



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. DOMINIC'S MISSION

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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the eBulletin for St. Michael and St. Dominic! This edition will be emailed to our parishioners and will be available in paper copy in St. Michael church.

Our latest on-line initiative is to establish a **perpetual Rosary**. Please pray the Rosary every day for the conversion of sinners, for all of the sick, for good leadership in this moment of crisis and for the mercy of God to be upon us all. If you would like to participate in our perpetual Rosary, you can take a time slot on the sign-up genius on our website. Lets see if we can go 'round the clock with Mary!

Wednesday evening at St. Michael, we had a **Eucharistic procession** with ten people in attendance in accord with the rules set down by the Governor of Maryland. Next Wednesday, if we are able, we will do it again, but at a new time – 8PM.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in our **Eucharistic Adoration** in church before the Lord the last two weeks. We have been responding to the current hardship by turning to the Lord who is really present to us in the Eucharist – what peace we find in his Presence! Everyday our parishioners are coming to the church to adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The Archdiocese has assured us that the guidelines given to us by Governor Hogan allow us to stay open with the stipulation that we maintain **social distancing and a maximum of ten people** in the church. So, between 6am and 9pm, there are usually two to three people at St Michael church praying for the needs of their families, the parish, the nation and the Church.

The sign-up for specific time slots is on our website <https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com/> so that we have the continuous presence of our parishioners interceding before our blessed Lord. It is always necessary to have someone present when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in church.

Jesus is the divine healer who demonstrated his concern for the sick through the many miracles of healing found in the gospels. **There is no more practical response** to the current health threat than to go to Him

who has the power to heal all wounds, illnesses and traumas. Let us pray for each other!

Some of you have asked about “drive-up confessions”. You know that I am willing to hear your **confession** whenever I am available. Since the confessional does not allow us to remain six feet apart, I will be hearing confessions in the cry-room of the church for the time being. Call me at any time to make arrangements – 202-389-2378 – or in any emergency.

In the solidarity of prayer with Joseph and Mary before the Lord of heaven and earth, *Fr. Martin Flum*

Questions About Receiving the Eucharist

From the Archdiocese: *At this time when public celebration of Mass is suspended, public celebrations of the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is also suspended. Therefore, the practice of distributing Holy Communion to the faithful on an individual, ad hoc basis (aside from pastoral care to the sick) is to be avoided.*

Spiritual Communion

Pastors are encouraged to communicate to their faithful the value of making a spiritual Communion.

In response to this request from the Archdiocese, Fr. Flum and Fr. Larry Swink (of Sacred Heart in LaPlata) have recorded a podcast which is available here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-96890363/what-is-a-spiritual-communion>

To “make a spiritual communion” is NOT a replacement for receiving Holy Communion. Nothing can take the place of receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. That privilege has been suspended by the Archbishop when he cancelled all public Masses. He is aware of our need to receive Jesus in Holy Communion as the Lord said, *“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”* (John 6:56)

There is no removing the hunger for the Eucharist in a devout soul; it only deepens. No prayer can satisfy our desire to be in communion with the Lord *in the flesh*. Indeed, the act of spiritual communion has *as its purpose* to heighten our anticipation for the next time we can receive the Lord sacramentally.

Easter Eggs are here again!

The eggs come in multiples of 4 for \$5. We have Peanut Butter and Coconut. They can be picked up at the office.

Archdiocesan Information The archdiocesan website updates can be found at <http://adw.org/coronavirus>, and a link to find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers: adw.org/live-streamedmasses-and-prayers/

Lenten Food Drive The food drive still on. You may drop your food donation off in the main entrance way of the church anytime, any day, from 6 AM – 9 PM. The need to support our neighbors has not diminished and there are indications that the need will increase.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

3-15-2020

St. Michael's Offertory Collection \$ 2,611.00

St. Dominic's Offertory Collection \$ 268.00

3-22-2020

St. Michael's Offertory Collection \$ 1,570.00

St. Dominic's Offertory Collection \$ 275.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Father will offer his private mass for the intentions listed. By Canon law, one Sunday Mass each week must be offered for Parishioners, therefore until public Mass is restored, the other Sunday intentions will be moved to a future date.

Sunday	03/29/20	Parishioners & their families
Monday	03/30/20	Ann Proctor +
Tuesday	03/31/20	Jeff Klapper +
Wednesday	04/01/20	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	04/02/20	Arlene Martin +
Friday	04/03/20	Hedy Purner +
Saturday	04/04/20	Carol Sobnosky

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, 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, John Martone II, 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, Jeanne Marie TenBroeck, George Thomas, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays during Lent at 7pm at St. Michael's Church **ONLY**. Limit of ten people – first come, first served.



ADORATION UPDATE Dear Adorers,

Thank you so much for the hours you spent in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this week! When public Masses ceased, we began this adventure with Jesus, and we hope to continue. Please come back this week for the same holy hour slots you signed up for last week. If you can't make one of your times for whatever reason, please find a substitute (you can also "swap" with someone else using the sign up genius list), and let me or someone at the parish office know if you cannot find anyone. The office phone number is (240)681-3551. May God bless you and keep you safe during this time. Sts. Michael and Dominic, pray for us! All for Jesus through Mary and Joseph, **Joanna and Suzanne**

The Sunday Collection

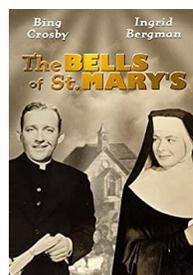
Without Mass on Sunday, we do not have our regular collection to support the parish and mission. Given the uncertain length of time this will go on, the financial harm to the parish could be very substantial.

Please consider:

1. mailing your weekly donation to the office,
2. making your donations on-line or
3. bringing it to office.

The on-line donation process can be accessed on our website. Click on the image that says, "**Without a Sunday collection, can we still help provide for our parish needs?**" You can make a one-time or recurring donation.

St. Michael and St. Dominic "Virtual" Movie Night



Hello dear parish family! Let's have a *virtual* family movie night! We will watch **The Bells of St. Mary's** at home, together with our families. It's a charming, funny, and just generally a good old classic film starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. It's free on Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APRNe_3tzdg.

Let's all enjoy the film together in spirit on March 28th.

Our scheduled showing of "For Greater Glory" is cancelled. Please send us an email or facebook message to let us know you're watching with us, including a picture if possible. Enjoy! ☺

NEW Parish Youtube Page!

Check out the NEW parish page, which will feature homilies and messages from Fr. Flum. Go to youtube.com, and search for "St. Michael's Catholic Church, Baden MD" or follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO_qdmiWZViHlgi7wQ6cAKg