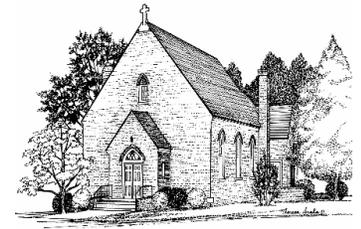




St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time August 16th, 2020

Dear friends:

More and more, my concern for your salvation grows. I feel the same anxiety that St. Paul felt for the souls that he knew God had entrusted to his care. As pastor, I have the weight of responsibility for every soul in this parish and mission bearing down upon me. It is a yoke that I agreed to carry when I became pastor. For over a year, I was able to avoid the title “pastor”, then the Archbishop summoned me to his office to ask me personally to be pastor.

It was a momentous day because I was aware of what was being asked of me. Would I take personal responsibility for the spiritual wellbeing all of those who live in the parish and mission? It is a terrifying reality: what I do matters both for your salvation and consequently for my own. The Lord will hold me accountable for the souls which He has entrusted to me. With that in mind and after almost three years of working in this vineyard of the Lord, my anxiety has grown, not lessened. Why?

After preaching about the Sacrament of Penance as often as I could, we still have a very small fraction of our people going to Confession regularly. It seems that the average Catholic in Brandywine and Aquasco has not been moved to desire the Lord’s mercy. Jesus established the Sacrament of Confession and empowered his shepherds to wipe away sins from your soul. Many of you either do not believe Him or you are living under the false impression that you do not need the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Again, I have preached relentlessly about the Presence of the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. I have pointed out the necessity we have to love and honor our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. In fact, for those who believe, there should be no need to encourage you to come spend time with Jesus in church outside of the times you are obliged to go to Mass.

Yet, here we are after months of encouragement and STILL we do not have the adoration schedule filled. For most of the hours, we have no backup and many of our adorers are from other parishes. We do not have a member of each family spending an hour a week in adoration. This truly baffles me.

When we are able, we visit the ones we love frequently. What can be going through the heart of a Catholic who knows that Jesus Christ is present in the church in the Holy Eucharist 24 hours a day and the only time they come to church is when they are obliged to? **How is it that there are families that are still not signed up for adoration?**

Before the pandemic comes to mind, let me point out that both Confession and Adoration are safer than going to the store. Need it be mentioned that the Lord of glory, the Divine Healer, is waiting for you in Confession and in the Holy Eucharist? Does your faith not motivate you to get out and visit Him who established these precious means for you to encounter Him? Is your faith greater than your fear?

No excuses will be accepted before the throne of Justice when we die. We will hear the voice of the same Judge who said in the Book of Revelation:

“So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, ‘I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything,’ and yet do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed, and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise. Be earnest, therefore, and repent.” (Rev. 3:16-19)

There is no gold more precious than the Holy Eucharist and the only way to purchase a white garment is through Baptism and Confession. The unction of the Holy Spirit is calling you.

Holy Mary, pray for us! Fr. Martin Flumm

“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

(Matthew 14:27)

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	08/15/20	5:00 PM	Rev. Bernard Ihrle +
Sunday	08/16/20	8:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Sunday	08/16/20	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	08/16/20	11:30 AM	Josh & Katie Coffin
Monday	08/17/20	7:00 AM	Margaret Burch Copsey +
Tuesday	08/18/20	8:00 AM	Garrett Family
Wednesday	08/19/20	7:00 AM	Alene Martin +
Thursday	08/20/20	8:00 AM	Vilma Grace +
Friday	08/21/20	7:00 AM	Rev. Bernard Ihrle +
Saturday	08/22/20	8:00 AM	Josh & Katie Coffin

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, Ann Clifford, Fr Thomas Clifford, S.J., Greg Connick, Leah Danielson, 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, Skip Wilson, Terry Wilson, Vivian Wimbish, and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

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.

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

Ride for Vocations in Southern Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 17th, 2020

The Bike Ride will start at Sacred Heart in La Plata continue to 10 area catholic churches stopping to pray, rest & refuel. There will be a Century (100 mile) ride as well as a 55-miler. Those that would rather ride a bike trail can ride the Three Notch Trail in St. Mary's County (11 miles one way). To register: <https://dcpriest.org/register-to-ride> Each rider agrees to raise a minimum of \$250 for the 2020 Ride for Vocations. Daily prayers for the seminarians will be emailed each day, focusing on praying for one of the seminarians and for vocations. Please join us each day to pray for our future priests!

Our world needs holy priests!



YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - August 2, 2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$5380 .00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$1074 .00

Parish Dinner

This year the Parish dinner will be strictly curbside pick-up with no dining in. As a parish community, we will miss the opportunity to greet each other and share stories and play horseshoes! The main area of the hall will be set up for assembly of the dinners which will be ordered curbside and delivered by runners. Most of the desserts will be outdoors and the raffle tickets will be available when dinners are ordered. We have most of the details in place, but the planning continues to provide an enjoyable and healthy experience for everyone involved. **And there will be CRAB CAKES!!!**