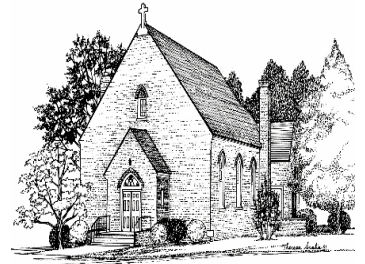




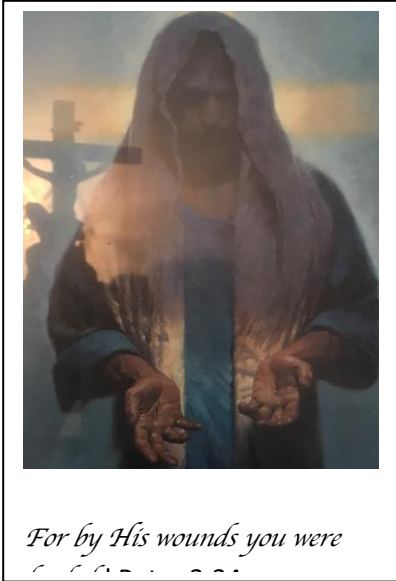
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Holy Week and Easter, April 12, 2020

Pascal Triduum



For by His wounds you were

Dear Parishioners,
Welcome to the eBulletin for St. Michael and St. Dominic! This edition will be sent by email to our parishioners and will also be available in church.

If someone mentions that they did not receive the eBulletin, PLEASE ask them to send us their email address! We have found that our records lack about

40% of our parishioners' email addresses. We will be making calls to get those addresses when we have time.

As we pass thru the Sacred Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, we see the difficulties of life manifested in the Passion of Jesus. His **Love** for us is magnified by the trials and sufferings that He endured for our sake. The silence of the tomb reminds us to abide, that is to wait, in confident **Faith** for the Lord to fulfill his promises. Then the day of Resurrection dawns. How overwhelming is the sight of the Crucified standing in our midst. His wounds are a reminder of the past and a promise that what was wounded by sin and death can be healed! The Resurrection is an explosion of **Hope**!

The fears that are rampant today have both a natural cause and an unnatural cause. Our desire to maintain wellness is a good instinct! But any fear that crowds out God's loving providence from our minds and spirits is not natural.

In fact, the fallen spirits play on our fears constantly. The remedies for mitigating our fears include:

1. Reduce the time and frequency of wading into the news stream. It is full of stories meant to keep us on alert so that we will go back again and again to their channel/site/mindset.

2. When you realize the fear, immediately turn to the Father of us all and make an act of entrustment to His paternal heart. Our heavenly Father never takes his eyes off of us – this is a most consoling thought, unless we are hardened in our sins.
3. Unnatural fear is akin to despair. What is the opposite of despair? HOPE! How do we fight despair? By exercising the virtue of hope. It is one of the greatest virtues that we receive in our Baptism. Here is an act of hope for your use in times of temptation to despair: **O MY GOD, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and Life Everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.**

Let me reiterate that **Jesus is the divine healer** who demonstrated his concern for the sick through the countless miracles of healing found in the gospels. **Therefore, 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.

WHAT ABOUT HOLY WEEK AND EASTER?

This is **Holy Week**. The Archdiocese of Washington has cancelled the public liturgies until further notice. On **Holy Thursday** (April 9th) Eucharistic Adoration 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.

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

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. The sign-up for specific weekly time slots

(meaning you come the same day and time every week) is on our website - 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.

I will be hearing confessions in the cry-room of the church for the time being. You can come Sat. at 4pm or Wed. from 7-8pm or call me at any time to make arrangements – [202-389-2378](tel:202-389-2378).

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus, may you have a blessed Easter as you ponder what the Lord is doing in your heart, *Fr. Martin Flum*



Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a beautiful prayer given by Jesus to St. Faustina in 1933. It is prayed on rosary beads. 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 (once a day for 9 straight days). The novena has special intentions for each day. It begins on Good Friday Apr. 10 to Apr. 18, the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. <file:///C:/Users/stmic/Downloads/DivineMercyNovena.pdf>

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



The Perpetual Rosary is our latest on-line initiative! Please pray the Rosary every day for the conversion of sinners, for all the sick, for good leadership in this moment of crisis and for the mercy of God to be upon us all.

To participate in our perpetual Rosary, all you do is take a time slot on the sign-up genius on our website. Let’s see if we can go ‘round the clock with Mary! <https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com>

Check our **facebook** page @stmichaelbaden for more updates and to stay in touch during this strange and unexpected separation.

Fr. Flum and Fr. Swink have recorded podcasts which are available here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-96890363/> 1. What is a spiritual communion? and 2. Sainly Anecdotes for Anxiety.



Easter Eggs are Still here!! Yum!!

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

The Sunday Collection

Without Mass on Sunday, we do not have our regular collection to support the parish and mission.

Please consider:

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

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.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

4-05-2020

St. Michael’s	Offertory Collection	\$ 3195.00
St. Dominic’s	Offertory Collection	\$ 988.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Until public Mass is restored, the other Sunday intentions will be moved to a future date.

Sunday	04/12/20	Parishioners
Monday	04/13/20	The Urban Family
Tuesday	04/14/20	Ann Proctor +
Wednesday	04/15/20	Deacon John A. Briscoe +
Thursday	04/16/20	Ann Proctor +
Friday	04/17/20	Doris Riess +
Saturday	04/18/20	Joseph Sobnosky

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK

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, Tom & Patricia Stuart, Jeanne Marie TenBroeck, George Thomas, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their suffering be joined to the Cross of Jesus.