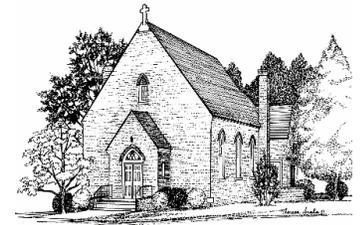




St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time August 9th, 2020

Dear friends:

Next Saturday (August 15th) is the Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into Heaven. The saints who have gone before us have entered heaven in soul only - without their bodies - just as the souls of those are in Purgatory and those condemned to Hell are separated from their flesh. The dogma of the "Assumption" declares that at the end of her earthly life, the Mother of Jesus was taken by God to heaven in both body and soul. This doctrine of the Church is held by faithful Catholics as an infallible teaching.

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "*Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.*" (CCC 966) No Catholic can deny this truth and remain faithful to what has been revealed by God.

The logic behind this teaching can be easily seen. God spelled out the consequences when Adam and Eve did not follow his command – 1. the woman would suffer in giving birth (Gen 3:16), 2. the relations between man and woman would be strained (3:16), 3. man would have to contend with nature to provide for his family (3:17-18) and 4. they would both die and return to dust (cf. 3:19). Since Holy Mary was free from all sin, including Original sin, then why would she suffer the consequences of sin?

That why the Church teaches that her body did not return to dust but instead she entered heaven. As the Church declares, this is the unique privilege of the Blessed Virgin Mary which logically follows from her Immaculate Conception.

At the same time, this does not deny that Mary died. Just as the sinless Son of God died on the Cross, so the Holy Virgin followed her Son in surrendering her life for the sake of souls.

The Assumption is usually a Holy Day of Obligation, but as it falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted. All the same, Mass is at 8am – come join us!

Holy Mary, Queen and Mother, pray for us!

Fr. Martin Flum

Parish Seafood Dinner

Saturday, September 26th, 2020

Volunteers are needed to prepare carry-out meals
and runners to bring them to the cars.

Call (301) 440-4295

The parish of St. Michael and the mission of St. Dominic are being called to become centers of Eucharistic love.

"All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image by the Lord who is the Spirit."

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

Please consider a commitment to be in church before the Lord in adoration. These hours are not yet filled:

Thursdays: 2-3 PM

Fridays: 1-2 PM

Saturdays: 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM

Once you have signed up for a weekly holy hour, you are committed to having at least one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for the entirety of that hour harvesting the Lord's blessings. If you would like to be on our substitute list, call the office at (240) 681-3551.

The Holy Spirit has chosen us to manifest the Faith of the Church in the hidden but Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion by our quiet visits to Him in the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	08/08/20	5:00 PM	Carolyn Parson
Sunday	08/09/20	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	08/09/20	10:00 AM	Rev. Luis Salcedo +
Sunday	08/09/20	11:30 AM	Rev. Bernard Ihrle +
Monday	08/10/20	7:00 AM	Alene Martin +
Tuesday	08/11/20	8:00 AM	Paul Windsor +
Wednesday	08/12/20	7:00 AM	Alene Martin +
Thursday	08/13/20	8:00 AM	Paul Windsor +
Friday	08/14/20	7:00 AM	Janusz Wnek
Saturday	08/15/20	8:00 AM	Rev. Bernard Ihrle +

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - August 2, 2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 6031.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 717.00

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixson, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Patricia Gray, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Amanda Hubbard, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Dawn Russo, Frances N. Sewell, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Vivian Wimbish, and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

Becoming Catholic...?

Are you or is someone you know interested in Catholicism? Or perhaps you grew up Catholic, but then drifted away from the Church, and are now considering coming back. Maybe you are an adult Catholic but have not received all the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation? Anyone who fits into one of these categories should come to RCIA class (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Even if you are not already decided about converting/returning to Catholicism, we encourage you to come. There is no pressure on those who attend; this is simply a chance to get more information about what it truly means to "be Catholic" and what we actually believe. We invite those interested to come at least just once, and then decide if you would like to come back again to learn even more! Just take it one step at a time. Call the Parish Office (240)681-3551 to let us know you would like to participate, and/or for more information.



"When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.'"- John 1:38-39a

Saint John Vianney's Prayer to Jesus

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.
I love You, O my infinitely lovable God,
and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.
I love You, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally
My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You,
I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

St John Vianney's Feast Day was on Aug. 4th
~Patron saint of parish priests

The Assumption of Mary – Pius XII

3. Actually God, who from all eternity regards Mary with a most favorable and unique affection, has "when the fullness of time came" put the plan of his providence into effect in such a way that all the privileges and prerogatives he had granted to her in his sovereign generosity were to shine forth in her in a kind of perfect harmony. ... it is in our own age that the privilege of the bodily Assumption into heaven of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, has certainly shone forth more clearly.

4. That privilege has shone forth in new radiance since our predecessor of immortal memory, Pius IX, solemnly proclaimed the dogma of the loving Mother of God's Immaculate Conception. These two privileges are most closely bound to one another. Christ overcame sin and death by his own death, and one who through Baptism has been born again in a supernatural way has conquered sin and death through the same Christ. Yet, according to the general rule, God does not will to grant to the just the full effect of the victory over death until the end of time has come. And so it is that the bodies of even the just are corrupted after death, and only on the last day will they be joined, each to its own glorious soul.

5. Now God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempted from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.

6. Thus, when it was solemnly proclaimed that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, was from the very beginning free from the taint of original sin, the minds of the faithful were filled with a stronger hope that the day might soon come when the dogma of the Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven would also be defined..."

CCD Registration Open!

Do you have a child in 1st-8th grade who is not receiving instruction in the faith or preparation for the sacraments at Catholic school? Or are you a high schooler who hasn't yet received baptism, first communion, or confirmation? Time to register for CCD class: Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes! We will be meeting in person, in the parish hall, with space for social distancing in class. **Parents** are welcome and encouraged to come to RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) class while their children are in CCD, to delve more deeply into their faith, as well. *Don't wait any longer; NOW is the time to prepare your whole family for Heaven.* Registration can be done online, or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at (240) 681-3551.

*"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death."*