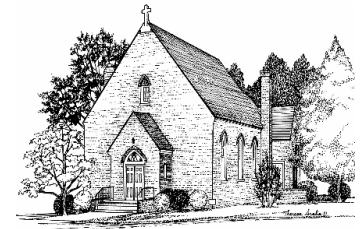




St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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1st Sunday of Advent November 29th, 2020

Dear friends:

The Archdiocese has asked each of us to reflect on racism and its effects on our social fabric. As we take our traditional break this weekend to give thanks to God as a nation, it is important that we give thanks not only for our immediate family, but for every person created by God. Our loving Father has given us such a large, beautiful family!

In Baptism, by the action of the Holy Spirit, we are washed of original sin, and become adopted sons and daughters of God. This last point is key – Baptism effectively incorporates us into the body of Christ – we become one family of God united in the Holy Spirit. We are given the grace we need to take up our shared responsibility to protect the dignity of all people as created and loved by God.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of the one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12-13)

Each member of the mystical body of Christ shares a common dignity and mission to bring Christ to the world. As Catholics, we must respect and protect all people – regardless of their race, ethnic background or culture – all are created in the image and likeness of God. Inspired with Baptismal grace we can use our gifts and talents to address assaults on human dignity. Our responsibility to protect the dignity of all human beings requires us to oppose all personal, familial and societal attacks on human dignity, especially threats to life itself. No anti-life attitudes can be justified. Racism is a sin that denies a person's equal dignity merely on account of their race. This can occur in our thoughts, words or actions regardless of our racial background.

Our Baptism makes us responsible to our brothers and sisters, therefore we fight for the eradication of the sin of racism. As sons and daughters of God, responsible for defending the dignity of all, we must work to be anti-racist and uncompromisingly pro-life.

Jesus Christ, our King, reign over us! Fr. Martin Flum

Cardinal-designate Gregory Consistory Resources

This Saturday, November 28, Pope Francis elevated Cardinal-designate Wilton Gregory and 12 other prelates from around the world to the College of Cardinals. The events are shared on the Archdiocese of Washington home page, and the Archdiocesan Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. Please follow these accounts for daily alerts, articles, and updates on the Consistory.



A dedicated Rome Consistory page on the archdiocesan website also provides viewing information, resources on the Consistory, and information about Cardinal-designate Gregory and his vocational journey. Please visit adw.org/rome-consistory/ to learn more.



Catholic Charities Angel Tree

Give the gift of joy this Christmas- This year Catholic Charities is inviting parishioners to donate money for gift cards for the many families served by Catholic Charities programs. You can sponsor a family on the Catholic Charities Angel Tree at:

www.catholiccharitiesdc.org;angeltree1/

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals living in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas on **Christmas Day** (Including the Baden area). Meals will be available for pick up or delivery only. To request a Christmas Day dinner please call 202-526-8313. All meal requests must be received by Friday, **December 18th**. What is included in the Christmas Dinner? Turkey and stuffing with gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, apple pie, a soft drink, a gift bag containing an orange, a candy cane, chocolates, a prayer card and, of course, the joy of Jesus born for us! **Volunteers** are needed to fill many different positions. To volunteer, register at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner. For more information, please contact rsvp@bnsic.org or 202-526-8300.

*“Lord, make us turn to You;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.”*

(Psalm 80:4, 20)

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!*

St. Michael and St. Dominic

All Night Adoration – Vigil for Life

We will have our own vigil for life at St. Michael on the patronal feast of the United States – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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!** A sign-up sheet is available at the main entrance of the Church, as well as through our website. Thank you! The Lord of Life welcomes you into his sacramental light.



2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Update

	<u>St. Dominic</u>	<u>St. Michael</u>
Parish Goal	\$4,400	\$16,500
Total Pledges	\$5,120	\$18,085
Total paid	\$3,850	\$15,579

Items needed at Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is operating on the 2nd Saturday of every month **9am - 11am** throughout the year. Praise God! We are currently in need of:

- Canned cranberry sauce
- Canned soup
- yams
- boxed stuffing
- instant mashed potatoes
- gravy mix
- mac-n-cheese
- 2lb flour bags (no bigger, please)



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, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixson, 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!



LAST CALL - 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!

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Nov. 22, 2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$6234.02
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$1106.00

May God reward your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	11/28/20	5 PM	Margie Kilner
Sunday	11/29/20	8 AM	Rev. Louis Tou +
Sunday	11/29/20	10 AM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	11/29/20	11:30 AM	Ann Proctor +
Monday	11/30/20	7 AM	Deacon Albert Opdenaker, III +
Tuesday	12/01/20	8 AM	Carl Guy +
Wednesday	12/02/20	7 AM	Mgsr. Thomas Kane +
Thursday	12/03/20	8 AM	Deacon Tomas Genis +
Friday	12/04/20	7 AM	Ray Connick +
Friday	12/04/20	7:30 PM	Gregory Connick
Saturday	12/05/20	8 AM	Fr. Thomas Morrow

Our Advent reflection:

"Send down the dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One: let the earth be opened, and bud forth the Redeemer."