



# St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time October 25th, 2020

Dear friends:

A controversial headline this week said: **“Pope calls for civil unions for same-sex couples in major departure from Vatican doctrine”**. My immediate reaction was, “I doubt that he said that”. The ensuing public discussion revealed that what he said in Spanish was not “civil unions”. It appears that the producers of the documentary (and NBC) have intentionally mistranslated the Pope’s statement.

What the media perhaps is unaware of is that their news headline in effect calls Pope Francis a heretic. If the Pope or anyone else were to teach something that departs from the constant teaching of the Church, it would be heretical. So, be assured that the doctrine of the Church, regarding the mortal sin of homosexual activity, cannot change.

If anyone finds themselves at odds with Church teaching, either you know better than God or you think that Church doctrine is no more secure than civil legislation. While public laws are subject to the whims of men, Church teaching is NOT.

Why can it not change? The Lord has revealed to man what is true about God and man himself. As the Creator of man, it is God who is the authority without equal regarding who man is and what is moral for man to do.

If the events of Sodom and Gomorrah are not convincing enough, nothing ever will be. The Lord rained down sulfuric fire to destroy the Sodomites as both a punishment for unnatural sexual activity and a lesson for all generations. Sexual sin is a temporal depravity of this world while the Truth revealed by God is eternal and unchangeable.

You will soon find a page on our website as a resource for understanding the holy Catholic Church’s teaching about human sexuality especially as it pertains to the dignity of those who suffer from same-sex attraction and the depravity of homosexual activity. Our love for those who are same-sex attracted demands that we be knowledgeable enough about divine revelation that we can give them hope in Christ while the world tells them to go on to Hell by embracing grave sin.

It is highly offensive to contradict the Lord. Those who are hoping for a change in Church doctrine are hoping that the Word of God will be silenced. Guess Who gets the last Word?  
*Let us love the Truth more and more! Fr. Martin Flum*

## Mass for All Soul’s Day

### With the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy

Come intercede for the souls of our beloved faithful departed through this special evening of prayer and reflection with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy (from the same order as St. Faustina!):

- **Confessions** from 6-7 PM
- **Mass at 7 PM**, with the  **blessing of the New Divine Mercy Image**
- **Talk by Sr. Donata Farbaniec** on the Divine Mercy Image
- **Exposition** of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (led by the Sisters)
- **Eucharistic Benediction** at 9 PM



Sr. Donata, OLM

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	10/24/20	5 PM	William Stewart +
Sunday	10/25/20	8 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	10/25/20	10 AM	Gracie Ortiz
Sunday	10/25/20	11:30 AM	Jason Frantz
Monday	10/26/20	7 AM	Julienne Trent
Tuesday	10/27/20	8 AM	Andrew Frantz
Wednesday	10/28/20	7 AM	Beth O’Neil +
Thursday	10/29/20	8 AM	William Trent
Friday	10/30/20	7 AM	Jeremi Frantz
Saturday	10/31/20	8 AM	Msgr. James Lockman +

*Please Pray for  
the Souls of the Faithful Departed*

+ *Audrey Latimer*

+ *Sandra Shanks*

*Let Perpetual Light shine upon them;  
may they rest in Peace. Amen.*

**FALL OYSTER FEST  
ON THE BANKS OF THE PATUXENT RIVER**

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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,

**National Vocation Awareness Week~November 1 to 8**

The focus of this important celebration is to raise awareness of God's personal call to each soul. During this week, and throughout the year, please join the Church in praying for and encouraging religious vocations!

**Walking with MOMS in need**

Monthly intention: *"May mothers in need experience Christ's loving care as we seek to live out His Gospel of Life."*

Pray: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect: Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (*EV* 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make daily.

Let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? If a friend became pregnant in challenging circumstances, would she know she could come to me for loving support for her and her baby? Do I know of the places in my community where she could receive material help if she needed it?*

Act - (Choose one)

- This month we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Seek Our Lady's intercession by praying a Rosary for this month's intention.
- Give up coffee, sweets, or snacks for a week.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

**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>.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – October 18, 2020**

**St. Michael** Offertory Collection \$ 7529.00

**St. Dominic** Offertory Collection \$ 732.00

*May God reward your generosity!*



**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*

**SUPPORT YOUR RETIRED PRIESTS TODAY**

WAYS TO SUPPORT:

**Text:** Text "Priest" to (301) 231-1816. A secure link will be sent back to you to complete your gift.

**Phone:** Call (301) 853-4575 to make a gift over the phone.

**At Mass:** Envelopes will be provided in the pews at Mass on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for you to enclose your support by cash, check or credit card.

**Please PRAY for our SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Claude Boswell, 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 Jesus, heal and console us!