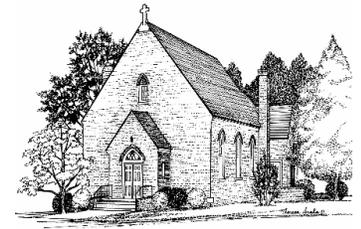




## St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time October 11, 2020

Dear friends:

The devotion to the **Infant of Prague** is very touching and speaks to us of how God desires to help us to love Him who is our greatest good. The story (abridged here) is told by the League of the Miraculous Infant of Prague...

*“Princess Polyxenia of Lobkowitz had received as a wedding gift from her mother a statue of the Divine Child, previously brought from Spain. It was a small statue, just nineteen inches tall, made of wood, wax, and cloth. It represented the infant Jesus dressed in royal robes and wearing a king’s crown.*

*In 1628, when the Carmelite Monastery had been reduced to poverty, owing to the ravages of war, the princess gave her precious statue to the Carmelites, saying, “I give you what I prize most highly in the world; honor and respect the Child Jesus and you shall never be in want.”*

*The Carmelites were later forced to flee from the city, and in the confusion of the war, they were unable to take with them their miraculous statue. The invaders seized it and threw it into a pile of rubbish. In 1635, peace came to Prague and the Carmelites returned. One of them, Father Cyril, who had previously received great spiritual help through his devotion to the Infant of Prague, sought the statue and found it amidst the rubbish.*

*Overjoyed, he again placed the statue in the oratory. Father Cyril knelt in prayer before the small statue. Gazing upon the simple statue of the Child Jesus, he contemplated the most marvelous event in the history of the world, the Incarnation. He was filled with awe and wonder as he prayed to the God who became a child because of his love for us.*

*Suddenly, the statue spoke to him. Father Cyril was stunned as he heard these words of promise:*

**HAVE MERCY ON ME AND I WILL HAVE MERCY ON YOU.  
GIVE ME HANDS AND I WILL GIVE YOU PEACE. THE MORE YOU HONOR ME, THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU.**

*Startled by these words, Father Cyril examined the statue, and upon drawing aside the mantle covering it, he found that both hands of the statue were broken off. The hands were later restored to the statue through the generosity of a devotee of the Divine Child. The original statue is still preserved in the church of St. Mary of Victory in Prague.*

*The list of blessings attributed by devotees of the Infant Jesus is endless: health restored, financial problems solved, gifts of peace of mind and soul, and innumerable healings, both*

*physical and spiritual. God has been astonishingly generous in blessing those who have been devoted to his Infant Son.”*



I wanted to highlight this devotion for three reasons....

1) The statue of St. Michael has several areas needing repair. That prompted a generous parishioner to offer to pay for the repair of St. Michael. **Our own sweet Infant Jesus also needs a new hand.** Many parishioners have mentioned to me that the Infant Jesus in the arms of St. Joseph needs to be repaired (see photo). If you

would like to sponsor the refurbishing of the St. Joseph statue or the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, please contact me.

2) The promise Jesus made, **“THE MORE YOU HONOR ME, THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU,”** applies in a particular way to those who spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. May you respond whole heartedly to the call of the Lord to come and adore Jesus exposed on the altar. The blessings of the Lord are flowing out on those families who have made a commitment to spending time with Him who has humbly come among us first as an infant in the heart of the Holy Family and now in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

3) **As we approach the election, I ask you to honor the Infant of Prague by spreading devotion to the Unborn.** Many of our politicians have taken the position that the child in the womb has no right to live. They are so cold hearted as to claim that a woman has the right to choose to kill her child. They protest loudly whenever government money is restricted from being spent on abortion. Your love for the child in the womb begins with your love for Jesus, as He said, “what you do to the least of these, you do to me.”

When we stand up for the unborn, we honor the Infant of Prague and He will bless us. On the contrary, if we vote for candidates that support the elimination of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, the Lord will not bless us. He will rightly condemn our cooperation with politicians who defend the direct killing of our children who are yet unborn.

*Infant of Prague, restore in our country complete love and protection for the unborn!*

Fr. Martín Flum



### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the LORD for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"**  
*(Isaiah 25:9)*

You know where to find Him – on the altar at St. Michael! Come and adore the Lord Jesus at St. Michael 6am-9pm daily (most urgent hours are marked in red):

**Thursdays:** 11 AM-12 PM, 5-6 PM

**Saturdays:** 2-3 PM, 6-7 PM

**Sundays:** 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM, 8-9 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. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office at (240) 681-3551.

### **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, Greg Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, 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, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, President & First Lady, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Dawn Russo, Michelle Sawall, Frances N. Sewell, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Skip Wilson, Terry Wilson, and Belinda Windsor. Lord, heal us!

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	10/10/20	5:00 PM	Joan Phillips +
Sunday	10/11/20	8:00 AM	Dario & Angelo Flaim
Sunday	10/11/20	10:00 AM	Msgr James Loakman +
Sunday	10/11/20	11:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday	10/12/20	7:00 AM	Alene Martin +
Tuesday	10/13/20	8:00 AM	Rev. Luis G. Salcedo +
Wednesday	10/14/20	7:00 AM	Rev. Thomas Morrow
Thursday	10/15/20	8:00 AM	Clayton Haynes +
Friday	10/16/20	7:00 AM	Deacon Scott Stuart + & children
Saturday	10/17/20	8:00 AM	Peter Parkinson +

### **YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

#### **September 27, 2020**

<b>St. Michael</b>	Offertory Collection	\$ 4251.00
<b>St. Dominic</b>	Offertory Collection	\$ 1057.00

#### **October 4, 2020**

<b>St. Michael</b>	Offertory Collection	\$ 4504.00
<b>St. Dominic</b>	Offertory Collection	\$ 1026.00

*May God reward your generosity!*

### **World Mission Sunday**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Missions throughout the world. Your offering of these spiritual and temporal resources will ensure that our brothers and sisters around the world will experience the joy and hope of the encounter with Christ through the missions.

### **October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**



You don't deserve to be abused. Violence at home hurts! You are not alone. Now is the time to protect yourself and those who count on you for safety. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the

**National Domestic Violence Hotline** 1 (800) 799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).

### **Emergency rental or mortgage assistance**

Beginning October 1, 2020 Catholic Charities has received funds from the federal CARES Act for emergency rental or mortgage assistance for Prince George's County. For a limited time, Catholic Charities has funds to pay one month's rent or one month's mortgage for residents of Prince George's County. To apply, persons may call (301) 731-4703 x 814 to leave a message requesting assistance. Applicants will be processed while funds last.

### **Sacred Heart Church** in Bushwood, MD

(23080 Maddox Road) is sponsoring its **Annual Fall Dinner on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>** from 11AM till sold out. Menu includes fried oysters, turkey with stuffing & gravy, parsley potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, and rolls. **DRIVE-THRU CARRY – OUT ONLY \ \$25 per dinner. Checks or cash only.** Cakes also available for purchase.



### **Fr. Michael McGivney Beautification – Knights of Columbus Founder**

Fr. McGivney is an American Diocesan Priest, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who will be beautified on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This is an exciting time indeed for the Knights along with the whole American Church!

To learn more about Fr. (soon to be Blessed) Michael McGivney, including a documentary on his life and a video on the amazing and moving miracle which made him eligible for this beautification, visit [www.kofc.org/beautification](http://www.kofc.org/beautification). Fr. McGivney, pray for us!

**The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>,  
in observance of Columbus Day.**