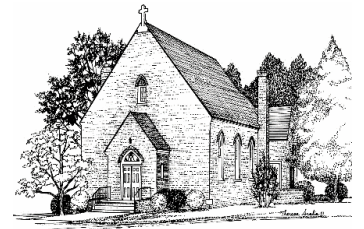




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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 7, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

The current phenomenon of turning logic or science on its head is not new. Plenty of times in history men have come into power who have coerced whole populations to believe what is false or at least to act like they believed what the powerful were demanding.

In the days of Rome, if you were unwilling to offer incense to the pagan gods, then you were fined, tortured or killed. Many offered incense who did not believe at all, but wanted to save their life breath or their skin or their property. The Old testament tells of many such occasions, for example, the mother of seven sons in the Book of Maccabees who urged her sons in their native language to defy the pagan king's orders to eat pork in violation of the Law of Moses. All seven were tortured and died in fidelity.

In the past few days, the House of Representatives, a body of men and women who are supposed to be the wise and trusted leaders of our government, have passed a bill called the "Equality Act". Let us pray that the Senate does not concur with the wickedness of those who would cooperate with such a diabolical effort to corrupt our society.

This is what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have said about the bill:

*The Equality Act, which is being voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon, in many ways does the opposite and **needs to be opposed**. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities...[It would] force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a "public" place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs.*

The seventh son to die rebuked the pagan king with these words, *"But you, wretch, most vile of mortals, do not, in your insolence, buoy yourself up with unfounded hopes, as you raise your hand against the children of heaven. You have not yet escaped the judgment of the almighty and all-seeing God."* (2 Macc 7:34-35) Those who would try to force god-fearing men to accept homosexual activity or transgenderism will stop at nothing to clothe their depravity with the protection of public law. Their fate is no less dire than that described by those brave sons of that noble woman.

The TRUTH will set you free, Fr. Martin Flum

Parish Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph Including the Consecration to St. Joseph

Thursday, March 18th

6 PM: **Evening Prayer** to start
the Solemnity of St. Joseph

6:30 PM– 8:30 PM: Homemade **Pizza Party**
in the Parish Hall! Come eat when you can!

*Please RSVP by March 16th online
or call the office: (240) 681- 3551.*



Friday, March 19th

6-7 PM: Confessions

7 PM: Mass with **Fr. Joseph Cwik**

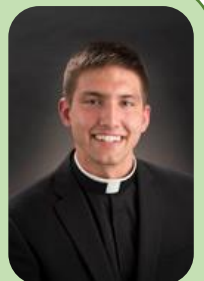
Followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Opportunity for confessions and prayer

8:15 PM: Consecration Prayer to St. Joseph

*All are welcome to pray this consecration prayer,
especially those who have been preparing with Fr. Donald
Calloway's book.*

Followed by Benediction and Closing Prayers.

Fr. Joseph Cwik is excited to join us for his feast day. He is a priest of our own Archdiocese, ordained just two years ago in 2019. He currently serves as the parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac.





Chesterton Chat

Join us for an informational meeting about a new high school,

The Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's!!
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7pm-8:30pm
St. John's, Hollywood, MD and Zoom (link on our website Chestertonstmarys.org).

Chesterton Academy Offers:

- Strong Catholic Identity, including daily Mass and the oath of fidelity to the magisterium of the Catholic Church for faculty
- Affordable Tuition
- Classical Liberal Arts Education with an integrated curriculum rooted in the faith
- Successful Model, with 28 schools in the US and abroad
- A Formational School focused on truth, beauty and goodness and the development of virtue, character and joyful souls
- Reclaiming athletics towards camaraderie and fun

Join us to learn how you can support and be a part of this exciting opportunity to benefit our St. Mary's County high school students and our entire community!!

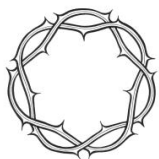
2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services, March 14

As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international Catholic institutions, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve, and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to:

Promote human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and **Serve Catholics in the United States** as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

After creating the heavens and the earth, God decreed a day of rest. And so, we keep Sunday as a day of rest. The Sunday rest excludes unnecessary work and invites us to holy recreation with family and friends. It is also "the Lord's Day" on which we come to worship God in a public way as the Body of Christ. It is the perfect day to come spend time in personal prayer, adoring the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Please consider committing to one if these hours:



Monday: 3-4 PM

Wednesday: 6-7 PM

Thursday: 5-6 PM

Saturday: 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM

Sunday: 7-8 AM, 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM

Our goal is for each family to have one hour each week to which they are committed. 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.



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	03/06/21	5 PM	Parishioners
Sunday	03/07/21	8 AM	Thomas Garnell & Rosa Wills +
Sunday	03/07/21	10 AM	Clara Mae Thomas +
Sunday	03/07/21	11:30 AM	Claude Boswell +
Monday	03/08/21	7 AM	Joseph Sobnosky IV
Tuesday	03/09/21	8 AM	Francis Garland Proctor +
Wednesday	03/10/21	7 AM	Claude Boswell +
Thursday	03/11/21	8 AM	Rev. William Goode +
Friday	03/12/21	7 AM	Meagan Anderson
Saturday	03/13/21	8 AM	Meagan Anderson

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, 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, Reiss Danielson, Diane DiSandro, John DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Robert Flum, 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, Lorrie Riess, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Thomas and Pat Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Louis Wimbish, Belinda Windsor, Beverly Windsor, Caroline Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young. Jesus, heal and console us!

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – FEB.28, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 4243.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 725.00

May God reward your generosity!

Remember to spring forward
with Daylight Savings Time **next weekend!**