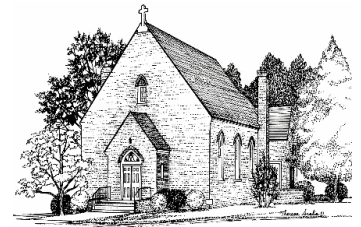




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Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

After a season of Lenten purification, we enter the week referred to as Holy. It is unlike any other of the year. Those who identify with Jesus Christ as his disciples are led by the liturgy of the Church to walk with the Lord those last steps of his public ministry. As the hymn prays, "... let me walk closer to Thee."

On the Fridays of Lent, we have been making the *Stations of the Cross*. Our hearts and our minds and our feet travel back 2000 years to accompany Jesus in his Passion. Going from station to station we also encounter the people of his day who witnessed his trial, the pilgrimage to Calvary and his Crucifixion: Judas the Traitor, Pilate and the Roman soldiers, the Apostles, our Blessed Lady, Simon of Cyrene, Veronica with her veil, the weeping women of Jerusalem, Joseph of Arimathea, Nathaniel, and many others.

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (John 12:23-24)

Those words of Jesus are directed to all of us of every time and place. Jesus cannot force us to **willingly** carry our cross. The fruit of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord is the healing of man's nature, the removal of sin and a new relationship with our Father who made us. So, He invites, He longs for us, He looks for the company of men who will see in his Passion the great love that God has for us.

These mysteries cannot be force-fed. They become familiar to us when we stand by the road to Calvary witnessing the good Lord. They become a part of us when we lift some of the weight off Him by our compassion for His great Sacred Heart. May the good Lord grant you the grace to slow down your regular pace and be with Him this week.

Hosanna to our King, Fr. Martin Flum

Holy Triduum Schedule



April 1st - Holy Thursday

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7 pm

Followed by all-night Adoration at the Altar of Repose

April 2nd - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 3 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7 pm

April 3rd - Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 8 pm

April 4th - Easter Sunday

St. Michael's Mass 8 & 11:30 am

St. Dominic's Mass 10am

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

On Good Friday we begin the Divine Mercy Novena as requested by our Lord through St. Faustina. Please join us at 3pm each day in the church at St. Michael or take a pamphlet home with you. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a beautiful prayer given by Jesus to St. Faustina in 1933. You will find a red pamphlet entitled, "Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet" in the entranceway of the church. It is prayed on rosary beads; there are instructions on how to pray the chaplet beginning on the outside of the unfolded pamphlet.



Jesus requested that St Faustina pray a novena of chaplets (9 straight days). The intentions He gave for each day are included in the pamphlet. Please pray also **for the conversion of our brothers and sisters who live in our parish and mission territory**. It begins on Good Friday (Apr. 2) and concludes on Apr. 10. At 3pm on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11) we will hold a special holy hour.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – March 21, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$4220.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$1027.00

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.



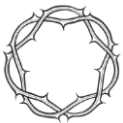
Not sure about confession? Come listen to Fr. James' talk, and you will get answers to your questions!

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

Fun Fact: Did you know Pope St. John Paul II went to confession weekly? Hmm, I guess I better not try to say I don't need to go...!

"Union with the Eucharistic Lord"

"Heavenly Father increase our faith in the real Presence of your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for our sins. We need your peace in our hearts and among nations. We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of your forgiveness. May we obtain this through prayer and our union with our Eucharistic Lord. Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. We beseech You to spread perpetual Eucharistic exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen." Please consider committing to one if these hours:



Monday: 1-2 PM

Wednesday: 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM

Saturday: 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 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 Easter Eggs from Mother Cabrini Parish in Pennsylvania are available for order. *The eggs come in multiples of 4 for \$5. We have Peanut Butter and Coconut. They can be picked up at the office.*

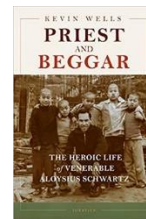
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	03/27/21	5 PM	Nathan Cortes-Peck +
Sunday	03/28/21	8 AM	Donna Cranford +
Sunday	03/28/21	10 AM	Aloysius Briscoe +
Sunday	03/28/21	11:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday	03/29/21	7 AM	Claude Michael Boswell +
Tuesday	03/30/21	8 AM	Joseph Cross +
Wednesday	03/31/21	7 AM	Andrew Frantz
Thursday	04/01/21	7 PM	Donna Cranford +
Friday	04/02/21	7 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday	04/03/21	8 PM	Parishioners

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Lynn Brown, 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, Lainie 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!

Heavenly Morning Prayer Breakfast



There will be a prayer breakfast here at St. Michael Hall on **April 10th**. The morning will include fellowship, our regular Saturday Mass, continental breakfast, rosary prayer and a keynote speaker, Kevin Wells who 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. Registration ends on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

NO First Friday or First Saturday Masses for April

In April, First Friday and Friday Saturday are Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Therefore, the only liturgies will be the Triduum liturgies of those days, and Blue army will not meet.