

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Dear friends in Christ,

Last week we focused on almsgiving - this week let us reflect on our prayer and how we might respond to the Lord's invitation to pray in a deeper way during Lent.

The height of prayer is found in the holy Mass. The offering of the Sacrifice of Jesus to the Father is carried out under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. During Mass, we are able to participate in the prayer of the High Priest, Jesus Christ, who was offered and is being offered to the Father in the eternal wedding banquet of heaven. Jesus intercedes for us, as we participate in Spirit and in Truth.

The call of the Lord to receive our Daily Bread manifests itself most perfectly in the Mass. The decision of whether to attend Mass during the week should be a serious consideration for every faithful Catholic.

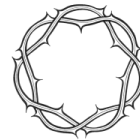
During Lent, we normally see in Catholic churches an increase in the number of those who attend daily Mass. That tradition has not yet taken hold here at St. Michael and St. Dominic. But as we grow to appreciate more fully the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, I am sure that more of you will feel the pull of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to join more regularly in His daily Offering. It is He who taught us to pray, "give us this day our daily bread." This Lent is the right time to begin to consider why you should be attending daily Mass more often!

We have during Lent on Fridays a public meditation on the Way of the Cross. This devotion to the trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus is the source of untold graces. How much it touches the human heart to consider the sorrows that our Saviour endured at the hands of those whom He came to save! He stood falsely accused and deeply misunderstood before Pilate, Caiaphas and Herod. A few gave him sympathy (his Blessed Mother, St. John, Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, the women of Jerusalem, Joseph of Arimathea, and St. Mary Magdalene) but most reviled Him (Judas the Iscariot, the Jewish authorities, the Jewish Temple guards, Roman soldiers, the crowd of onlookers, and the criminal crucified next to him). Others abandoned Him. Will you join us for the Stations of the Cross?

"Nothing," says St. Bernard, "is more efficacious for curing the wounds of our conscience and purifying our souls than continually meditating on the sufferings of Jesus Christ." This will lead you into deeper prayer.

Lastly, the Rosary gives us a most valued means to unite our hearts with the Immaculate Heart of Mary who experienced our Lord's life and death in a unique way. She can teach us and share with us the sentiments of her sorrowful Heart which was always seeking a more profound communion with the life of her Son.

Mother, let me mingle tears with Thee, Fr. Martin Flum



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays during Lent (Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>). Stations will begin at 3pm at St. Dominic's, then again at 7pm at St. Michael's Church.

High School YOUTH Lenten Night!

We invite all our High School Age Youth (14-18) to come to the St. Michael parish hall on March 20th at 5:30 PM for an ice breaker, pizza, a brief talk, and Stations of the Cross. Joanna Mason will be giving the talk, entitled: "Calculating Route: Get Your Destination Right Before You Get It Wrong." After the talk, we'll pray Stations of the Cross with the rest of the parish beginning from 7 PM - 7:30 PM. RSVP to Joanna Mason at (240)681-3551 or evangelization.stmichaelbaden@gmail.com by March 19th.

The Fishers of Men Project

More Volunteers Urgently Needed - Consider Visiting our Neighbors!

We are still in need of more volunteers to visit our neighbors as part of our Fishers of Men project- so far we only have 4! If you would like to volunteer with a friend or family member rather than alone, that would be fine! In either case, you will accompany Joanna Mason on this mission. Our visit will be simple; we will introduce ourselves as parishioners of St. Michael or St. Dominic, let them know that we are here for them, and offer to pray for them and their intentions. We will also invite them to use our FORMED subscription. If no one answers the door, we have door hangers ready, so our visit will not be in vain! Please join Joanna so she isn't wandering around the neighborhood alone. :) Contact her, even if you only want to ask some questions about this, at evangelization.stmichaelbaden@gmail.com or at (240)681-3551.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, our second collection will be for the Church in the developing world. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY UPDATES

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday 03/14/20 5pm
Rosary Leader: Joe Sobnosky
Server: April Lazano Lector: Arlene Bloom
EMHC: Joe Sobnosky
Sunday 03/15/20 8am
Rosary Leader: Ron Smith
Server: Julissa Holly Lector: James Holly
EMHC: TBD
Sunday 03/15/20 11:30am
Rosary Leader: Kevin Mondorf
Server: Taylor Nickens Lector: Maureen Ingle
EMHC: TBD

Readings for the week of March 9, 2020

Mon 3/09/20 Dn 9: 4b-10/ Ps 79/ Lk 6: 36-38
Tues 3/10/20 Is 1: 10,16-20/Ps 50/Mt 23:1-12
Wed 3/11/20 Jer 18: 18-20/Ps 31/Mt 20:17-28
Thurs 3/12/20 Jer 17: 5-10/Ps 1/Lk 16: 19-31
Fri 3/13/20 Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Ps 105/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat 3/14/20 Mic 7: 14-15, 18-20/Ps 103/Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sun. 3/15/20 Ex 17: 3-7/Ps 95/Rm 5: 1-2, 5-8/Jn 5-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 03/07/20 5pm Veronica Michele Shingles +
Sunday 03/08/20 8am Teresa Devore +
Sunday 03/08/20 10am Deacon John A Briscoe +
Sunday 03/08/20 11:30am Parishioners & their families
Monday 03/09/20 8am Doris Riess +
Tuesday 03/10/20 8am Thelma Rose Weinelt +
Wednesday 03/11/20 8am Doris Riess +
Thursday 03/12/20 8am Ann Proctor +
Friday 03/13/20 8am Special Intentions - Fr Flum

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, 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.



SPRING SEAFOOD DINNER

Holy Angels Church

21340 Colton Point Road
Avenue, MD Ph# 301-769-3332
Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:30 am – 4:00 pm

Adults - \$30, Carry Outs - \$28 \* Raffles
Children 6 to 12 - \$8 1st Prize \$1000
5 and under are free 2nd Prize \$500

Parish Penance Service March 30, 2020

We will have a penance service at St. Michael on Monday, March 30, the week before Holy Week in preparation for Easter. Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions from 6:30-8pm. The Penance service will begin with Scriptural readings, a homily and an examination of conscience. The preacher will be Rev. Gregory Coan, who is one of our own archdiocesan priests. Don't miss this opportunity, Mark your calendars!



The Light is On for Confession
Every Wednesday during Lent
at St Michaels 7-9pm.

This Lent Good Friday falls on April 10th and is our only remaining obligatory day of fasting although fasting throughout Lent is encouraged. Every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence from meat. The law concerning abstinence is binding from age 14 onwards.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

St. Michael's
Offertory Collection \$ 4714
St. Dominic's
Offertory Collection \$ 1055

A NEW EMPLOYEE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

We have a new secretary in the office. Please give a hearty welcome to Suzanne Stuart who will be in the office Monday-Thursday from 8:30-1:15pm. (Suzanne is from St. Ignatius Chapel Point.) The office will remain open on Fridays, but the only staff will be Fr. Flum, so your best bet is to do parish business Monday-Thursday.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

This Lent, parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities will again partner for a food drive to benefit families in need, local parish food pantries and food banks. The Lenten Food Drive will be collected next weekend, March 21-22. Please take a paper Lenten Food Drive grocery bag on your way out of Church today. Return the bag next weekend at Mass. All items collected will be for our food pantry here. Please check dates on donations to make sure products are not expired. The food pantry is always in need of staple foods such as canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, peanut butter & jelly, and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your donations and remember to keep in prayer all those who volunteer for both the Food Pantry and our Clothing Closet.

\*The Food Pantry & Clothing Closet will BOTH be open on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Visit our website for more details: stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com