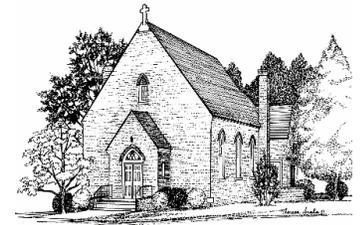




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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 15th, 2020

Dear friends:

This week we had the honor of paying our last respects to Claude Michael Boswell, the illustrious mayor of the Tanyard Road hamlet. Well, I came up with that title, but judging from what I have heard about Claude Michael, it seems to fit.

For those of you who were unable to be there, allow me to repeat a story from the homily for his funeral. Mr. Slade, a neighbor of Claude's, had told his own story at Claude's wake about when his family was to spend the first night in their home without heat and Claude jumped at the chance to come over and install a chimney flue, so that they could have heat. "Good community means good neighbors," said Mr. Slade.

My own experience of Claude's readiness to help was similar. Several of the projects we have completed here at St. Michael have been made possible due to Claude's cheerful willingness to lend a hand and even recruit some other fellows to carry out an opportunity for Christian service. One example is the beautiful statue of our Lady and Child in front of the rectory made possible by his deft use of his monstrous tractor.

But one day Claude came to me with his own project. "Father", he said as tears began to run down his face, "what can we do? What they are doing to the babies by abortion..." His voice began to rise as he poured out the sadness in his heart, "...how can they do that? What can we do?"

When I suggested that we put up a display of crosses representing the number of children that are lost daily by abortion, his face lit up. (It is a way of informing people about the magnitude of deaths – correcting the notion that abortion is rare.) He was so enthused by the idea that he wanted to help construct the crosses. Later, realizing that he would not be able to make the crosses, he asked if I could get a set made. I agreed to look for a traveling set that we could borrow and, if not, then we would make our own.

I regret that we did not get his project accomplished before he passed to his eternal reward. Why? Because he came another day and asked me, "Father, when we get the display installed, can I bring a chair and sit by the display drawing people's attention?"

Good community means good neighbors. Claude Michael was not just a good neighbor, but a true friend to those babies whom he would never know. Let's get this done for the babies - in honor of Claude Michael. Who is in?

Give us a sincere respect for life, O Lord, Fr. Martin Flum

Archbishop Wilton Gregory named a Cardinal

On Sunday Oct 25th, in Rome, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, named Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory a cardinal. The consistory will take place on November 28, 2020.

Initial statement about the McCarrick scandal report from Cardinal-designate Gregory:

On Tuesday, 10th November, "the Vatican released its long-anticipated report on Theodore McCarrick. The text is some 400 pages in length and, if it is not already, will be available shortly in its entirety on the Vatican website (www.vatican.va). Though I am only now receiving this document, as you are, and have not had an opportunity to review it carefully, by virtue of the simple fact that this investigation had to be conducted and this report had to be written, my heart hurts for all who will be shocked, saddened, scandalized and angered by the revelations contained therein. Nonetheless, we know that if true redemptive healing is ever to commence - for those who have been harmed and for the Church Herself – this disclosure must be made.

Once I have had an opportunity to study the report more closely, especially as it relates to our Archdiocese of Washington, I will have more to say. This is an important, difficult and necessary document, and it demands prayerful, thorough and thoughtful reflection. May God's infinite Mercy be upon us; may His unlimited Grace sustain us."

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Nov. 8, 2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$2,946.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$1,217.00

SCAM ALERT from Archdiocese of Washington

The past month parish staff has received emails from an unknown source using my name. Let me state clearly again that I do not solicit funds through email or social media. Our website has the possibility of making contributions on-line, but we do not solicit. The Archdiocese asked us to alert you:

"We have received calls and emails about fraudulent emails being received by people from a spam account using Archbishop Gregory's or other priests' names. Please note that the Archbishop will not communicate a need for assistance in this way. At this point we are unable to stop these emails as these fraudulent email accounts are outside of the ADW domain. Please be diligent in not responding to suspicious emails. Pay special attention to suspicious emails. The Archdiocese is seeing an increase in spam and scams."

“Come, share your master's joy.”

(Matthew 25:21)

You know where to find Him – on the altar at St. Michael!

Committed adorers are STILL needed (most urgent hours are marked in red):

Mondays: 8-9 PM

Tuesdays: 8-9 PM

Thursdays: 5-6 PM

Fridays: 2-3 PM, 5-6 PM

Saturdays: 10-11 AM, 3-4 PM, 6-7 PM

Sundays: 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 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 waits for you there!*

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Ann Clifford, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, 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, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Skip Wilson, Terry Wilson, Belinda Windsor, and Cheryl Young. Lord Jesus, heal and console us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	11/14/20	5 PM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	11/15/20	8 AM	Rev. Thomas Morrow
Sunday	11/15/20	10 AM	Amy D. Flamminio
Sunday	11/15/20	11:30 AM	Jim & Rosemary Hoffmann
Monday	11/16/20	7 AM	Deacon Timothy Enright +
Tuesday	11/17/20	8 AM	Deacon Albert Opdenaker, III +
Wednesday	11/18/20	7 AM	Sandra Shank +
Thursday	11/19/20	8 AM	Msgr. James Lockman +
Friday	11/20/20	7 AM	Rev. Thomas Morrow
Saturday	11/21/20	8 AM	Josh & Katie Coffin



BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING is back and needs your help! To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated stuffed bears in the drop box located in the foyer of St. Michael's and St. Dominic's churches Nov. 14th thru 29th. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. For any questions contact, Patricia DiSandro at 240-681-3606.

God Bless you in advance for your help!

Mark your Calendars for Thanksgiving Mass!

What better way to give thanks?

Come attend Mass here at St. Michael's with your family at **9 AM, Thanksgiving Day, November 26th.**

"And they should not forget about paying a visit during the day to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the very special place of honor where it is reserved in churches in keeping with the liturgical laws, since this is a proof of gratitude and a pledge of love and a display of the adoration that is owed to Christ the Lord who is present there." –*Pope St. Paul VI*

National Night of Prayer for Life

The National Night of Prayer for Life held annually on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to pray for the protection of the unborn and greater dignity of human life will begin at 9 PM on December 8 and end at

1 AM on December 9. Parishes across the country are invited to celebrate prayer events, including adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, and silent prayer and hymns.

St. Michael and St. Dominic Vigil of Prayer for Life

We will have a sign up for our own vigil of prayer for life at St. Michael. As we already have adoration from 6am-9pm each day, we will attempt to accomplish our first all-night vigil before the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament! Please contact the office to commit for an hour between 9pm and 6am December 8th thru December 9th.



Adoration on Thanksgiving

Some of our scheduled adorers will be out of town on Thanksgiving. If you are available to come give thanks to God that day with an hour of Adoration, please contact the parish office: (240)681-3551.

The hours we currently need coverage for on Thanksgiving are:

12-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 4-5 PM, 6-7 PM