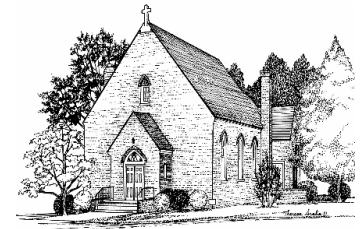




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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 14, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

We often hear today about women's issues and certainly there are real issues related to the well-being of women that need to be addressed.

However, the public square tends to present the efforts to support women in a narrative of opposition between men and women. The reality is that if we solve issues as if we are at war between the sexes, then the results are much like the aftermath of armed conflict - a lot of wounded hearts and broken families.

When God created man as a rational being in his image and likeness, male and female He made them. He created males and females in a harmony of complementarity. While human nature is complete in each, their differences were designed by God to form a beautiful companionship. Friendship between a man and a woman has the fullness of not only common interests and the attraction of personality, but also a complementarity due to the differences rooted in being male and female.

In the beginning, Adam and Eve were at peace with each other in a form of communion which brought great joy to each other. Their differences were not obstacles to union and friendship, but an attractive means to it!

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary. And it happens during the Holy Year of St. Joseph. In this great feast we celebrate the spousal union of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary. That union in marriage was the new beginning to relations between male and female. What had been deeply disordered by original sin was renewed by God in this holy union of a Virgin conceived without sin and St. Joseph, the just man.

Holy Mary is the New Eve heralding a renewal in all that is authentically feminine. St. Joseph is the New Adam, a model for all men, to whom God gave his immaculate daughter, the New Eve in a relationship of perfect marital happiness. The joy, communion and friendship of their espousals exceeded the joy of the first couple in Paradise since they were to be the parents of Jesus, the Cause of our Joy. Take time this week to reflect on this wonderful part of God's Plan. **St. Joseph lead us home, 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!
If you want anything to go with your
pizza, bring a side dish for your family.



*Please RSVP by March 16th by signing up online
or you can sign up in the binder at the back of the
church. *If anyone can lend us a bread
machine for making dough, please call the
office.*

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,
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).



St Peter's Cemetery Cleanup

St. Peter's Scouts will be cleaning the parish cemetery for Easter. The Scouts will remove faded flowers and unsightly decorations, trim around the headstones as needed, and wipe down stones that are dirty. In preparation for their work, please remove weathered decorations or memorabilia that you **don't** want thrown away. Thank you, Scouts, for honoring our beloved dead by helping to keep our cemetery a peaceful, prayerful sanctuary.

"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:



Wednesday: 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM

Saturday: 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM

Sunday: 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.

2nd Collection: Church in the Developing World

The collection for **the Church in the Developing World** was moved to Ash Wednesday this year. So, we took a collection on Ash Wednesday at St. Michael and the following Sunday at St. Dominic. You will find an envelope in the most recent batch (violet for St. Michael and white with a yellow border for St. Dominic) for March 21 which is the same charity. If you have already donated, please discard the envelope. If you would like to donate to the **Church in the Developing World**, please use that envelope and place it in the regular collection.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	03/13/21	5 PM	David Ponton
Sunday	03/14/21	8 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	03/14/21	10 AM	Aloysius Briscoe +
Sunday	03/14/21	11:30 AM	Francis Garland Proctor +
Monday	03/15/21	7 AM	Lilian Sobnosky
Tuesday	03/16/21	8 AM	Daryl Anthony Wills +
Wednesday	03/17/21	7 AM	Karl Frantz
Thursday	03/18/21	8 AM	Claude Michael Boswell +
Friday	03/19/21	7 AM	Laura Flaim
Friday	03/19/21	7 PM	Merle David Maines +
Saturday	03/20/21	8 AM	James Garnell Hawkins +

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 – March 8, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 4538.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 1750.00

May God reward your generosity!

Lenten Penance Service



Our **Parish Penance Service** will be on the Monday of Holy week, March 29th at 7 pm. Fr. James Morrison (ordained June 2020) from Our Lady of Lourdes in

Bethesda will give a teaching on how to examine one's conscience and prepare for confession. Fr. Morrison, Fr. Flum, and Fr. Rory Connelly will all be available for confessions after the talk.

Remember- we all need to go to confession before Easter!

FORMED recommendation: *The Trials of St. Patrick*, an Audio drama. Get to know the real Patrick on his feast; listen while you drive, walk, or do dishes!



THIS WEEK ONLY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 19th, will be at **3pm**. Since we are having a special Mass at 7pm to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, at 3pm we will pray the Divine Mercy chaplet and the Stations of the Cross will follow.

EWTN's They Might Be Saints - A documentary next week on Fr. Al Swartz, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvEbfISquNQ>