not putting a time limit on our relationship. It means God is the most important being in our life.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



WOMEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION—October 12th, 7:00pm - ST. CECILIA CHURCH, St. Mary's City. Are you weary of these times where darkness seems to be consuming the world? "Therefore, take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to withstand" Eph 6:12. This month's talk is "Stand Firm – Spiritual Bootcamp." What practical spiritual armor does God have for us? We invite all women to come and be fortified for these times. Draw strength from the Lord and His mighty power. Evening includes Eucharistic Adoration, talk, Confession, and healing prayers.

**Weekend Ministries
October 9th & 10th**



Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: N. Abell
Altar Servers: P. Moore & A. Wirth

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: J. Kellam
Altar Servers: L. Salazar

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: C. Smith
Altar Servers: C. Seskar

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: B. Bayne

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 | |

**Mass Intentions
October 4th - 10th**

Monday	9:00am	Special Intentions
Tuesday	9:00am	Tricia Collier
Wednesday	9:00am	Godwin and Joy Izekor
Thursday	9:00am	Timothy Ridgell
Friday	9:00am	St. Michael's School
Saturday	5:00pm	Mike Owens
Sunday	8:15am	Bob Woodburn
Sunday	10:30am	Helena Gamrot
Sunday	6:00pm	St. Michael's Parishioners

Stewardship Report	
September 26 th Offertory	\$2,051.00
Poor Box	\$ 110.00
Votive Candles	\$ 104.50

Readings for the Week of October 4th-10th



Monday, October 4th:

First Reading--Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11

Psalm Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8--You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 5th:

First Reading--Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8--If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 6th:

First Reading--Jonah 4:1-11

Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10--Lord, you are merciful and gracious.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 7th:

First Reading--Malachi 3:13-20b

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6--Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 8th:

First Reading--Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Psalm 9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9--The Lord will judge the world with justice.

Gospel: Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 9th:

First Reading--Joel 4:12-21

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12--Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

Gospel: Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 10th:

First Reading--Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17--Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading--Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Knights of Columbus--Carry-out Chicken dinner on Sunday, October 10th beginning at 11:30am. A dinner is \$14 for half chicken. Baked goods available. Self-serve dining facilities available. For more info call 301-872-4641.

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!

Cards for Jack Cullison--If anyone would like to send a card to Jack his address is: Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650. He would love to hear from all of you. Jack's birthday is October 30th. Please keep him and Frances Ann in your prayers.

Catechetical Corner

Sunday October 24th is Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection for the missions and the propagation of the faith, and also we should be reflecting on our own mission to spread the gospel. The spreading of the proclamation of Christ and his Gospel by word and testimony of life, in fulfillment Christ's command is called evangelization.

Evangelization is not just a task for missionaries and consecrated religious. By our baptism we all share in Christ's offices of priest, prophet, and king. Lay people fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization. (CCC 905) This evangelization acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world.

There are the extraordinary lives of the saints that inspire us, but may seem impossible for most people. There is a type of evangelization that can only be done by those who the world sees as living ordinary lives. This is the special mission of most people in the Church, to show the joy of living the faith in ordinary lives.



St. Michael's School News



Thank You--We are grateful for the generous scholarship support from the MIL Foundation to St. Michael's school. This increased funding aided families challenged to meet the tuition expectations of St. Michael's School jeopardizing their continued receipt of a Catholic education. We remain able to serve the faith filled academic needs of our community through the generosity of people such as the Maurice I. Long Foundation.

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 4-15--Farm to School Week

October 6--First Communion/Confirmation Mtg
6:00pm/6:30pm

October 8--Blessing of the Animals (Living & Cuddly)

October 28--Early Dismissal, 12:30pm

October 29--No School

November 27--Turkey Trot Run Walk 5K, St. Mary's City Visitor Center, 8:00am