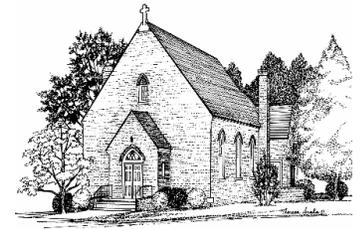




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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 18th, 2020

Dear friends:

The month of October is specially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the defense of the Unborn. It is fitting that we reflect on these together.

When the fulness of time had come for the Messiah to come among us, the Lord's plan included our Blessed Mother. In fact, the plan of God for the restoration of the human race was centered around the nuclear family. When God became man, He chose to become the Son of Mary in the family of Joseph. The choice of who His Mother would be was not random. He prepared His coming by creating his very mother - the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This attentiveness to creation is a sign of the absolute love of the Father in heaven who personally determines and creates each human person. For each child conceived, a mother is chosen by God. She can receive the responsibility of raising the child either as a gift from God or as an intolerable burden.

Mother Teresa was invited to speak at the National Prayer Breakfast by President Clinton, and his wife Hillary was present. Mother Teresa pleaded for a renewed respect for the unborn. She spoke straight from the Gospels: *"But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because Jesus said, 'If you receive a little child, you receive me.' So every abortion is the denial of receiving Jesus, the neglect of receiving Jesus."* When we say that a woman has a "right to choose" to end the life of the child God has created, our backs are turned on Jesus. Selfishness is the root of this social crisis. And the fruit of the crisis is violence.

Mother Teresa wisely connected the violence of the womb with the violence that we witness in society and the home. *"But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"* We may have laws that outlaw murder, but in a society which does not protect the most vulnerable and innocent, no one is safe.

Let us pray that the leaders elected for the next term will all be defenders of the unborn. Otherwise, what good are they?

St. Teresa of Calcutta, help us to see! Fr. Martin Flum

Mass for All Soul's Day



At 7 PM on Monday, November 2 we will pray for all of the dead: our friends, family and benefactors. Our intentions will include those listed on the All Souls Day envelopes. After Mass, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for their eternal rest, and Fr. Flum will bless a new Divine Mercy image which has been generously donated to the parish.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, MD (23080 Maddox Road) is sponsoring its **Annual Fall Dinner on Sunday October 25th**

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.



“Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth!”

(Psalm 96:9)

Come and worship 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.

Your guardian angel will rejoice!

Adult Faith Formation Classes have begun

It's not too late to invite someone! We encourage you to invite a friend or family member, perhaps someone who has fallen away from the faith or shows interest in Catholicism. You could even offer to attend with them! Encourage them to come just once, and let God work in their heart. The classes will be every Tuesday, starting at 6:30 PM and are taught by Fr. Martin Flum. Let us know if you are coming!

FALL OYSTER FEST ON THE BANKS OF THE PATUXENT RIVER

Saturday, November 7th, 2020

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church Hall
7209 Benedict Avenue, Benedict, MD 12-3 PM

Outdoor seating and drive-through pickup available. Local oysters served at our outdoor raw bar, fried and scalded, shrimp, ham. Variety of home-made salads and side dishes. Cake and desserts table – Mini flea market- Variety of raffle items

\$25 per adult; Reserve a table for six and one person eats free; preorder for drive-thru pickup \$20 / \$5 per child / \$20 for more than four children in one family,

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, David 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, 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	10/17/20	5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sunday	10/18/20	8:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Sunday	10/18/20	10 AM	Anne Proctor +
Sunday	10/18/20	11:30 AM	Rev. Thomas Morrow
Monday	10/19/20	7:00 AM	Lilian Sobnosky
Tuesday	10/20/20	8:00 AM	Carl Guy +
Wednesday	10/21/20	7:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	10/22/20	8:00 AM	Rev. Charles Green +
Friday	10/23/20	7:00 AM	Rev. Thomas Morrow
Saturday	10/24/20	8:00 AM	Karl Frantz

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – October 11, 2020

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$ 4968.00
St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$ 2185.00

May God reward your generosity!



Statue Repairs and Refurbishing

Three of our statues need refurbishing at St. Michael. The condition of St. Michael the archangel prompted a generous parishioner to offer to pay for the repainting and repair.

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 a statue, please contact me.

Job Opportunity – St. Mary's Bryantown

St. Mary's Bryantown Catholic School is seeking a part-time **Preschool Teaching Assistant/Aide** and a part-time **Music Teacher**. Both positions are 2-3 days/week. Details and duties of the positions, as well as application instructions, can be found on <https://www.schoolspring.com>.



A Guide for Catholic Voters

"If a political candidate supported abortion, or any other moral evil, such as assisted suicide and euthanasia, for that

matter, it would **not** be morally permissible for you to vote for that person. This is because, in voting for such a person, you would become an accomplice in the moral evil at issue.

For this reason, moral evils such as abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are examples of a 'disqualifying issue.'

A disqualifying issue is one which is of such gravity and importance that it allows for no political maneuvering. It is an issue that strikes at the heart of the human person and is non-negotiable. **A disqualifying issue is one of such enormity that by itself renders a candidate for office unacceptable regardless of his position on other matters."**

- Excerpt from "A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters" by Fr. Stephen F. Torracco PhD