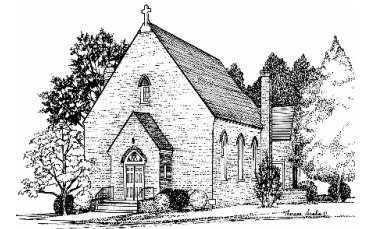




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5th Sunday of Easter

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Dear brothers and sisters,

To continue our reflection on our upcoming jubilee year 2022, let us listen to Pope St. John Paul II as he wrote about the jubilee 2000. "The words and deeds of Jesus... represent the fulfillment of the whole tradition of jubilees in the Old Testament. We know that the jubilee was a time dedicated in a special way to God." (Tertio Millennio Adveniente #12)

"It is Jesus who proclaims the good news to the poor. It is He who brings liberty to those deprived of it, who frees the oppressed and gives back sight to the blind (cf. Mt. 11:4-5; Lk. 7:22). In this way He ushers in "a year of the Lord's favor," which He proclaims not only with his words but above all by his actions." (TMA #11)

In last week's bulletin, we identified Jesus as the Anointed One who was to come and fulfill the promise that laid hidden in all the previous jubilees. And we observed that we too are anointed by the Spirit of the Lord and as such we become heralds of the jubilee, as St. John Paul II said, not only with our words, but above all by our actions.

We must begin our preparation now for the St. Michael 2022 Jubilee. This is so much more than an anniversary. We will not be focused on self-congratulations, rooting thru old photos and other nostalgic activities. Those heirlooms of the past are fun to drag out from time to time.



But the jubilee is an on-going work of the Spirit of the Lord who Himself is the object of our joy and recollection. The jubilee is a sort of memorial of what the Lord has done for us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit and what He intends to do in our time and our parish.

This is a time of discernment of what the Lord is going to do through us in the upcoming jubilee year. How are you going to be used by God to announce the year of the Lord's favor? As instruments of grace in the Hands of God, we are privileged to be Catholics and members of His Body, the Church. And so they call us "Christians," those anointed to bring the gladness of knowing God who is always present and desires that all come to know Him.

Come Holy Spirit, Fr. Martin Flum

As we begin to prepare for the jubilee of the parish...

"The Church cannot prepare for the Jubilee in any other way than in the Holy Spirit. What was accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit "in the fullness of time" can only through the Spirit's power now emerge from the memory of the Church. By his power it can be made present in the new phase of man's history on earth..." (*Dominum et vivificantem*, Pope St. John Paul II, #50)

"faith, in its deepest essence, is the openness of the human heart to the gift: to God's self-communication in the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul writes: "The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom". (2 Cor 3:17) When the Triune God opens himself to man in the Holy Spirit, this opening of God reveals and also gives to the human creature the fullness of freedom." (*DV*, Pope St. John Paul II, #51)

"Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church from the beginning expressed and confirmed her identity through the Eucharist." St. Pope John Paul II

Please consider committing to one of these hours:

Monday: 6-7 PM

Tuesday: 12-1 PM

Thursday: 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.



Nursing Ministry Opportunity

An anonymous parishioner is in need of daily nursing assistance with dialysis. If you are a nurse and would be willing to volunteer your time and talent even just once a week, please contact the parish office: (240)681-3551. May God reward you!

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – April 25, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 3752.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 853.00



We have a Eucharistic Procession together at St. Michael's **every Wednesday (seriously?? WOW!) at 8 PM and you are invited!**

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, Lillian 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, Theodore Young. Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! I trust in You! Stay with us!

Pilgrimage to Greece ~ Fall 2021

Join Fr. Ray Schmidt and Fr. Harry Stokes October 1-11, as they lead us in the footsteps of St. Paul in Greece. Explore the ancient Greek temples St. Paul encountered during his travels. Visit the site of Lydia's baptism and the jail cell Paul shared with his companion, Silas. Sail with us across the sapphire waters of the Aegean Sea to Our Lady's home in Ephesus. Visit the cave in Patmos where St. John was divinely inspired to write the Book of Revelations. Witness the beauty of God's creation as we visit Santorini, Crete, Mykonos and the majestic monasteries in Meteora. Letters to the Ephesians, Thessalonians, Corinthians and Philippians will surely take on a new and deeper meaning. The pilgrimage is open to all and seats are filled on a first come first serve basis. The cost for airfare, cruise, land tour and most meals is \$3999. Informational meeting with refreshments Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m., Brady Hall, St. Joseph, Pomfret, MD. Contact Margaret Young at my728@aol.com.

May Crowning

We will be crowning Our Lady this year on Sunday, May 23rd, the Feast of Pentecost. More details to come! The Flowering Buds of Mary young women's group will host the event.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Comes to St. Michael !

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is coming to the Washington DC/Maryland area on the last 3 weeks of May. The event is called "The Triumph of Mary Tour". It will consist of a collection of visitation events at various parishes in the area and appearances at abortion sites.

Our parish will be visited on the evening of Wednesday, May 19. Here is an outline of the event:

- 6:00 PM – Image of Our Lady Arrives
- 7:00 PM - Gospel Reading and reflection by Fr. Martin Flum, followed by Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 7:30 PM - Holy Rosary and Procession with Our Lady (*This will take the place of the usual Wednesday Eucharistic Procession*)

This Missionary Image was made from the original Miraculous Image produced by the Blessed Virgin Mary on the "tilma" of Saint Juan Diego. These full-size images (4' x 6') were blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica. The mission of these images is to end abortion and to bring conversions. These missionary images have traveled all over the world to thousands of parishes and these travels are associated with outstanding and, at times, reportedly miraculous events. The following is a quotation from the "Visitation Manual" describing an example of a miraculous event:

In Wichita, Kansas, the Missionary Image visited an abortion center where late-term babies are killed and cremated in an incinerator on the premises. As the Image was processed around the center, people smelled a strong fragrance of roses. Then, they saw rose petals miraculously flaking from the Image in all directions. An eyewitness to this extraordinary event, experienced an overwhelming peace and said that it seemed as if heaven had come down to earth and Our Lady was saying, "It is good for you to be here; as I too stood at the foot of the Cross silently watching and praying as my innocent Son was crucified."

Our goal for this tour is to advance the pro-life cause through the powerful assistance of Our Lady. Please consider participating in this special event. It will be an experience to remember.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	05/01/21	5 PM	Parishioners
Sunday	05/02/21	8 AM	William Dykes +
Sunday	05/02/21	10 AM	Fr Drew Royal
Sunday	05/02/21	11:30 AM	Maria Flaim
Monday	05/03/21	7 AM	Claude Boswell +
Tuesday	05/04/21	8 AM	Dori Gleason
Wednesday	05/05/21	7 AM	James Gleason
Thursday	05/06/21	8 AM	Donna Cranford +
Friday	05/07/21	7 AM	James Chapman +
Friday	05/07/21	7:30 PM	Baby girl Payne
Saturday	05/08/21	8 AM	Merle David Maines +