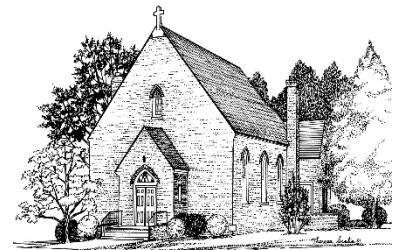




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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the **snail-mail** Bulletin for St. Michael and St. Dominic! This edition will be mailed to our parishioners and will also be available in church.

Jesus is the divine healer who demonstrated his concern for the sick through the countless 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!

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.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in our **Eucharistic Adoration** in church before the Lord these past weeks. We have been responding to the current hardship by turning to the Lord who is truly 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.

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 weekly time slots (**meaning you come the same day and time every week**) 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.

Our latest on-line initiative is to establish a **perpetual Rosary on our website** <https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com>. 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. Let's see if we can go 'round the clock with Mary!

Some of you have asked about "drive-up confessions". I am willing to hear **confessions** 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. You come Sat. at 4pm or Wed. from 7-8pm or 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*

WHAT ABOUT HOLY WEEK AND EASTER?

This upcoming week is **Holy Week**. The Archdiocese of Washington has cancelled the public liturgies until further notice. So, we will continue with Eucharistic Adoration in the church. On **Holy Thursday** (April 9th) it will continue until **midnight** in keeping with the usual tradition. You will find the sign-up on-line.

There will be **no adoration on Good Friday or Holy Saturday**, but St. Michael will be open for private prayer all day.

Adoration of Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist will joyfully resume on **Easter Sunday** at 8 AM until 9 PM. All are welcome to come spend time with Our Risen Lord, Jesus in the Eucharist, on Easter Sunday. As always, please make sure there are no more than 10 people in the Church at a time.

ALSO - how to keep Holy Week holy from home

For resources including homilies from Fr. Flum on our YouTube page, Facebook updates, Archdiocesan resources and more, stay up to date by checking our website: www.stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com !

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a beautiful prayer given by Jesus to St. Faustina in 1933. Enclosed you will find a red pamphlet. It is prayed on rosary beads; there are instructions on how to pray the chaplet beginning on the outside of the unfolded pamphlet. Please pray the chaplet for this intention: the **conversion of the whole world and for our Fishers of Men project**.

Jesus requested that St Faustina pray a novena of chaplets (9 straight days). The intentions for each day are included in the pamphlet. It begins on Good Friday (Apr. 10) and concludes on Apr. 18, the day before Divine Mercy Sunday.

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."

The act of spiritual communion has as its purpose to heighten our anticipation for the next time we can receive the Lord sacramentally. To "make a spiritual communion" is NOT a replacement for receiving Holy Communion. There is no removing the hunger for the Eucharist in a devout soul; it only deepens. No personal prayer can satisfy our desire to be in communion with the Lord *in the flesh* which takes place at Mass.

However, the prayer of spiritual communion is pleasing to the Lord and the spiritual fruits are proportionate with the state of your soul and the fervor of your prayer.

Nothing can take the place of receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. That privilege was 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)

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>

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	04/05/20	Parishioners & their families
Monday	04/06/20	Ann Proctor +
Tuesday	04/07/20	Pamela Leon Gonzalez Vu +
Wednesday	04/08/20	Deacon John A. Briscoe +
Holy Thursday	04/09/20	Jim Nieberding

(No intentions for Good Friday or Holy Saturday)

Sunday	04/12/20	Parishioners & their families
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YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

3-29-2020

St. Michael's	Offertory Collection	\$ 1,680.00
St. Dominic's	Offertory Collection	\$ 425.00

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 the parish.

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.

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.

Catholic Charities Financial Services Network is helping parishioners qualify to receive government assistance in the coming weeks. Many parish families will receive federal financial payments and no action is needed by most people at this time. However, the following groups of people do NEED TO TAKE ACTION:

1. The IRS urges anyone with a tax filing obligation who has not filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019 to file as soon as they can to receive a cash payment.
2. People who typically do not file a tax return (e.g., low income taxpayers) will need to file a simple informational return to receive a cash payment. [Social Security recipients do not need to file an informational return.]

The Financial Stability Network can assist these two groups of people. Contact: Catholic Charities' Virtual VITA Program: ccvirtualvita@gmail.com.



Easter Eggs are here again!

The eggs come in multiples of 4 for \$5. We have Peanut Butter and Coconut. Please leave your completed form in church in the designated box.