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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

Dear friends:

As we draw close to the end of the month of May and our devotion to Our Lady has grown, we give thanks to God for stirring our hearts with a greater love for the Blessed Mother. If we have been praying our Rosary and reflecting on the mission of Mary then we have a new glimpse of the incredible gift that she is to us.

The Holy Spirit took Mary as his Spouse at the Incarnation with her consent. The Holy Spirit communicated to her through the angel Gabriel, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Luke 1:35) When the Virgin Mary agreed to the plan of God, she was a faithful daughter of God the Father, became a bride to the Holy Spirit and a mother to the Son of God. And so we see the set of three relationships that the Holy Virgin has with the one true God: daughter, spouse and mother.

Wonderful as that is, it unfolds to reveal that God was giving us also a Mother of exceptional virtue. By identifying with us in the Incarnation, the Son of God becomes the son of Mary and Mary becomes the Mother of us all. What Eve lost by her disobedience, God restores through the cooperation of Mary! Satan tempted Eve to refuse to obey God and the angel Gabriel speaks a word to Mary which she cannot refuse – to be overshadowed by the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit continues to develop in the Body of Christ the restoration of man. More still, He works to raise us up above our human nature to share in the divine nature by being identified with the Son of God.

As we find our identity in Christ rather than in the corrupted worldly mindset, we put on the mind of Christ when we submit to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and the maternal guidance of Holy Mary.

I hope the Month of May has been a time of renewed devotion to our common Mother, the Queen of Heaven and Earth who never tires of picking us up and pointing us back in the direction of our Father's House!

Come Holy Spirit, Fr. Martin Flum

St. Louis De Montfort's Prayer to Jesus

O most loving Jesus, deign to let me pour forth my gratitude before Thee for the grace Thou hast bestowed upon me in giving me to Thy holy Mother through the devotion of holy slavery, that she may be my advocate in the presence of Thy Majesty and my support in my extreme misery. Alas, O Lord! I am so wretched that, without this dear Mother, I should be certainly lost.

Yes, Mary is necessary for me at Thy side and everywhere: that she may appease Thy just wrath, because I have so often offended Thee; that she may save me from the eternal punishment of Thy justice, which I deserve; that she may contemplate Thee, speak to Thee, pray to Thee, approach Thee and please Thee; that she may help me to save my soul and the souls of others; in short, Mary is necessary for me that I may always do Thy holy will and seek Thy greater glory in all things. Ah, would that I could proclaim throughout the whole world the mercy that Thou hast shown to me! Would that everyone might know I should be already damned, were it not for Mary! Would that I might offer worthy thanksgiving for so great a blessing! Mary is in me. Oh, what a treasure! Oh, what a consolation! And shall I not be entirely hers? Oh, what ingratitude!

My dear Savior, send me death rather than such a calamity, for I would rather die than live without belonging entirely to Mary. With St. John the Evangelist at the foot of the Cross, I have taken her a thousand times for my own and as many times have given myself to her; but if I have not yet done it as Thou, dear Jesus, dost wish, I now renew this offering as Thou dost desire me to renew it. And if Thou seest in my soul or my body anything that does not belong to this august princess, I pray Thee to take it and cast it far from me, for whatever in me does not belong to Mary is unworthy of Thee.

O Holy Spirit, grant me all these graces. Plant in my soul the Tree of true Life, which is Mary; cultivate it and tend it so that it may grow and blossom and bring forth the fruit of life in abundance. O Holy Spirit, give me great devotion to Mary, Thy faithful spouse; give me great confidence in her maternal heart and an abiding refuge in her mercy, so that by her Thou mayest truly form in me Jesus Christ, great and mighty, unto the fullness of His perfect age. Amen.



Praise the Lord!

Our usual weekend Mass Schedule will resume starting Saturday, June 6th with 5 PM Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, David Dixon, 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, Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

Only one Sunday Mass is being offered for Parishioners, the other Sunday intentions will be moved to a future date.

Sunday	05/24/20	Parishioners & Families
Monday	05/25/20	Alene Martin +
Tuesday	05/26/20	Hedy Pirner +
Wednesday	05/27/20	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	05/28/20	John A. Chapman, Jr +
Friday	05/29/20	Jeanne TenBroeck +
Saturday	05/30/20	John Jr & Linda Brown

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Lectio: Evangelization with

Dr. Mary Healy

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VISITS TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

All of you are encouraged to visit Jesus at least weekly in St. Michael Church for a time of personal prayer and adoration of God who is present among us.

We are currently most in need of weekly adorers for the following days/hours:

Tuesdays: 9-10 AM, 11-12 AM

Wednesdays: 10-11 AM, 6-7 PM

Thursdays: 1-2 PM

Fridays: 11 AM-12 PM, 12 – 1 PM

Saturdays: 1-2 PM, 3-4 PM

If you can make a weekly commitment, go to our

website <https://stmichaelbaden.org/>

to sign up for a recurring weekly holy hour! Thank you!

Even if you cannot sign up, please **join us for prayer anytime 6am-9pm.**

Sign-up - Perpetual Rosary on our website



The Perpetual Rosary still has many slots open. You DO pray the Rosary, don't you? Join us in praying for the evangelization of our parish! You can add your name to the list on-line or

call the parish secretary to add your Rosary to the effort: <https://stmichaelbaden.org/>

Priests for Life offer this Life-Saving Information!

Good Counsel are homes for any pregnant, homeless mother in need. Mothers, with or without other born children, including those struggling with addiction or mental health challenges, may live in a Good Counsel home for a year or longer, return to school and begin a vocational training program or work. Visit www.goodcounselhomes.org or call **800-723-8331** any time of any day for help or to offer help. Good Counsel also offers healing and hope for men, women and siblings suffering the aftermath of an abortion. Many are suffering silently in our pews today. Confidential, compassionate, counseling is available at www.postabortionhelp.org or by calling **877-586-4621**. Priests for Life also has set up the special website AbortionForgiveness.com at which one can enter a zip code and find the ministries for healing after abortion closest to where one lives. These include pregnancy centers, special ministries and Rachel's Vineyard retreat sites.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

5-24-2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$2720.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$1585.00