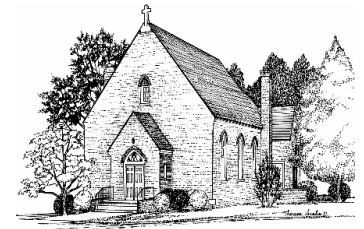




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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 21, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

in the fourth century of the Church there was a heresy that held that Jesus *became* God. That error implies that a human being named Jesus at some point in his life became God. (This is in fact what the Mormons teach today.)

However, Jesus reveals to us that He is a divine Being, God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. There is only one God. The one God is three divine Persons. Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father. He exists as God before creation. So, the Arian heresy got it backwards – man did not become God, rather God the Son became man!

At Mass you might notice a very small change that means a lot. The most recent English translation of the Opening Prayer (also called a “Collect”) inserted the word “one” where the Latin did not have it, as in: “Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

And so, Cardinal Sarah of the Congregation of Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments sent a letter to the English-speaking bishops indicating that they should remove the word “one” from the translation.

So, from now on you should hear at Mass, “Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.”

What is the big deal?

In the early Church the prayers were written to emphasize that Jesus is God, but not a separate God from the Father and the Holy Spirit. If you think about it, we never say Jesus is one God. We do say He is God - as are the Father and the Holy Spirit. Since, in the Opening Prayer, the word “God” is specifically referring back to the Son, to say “one God” suggests that He is one God among other Gods. That would be Arianism.

As the explanatory note said, the original Latin text “emphasizes the divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who as the Incarnate Son, intercedes on our behalf to the Father, ...thus, the Son’s role of priestly mediation is made clear.”

Jesus interceding for us, have mercy, Fr. Martin Flum

To be Reconciled to God: 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. Rory Connelly and Fr. Flum will all be available for confessions after the talk.

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

“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 so blessed to have public adoration 6am-9pm daily.

Easter Eggs are **Baaack Again!**



Our personal delivery of Easter Eggs from the Mother Cabrini Parish in Pennsylvania are available for order or pick-up. *The eggs come in multiples of 4 for \$5. We have Peanut Butter and Coconut. They can be picked up at the office. Prepaid orders to be picked up after Palm Sunday Mass can be placed in the collection basket.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	03/20/21	5 PM	John Ross +
Sunday	03/21/21	8 AM	Deacon Ralph Cyrus, Jr +
Sunday	03/21/21	10 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	03/21/21	11:30 AM	Agnes Joan Martin +
Monday	03/22/21	7 AM	Rose Elliott Heath +
Tuesday	03/23/21	8 AM	Deacon Raymond Chaput +
Wednesday	03/24/21	7 AM	Jason Frantz
Thursday	03/25/21	8 AM	Claude Michael Boswell +
Friday	03/26/21	7 AM	Megan Anderson
Saturday	03/27/21	8 AM	Megan Anderson

Please PRAY for our SICK

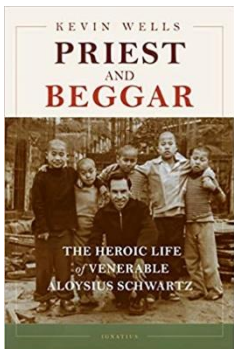
For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Reiss Danielson, Diane DiSandro, John DiSandro, 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 & Peter Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young. Jesus, heal and console us!

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – March 14, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$3875.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$1165.00

May God reward your generosity!

Heavenly Morning Prayer Breakfast



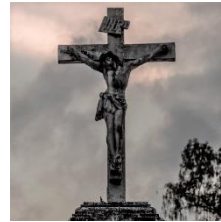
The Bread of Life Center for Peace will be sponsoring a prayer breakfast here at **St. Michael Hall on Saturday, April 10th**. Kevin Wells, a freelance writer and evangelist, will be discussing his newest book: **“Priest and Beggar, The Heroic Life of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz”** scheduled to release May 2021!

The seating is limited, so please be sure to get your ticket through Eventbrite or call Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139. You can register in person at the Heavenly Presents Catholic Store in Leonardtown. Registration ends on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

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. To help the Scouts and prepare for their work, please remove weathered decorations or memorabilia that you do **NOT** want thrown away. Thank you, Scouts, for honoring our beloved dead and helping to keep our cemetery a peaceful, prayerful sanctuary.

Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked all of us to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, April 2, 2021 which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and offer catechesis and formation. It also helps preserve religious shrines and provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Thank you for your generosity to the Christians in the Holy Land and the Franciscans who serve them! When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday>

Retreat Opportunity – May 1st, 2021

Mark your calendars for the First Saturday in May, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In this Holy Year of St. Joseph, we will deepen our knowledge, appreciation, and devotion to the great St. Joseph! The retreat will offer Mass, several talks about St. Joseph, confession and refreshments. The details are still being worked out, but we are only 6 weeks away, so mark your calendars!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Our celebration for St. Joseph was a great success! Thank you to all those who participated in our festivities around the Solemnity of St. Joseph in this Holy Year of St. Joseph. Thank you to all of you who made the liturgies beautiful. May our consecration to St. Joseph bring us closer to the Holy Family.



Our **Pizza Party** MUST be repeated! The pizza was homemade by our very own parishioners and it was hailed as very delicious!! The hall was beautifully decorated giving it “pizza parlor” appeal. Even the music brought back memories from my days in Rome. The delicious desserts were homemade by our homeschooling families. If you did not stay to the wee hours, you missed the clean-up crew chorus singing while they worked – a VERY joyous sound! Thank you to everyone who helped and ate!