



# St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 21, 2021

Dear family:

The apostle Peter spoke to the early Church community with these words that we hear this Sunday: *“Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.”*

How is the Lord leading us in these days? Fr. Walter Cizek helps us to see.

*“We go along, taking for granted that tomorrow will be very much like today, comfortable in the world we have created for ourselves, secure in the established order we have learned to live with, however imperfect it may be, and give little thought to God at all. Somehow, then, God must contrive to break through those routines of ours and remind us once again, like Israel, that we are ultimately dependent only upon him, that he has made us and destined us for life with him through all eternity, that the things of this world and this world itself are not our lasting city, that his we are and that we must look to him and turn to him in everything. Then it is, perhaps, that he must allow our whole world to be turned upside down in order to remind us it is not our permanent abode or final destiny, to bring us to our senses and restore our sense of values, to turn our thoughts once more to him—even if at first our thoughts are questioning and full of reproaches. Then it is that he must remind us again, with terrible clarity, that he meant exactly what he said in those seemingly simple words of the Sermon on the Mount: “Do not be anxious about what you shall eat, or what you shall wear, or where you shall sleep, but seek first the kingdom of God and his justice.”*

— Father Walter J. Cizek, He Leadeth Me

So, as we continue to see the social landscape change in ways that are deeply disturbing, the Holy Spirit reminds us that we are children of a provident Father who sees to it that *“...all things work for good for those who love God...”* (Romans 8:28) This does not mean that our concerns are uncalled for or that we will be untouched by wickedness. If the Cross of Christ is at the center of our consciousness, what we suffer becomes means of sanctification. During Lent, we are reminded to offer our lives in reparation for sin, so that souls may be saved. **Ave Crux!** Fr. Flum

## Parousia: The Bible and the Mass

Lent is a great time to deepen our relationship with the Lord. Dr. Scott Hahn of the St. Paul Center <https://stpaulcenter.com/> has made an offer to share his deep Biblical insights about the Mass. He says, “I want to suggest a way to make this Lent centered on the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17, I’m hosting what’s going to be a faith-transforming event: [Parousia: The Bible and the Mass](#). You can watch all ten episodes for **free, but only during Lent**. Make sure you never miss an episode. Download the St. Paul Center app, available for Apple and Android, to watch on your mobile device. And please, share this opportunity with friends! Let’s bring as many people back to the Mass as possible.”

**Men’s Discernment Retreat**—Cardinal Gregory invites men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood, to attend a discernment retreat led by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held the weekend of March 26 to March 28 at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Washington Retreat House in Washington, D.C. The retreat will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God’s call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the Seminary and priesthood. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please register at <https://dcpriest.org/young-adults>. For more information, contact Fr. Mark Ivany at 202-636-9020. Please note that all protocols will be in place to ensure everyone’s safety.



**St. Joseph Consecration** The guidebook is called “Consecration to St. Joseph” by Fr. Donald Calloway from Marian Press. This is a beautiful way to grow closer to Jesus by walking to Him in the company of St. Joseph. We are now in the Year of St. Joseph, so what better time to make your consecration?

## YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Feb. 14, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 3211.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 897.00

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Repent and believe in the Gospel

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist so that He could remain among us in a tangible way. It is at adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that you and I can set some time aside to adore Him who saw the need for us to come away and rest a while. He truly waits for you.

Perhaps you will consider making a weekly commitment to adoration? These hours are not yet committed to:



**Monday:** 3-4 PM  
**Tuesday:** 3-4 PM  
**Wednesday:** 6-7 PM  
**Thursday:** 3-4 PM, 5-6 PM  
**Saturday:** 9-10 AM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM  
**Sunday:** 7-8 AM, 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM

Please consider having one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for one hour each week. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office (240) 681-3551. We are blessed to have adoration 6am-9pm daily.

### Please PRAY for our SICK

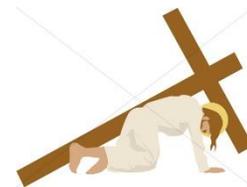
For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, Eddie Bond, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, John DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Vaughn Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Belinda Windsor, Beverly Windsor, Caroline Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young. Jesus, heal and console us!



**The Annual Appeal** took place in our parish and mission during two snow weekends. Depending on the response, we may have to rerun the Appeal this year. To participate in the charitable works of the Archdiocese, visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are so ancient that they are believed to have been established as a tribute to the devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Passion of her Son. It is reputed that on the day after her Son died, she re-walked the entire journey of her Son from the praetorium to the hill of Calvary. Join us in reflecting on the Passion of Jesus at 7pm every Friday in Lent thru March 26.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	02/20/21	5 PM	Jim Peck +
Sunday	02/21/21	8 AM	Joseph & Karen Wills Family +
Sunday	02/21/21	10 AM	Clara Thomas +
Sunday	02/21/21	11:30 AM	PARISHIONERS
Monday	02/22/21	7 AM	Beverly Windsor
Tuesday	02/23/21	8 AM	Carol Sobnosky
Wednesday	02/24/21	7 AM	Francis Garland Proctor +
Thursday	02/25/21	8 AM	Nathan Cortes-Peck +
Friday	02/26/21	7 AM	Megan Anderson
Saturday	02/27/21	8 AM	Megan Anderson

### News from the Clothes Closet - Update #1



We are pleased to announce that the Parish and Mission now have a Clothing Shed! When you have clothing items to donate, you do not need an appointment to drop them off. At any time, you may put clean, bagged items directly into the shed that is located at the corner of the St. Michael Church parking lot. There are blank receipt forms that you can take for your tax returns. Please bag blankets, sheets, pillowcases, belts and purses separately.

### News from the Clothes Closet - Update #2

Just a friendly reminder that this our Clothes Closet does not have the character of a Thrift Store. We are not equipped to accept other items that would traditionally be found at the area Thrift Stores. So, it requires extra time to box those items and drive them to local Thrift Stores as we do not have the space to accommodate them. We sincerely appreciate all the clothing and shoes that you have brought to us!

**HELP WANTED:** In need of an experienced HOUSEKEEPER to clean a single-family house with steps. Weekly cleaning to include laundry for a single person in the Pomfret area. If interested, call Beth at (443) 992-0624.