

**February 16, 2020**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners,

In the tender compassion of our God, the Son of God was sent by the Father to become man and to redeem us. For thirty years, He sanctified family life in the home of his Holy Family. When the hidden life of Nazareth came to an end, Jesus began his public life.

Gradually revealing Himself through miraculous works and the attraction of his words, He taught in the city streets and the countryside. Often, He corrected misconceptions about God's love and about the Law and He revealed more explicitly what was sometimes obscure in the Old Testament. He was called "Master" because He informed the minds and hearts of the people by the wisdom of his words and actions. He taught with authority, meaning that his teaching represented the Truth, not just an educated opinion.

So, the mission of Jesus included both the instruction of the mind of man and the healing of his soul, insofar as man was redirected in how to behave toward God and neighbor. The Master both taught divine wisdom and lived out divine charity. Just as his listeners were to imitate his merciful and loving actions, so were they to conform their thinking (their minds) to his teaching.

The Mission of the Redeemer was shared with the Apostles so that after his Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension, the Mission would continue under the influence of his Holy Spirit. While He is the sole Redeemer, his disciples were commissioned, as members of his Body, the Church, to seek out the lost and to school them in Christian doctrine by their words and deeds.

Two weeks ago, we introduced the "Fishers of Men" project. Taking our inspiration from the Word of God, the title comes from our Lord's invitation to the Apostles to leave behind their fishing nets and their occupation as fishermen and to become his disciples full time.

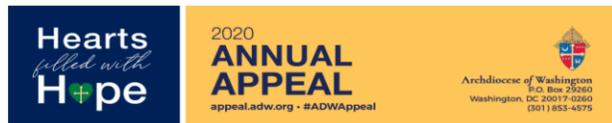
**"Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men."**

Let us appreciate more fully the great privilege the Apostles shared in being called to participate in the mission that Jesus was given by the Father! That privilege is shared by every disciple of Christ in varying degrees.

Our share in the mission of Christ begins in prayer. We will be praying each week for those whom the Lord puts on our hearts using the prayers that you submit. Our parish apostles will also be visiting our neighbors – open your heart to the call of the Good Shepherd!

Thank YOU for responding to the invitation to participate in our efforts to bring souls to Christ. Their presence among us in the pews will come in time, as faith and grace convince them of the mercy of God and our love for them. I am praying for you with great affection.

*Queen of the Apostles, pray for us,  
 Fr. Martin Flum*



Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Annual Appeal

No gift is too small and it will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless men, women, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. Please be generous in making your pledge. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

*The Fishers of Men Project*  
*Part 1: Prayer for souls*

The Heart of Jesus thirsts for souls. So, for love of His heart we seek to bring to Him those who are separated from the Body of his Church. To that end, each family is asked to prayerfully consider for whom we should pray that they may experience the invitation of the Lord personally.

Then you are asked to draft a prayer petition that we will insert into the General Intercessions at Mass after the Creed. Don't worry too much about the form, we will adjust as necessary. **Your petitions can be entered on-line or dropped in the collection or sent by email to the office.**

*Fishers of Men... Part 2:*

Door to Door Mission

As our Fishers of Men project is underway, we will be praying at Mass with your own intercessions for healing and conversion for our family members, friends, and community. That is only part one of this project... part 2 is in the works!

**We are asking 12 parishioners to come forward to be our parish apostles, our door to door missionaries that go out to our neighbors to share the Light of Christ this Lent.**

Those who are sent out will only need to commit to **one** 2-hour time slot, **one** day during Lent. Our apostles will each accompany Joanna Mason (two per week), so the time when we will go out will be worked out according to your schedules. Training will be provided.

Is God calling you to this mission? **Please pray about the possibility.** If the answer is yes, then contact Joanna Mason at (240)681-3551 or [evangelization.stmichaelbaden@gmail.com](mailto:evangelization.stmichaelbaden@gmail.com).

