

Dear Friends,

What must I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus gives an answer to the man's question in multiple parts. There is what Jesus does and there is what we do to respond to what Jesus has done. Asking the question is the first part. Do we ask what we are to do or do we assume we are going to heaven no matter what? To take salvation for granted is the sin of presumption. First Jesus reminds the man that true goodness dwells in God alone.

Then Jesus quotes some of the Ten Commandments. Do not commit evil, especially the deeds you have already been told are evil. Today as in every age society accepts certain things God tells us are evil as not that bad or as not evil, but God still says they are wrong. The man has done this.

Jesus does not doubt this. Mark says that Jesus looked at him and loved him. Since they are already talking by looking at him Mark means looks deeply into his heart. Because Jesus loves him, Jesus offers the man a chance to move closer to eternal life even now. Give up every earthly thing and follow me now. The man is not willing to take that step. Jesus does not ask this of everyone He met, only some. Those who accepted became the Apostles.

The man goes away sad. Does he ever change his mind? The gospel does not say, but as long as he is alive, he can always decide to follow Jesus. The same is true of us. Jesus calls each of us to follow Him in a particular way. To take on a task like this is to seek go beyond the minimum asked of us by our faith. Avoiding doing serious evil is the beginning of our call not the end. Avoiding mortal sin or at least confessing all our mortal sins and trying to avoid them in the future means you ultimately go to heaven, probably after a lengthy time in purgatory. Jesus though calls us to be more than someone who doesn't go to hell. Jesus offers the man and all of us the chance to start to live a partial union with God even now. If we give God what we have; things that God gave us to begin with; God will give us something greater. God gives us Himself.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni

Knights of Columbus--Due to unseen circumstances, the Knights of Columbus in Ridge have had to cancel the chicken dinner scheduled for October 10th.

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.

**Weekend Ministries
October 16th & 17th**



Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: J. Orr

Altar Servers: A. Simmons & G. Simmons

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: P. Woodburn

Altar Servers: C. Wood

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: S. Hall

Altar Servers: C Coon

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 | Kelly Prescott |
| Michael Raley | Peggy Raley |
| Joe Parran Ridgell | Joel Rivera |
| Janet Sanders | Gabriel Santos |
| Anita Tate | Tim Urban |

**Mass Intentions
October 11th - 17th**

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| Monday | 9:00am | Mike Owens |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | For the Intentions of
Brad and Marty Farrah |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | Special Intentions |
| Thursday | 9:00am | John and Brian Gallagher |
| Friday | 9:00am | St. Michael's School |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | Janice Wood |
| Sunday | 8:15am | St. Michael's Parishioners |
| Sunday | 10:30am | Caroline Clark |
| Sunday | 6:00pm | Junior Hall |

Stewardship Report	
October 3 rd Offertory	\$1,814.00
FDCAS	\$ 320.00
Maintenance	\$ 380.00

Readings for the Week of October 11th-17th



Monday, October 11th:

First Reading--Romans 1:1-7

Psalms 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4--The Lord has made known his salvation.

Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 12th:

First Reading--Romans 1:16-25

Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5--The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

Gospel: Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 13th:

First Reading--Romans 2:1-11

Psalms 62:2-3, 6-7, 9--Lord, you give back to everyone according to his works.

Gospel: Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 14th:

First Reading--Romans 3:21-30

Psalms 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab--With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Gospel: Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 15th:

First Reading--Romans 4:1-8

Psalms 32:1b-2, 5, 11--I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel: Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 16th:

First Reading--Romans 4:13, 16-18

Psalms 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43--The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Gospel: Luke 12:8-12

Sunday, October 17th:

First Reading--Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22--Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading--Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Women's Silent Advent Retreat Weekend-- December 3-5, 2021

Limited attendance and other safety precautions are in place to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Are you longing for silence and solitude during these troubled times? Explore your mission in life and Experience His Presence in the Silence! Together with Our Lady, we will walk through the traditional themes of the spiritual exercises while being enriched with her experience of Christ. Cost is \$250 per person. Registration is required. Find more retreats and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!

Catechetical Corner

Eschatology is the name given in theology to the study of last things including human destiny, death, judgement, resurrection of the body, heaven, purgatory, and hell. God is the only one who can open the way to heaven for us. Where we end up is our choice. We make that choice not by saying we want to go to heaven, but by how we respond to God's call.

Hell does exist and it is possible to go there. Hell is the state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed. (CCC 1033) Hell is not about God's anger but our freedom. We are all making that choice by our lives. Even not thinking about it making a choice, it is choosing to believe it does not matter.

Jesus came to show us the way. He said follow me. To follow Jesus means to make a deliberate choice to follow.

Sacred Heart Church--in Bushwood, MD is having their Annual October Drive-Thru Dinner on Sunday, October 14th from 11:00am-'til Sold-Out. The cost is \$30.00 and we accept checks or cash no credit cards.

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.



St. Michael's School News



Angels Wings and Things--Items may be dropped off by appointment only by calling 301-904-7876. 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 28--Early Dismissal, 12:30pm

October 29--No School

October 29--Haunted Halls 6:00pm-8:00pm

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