**WEEKLY UPDATES**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02/22/20</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>Rosary Leader:</b> Joe Sobnosky		
<b>Server:</b> James Aviles	<b>Lector:</b> Irene Goldsmith	
<b>EMHC:</b> TBD		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>02/23/20</b>	<b>8am</b>
<b>Rosary Leader:</b> Betty Lindsay		
<b>Server:</b> Dan Wilson	<b>Lector:</b> Jeanine Wilson	
<b>EMHC:</b> TBD		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>02/23/20</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
<b>Rosary Leader:</b> Kevin Mondorff		
<b>Server:</b> Taylor Nickens	<b>Lector:</b> Chris Patterson	
<b>EMHC:</b> TBD		
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>02/26/20</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Rosary Leader:</b> Alice Williams		
<b>Server:</b> Dan Wilson	<b>Lector:</b> Jeanine Wilson	
<b>EMHC:</b> TBD		

Readings for the week of February 17, 2020

Mon	2/17/20	Jm 1: 1-11/ Ps 119/Mk 8: 11-13
Tues	2/18/20	Jm 1: 12-18/Ps 94/ Mk 14-21
Wed	2/19/20	Jm 1: 19-27/Ps 15/Mk 8: 22-26
Thurs	2/20/20	Jm 2: 1-9/ Ps 34/Mk 27-33
Fri	2/21/20	Jm 2: 14-24, 26/ Ps 112//Mk 8: 34 - 9: 1
Sat	2/22/20	1 Pt 5: 1-4/ Ps 23/Mt 16: 13-19
Sun	2/23/20	Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18/ Ps 103/1 Cr 3: 16-23/Mt 5: 38-48

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Rachel Makle, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, George Thomas, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	02/15/20	5pm	Parishioners & their families
Sunday	02/16/20	8am	Ann Proctor +
Sunday	02/16/20	10am	Brianna Daniels +
Sunday	02/16/20	11:30am	Dolores O'Connell +
Monday	02/17/20	8am	Doris Reiss +
Tuesday	02/18/20	8am	Thelma Rose Weinelt +
Wed.	02/19/20	8am	Charles Robinson
Thursday	02/20/20	8am	Ann Proctor +
Friday	02/21/20	8am	Barbara Boswell +

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

<b>St. Michael's</b>		
Offertory Collection		\$ 3118
<b>St. Dominic's</b>		
Offertory Collection		\$ 844

**FORMED**

This week, we recommend that you log on to your parish Christmas gift: FORMED and watch:

**"Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"**



a powerful series by the Augustine Institute that delves into what we believe and why we believe in the True Presence of Jesus under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist.

**UPCOMING LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

**Lenten Parish Penance Service March 30, 2020**

Our parish penance service will be at St. Michael on Monday, March 30, the week before Holy Week in preparation for Easter. Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions. The Penance service will begin at 6:30pm with Scriptural readings, a homily and an examination of conscience. Mark your calendars!

**Women's Retreat - Give a weekend to God!**

*"Lord, Teach Us to Pray."*

The women of St. Michael's/St. Dominic's Parish go on retreat each year at **Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD**. Our Ignatian Weekend is a silent retreat and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. The retreat begins Friday evening, April 3rd and concludes with lunch on Sunday, April 5th. For more info or to make a reservation, contact Jeanine Wilson at 301-751-8115 or [jeaninewilson@comcast.net](mailto:jeaninewilson@comcast.net).

A deposit of \$115 and a registration form are required to secure your room. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$245. **\*\*First-time retreatants & young adults (under 30) \$195.** Reserve online: [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com).

**Adult Faith Formation Group – Lenten Program**

What are you doing for Lent this year? Why not spend it with fellow parishioners in a small group reflecting on those times when we turned away from God and consider how to return to Him in all we say and do? The Adult Faith Formation (AFF) group will be meeting for six evenings starting **Thurs. Feb 27-Apr 2, 6-8:30pm** at a parishioner's house, for a program called

**Living Your Baptism in Lent: Weekly Reflections for Your Journey.** Contact Cheryl Kerwin: 240-304-9351, **no later than February 20th** to register.