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Holy Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Feast of the Holy Trinity always brings to mind a fond memory of the first Mass that I offered after my ordination as a priest. In my home parish of St. Mary in Rockville, Maryland it was my privilege to offer Mass in thanksgiving for my vocation in the very place where I had grown up and had been an altar server for so many years.

And that Sunday was Trinity Sunday. Nothing less than the most profound mystery that we hold as Christians was to be the subject of my first homily. I can remember asking myself – “What on earth am I going to say in my first homily as a priest to my home parish about the Holy Trinity?” Well, I must have survived it.

Four years ago, I left New York where I had been living as a hermit priest and serving as chaplain to a monastery of nuns. It was my expectation to remain a hermit, but it was unclear as to where or how that would happen. So, my proposal to go on a thirty-day retreat for discernment was approved by the Archdiocese.

The answer to my prayer came quickly. Less than two weeks into the retreat an auxiliary bishop called me and told me to ask for an assignment in the Archdiocese. Thus, I was assigned to come to St. Michael and St. Dominic in 2017, a few months after Fr. Gude, the former pastor, fell ill.

This year, once again on a Trinity Sunday, I give thanks for the priesthood and the privilege of serving at the parish of St. Michael and the Mission of St. Dominic. The good Lord has been so very good to me here, as all of you have been.

One year ago, the Archbishop gave me permission to return to the vocation of a hermit priest. But he said the details would have to be worked out. That means that for a year I have been waiting for the right pastor to be found for you and the right time for me to leave.

A pastor has been found and the time has come for me to reenter the solitude and prayer of a hermit. On July 7th you will have a new pastor – Fr. Mark Cusick. He is currently the pastor of St. Francis Xavier in DC. You can visit their website at <https://stfrancisxavierdc.org>.

*May the most Holy Trinity be adored in all things,
Fr. Martin Flum*

"O Jesus! on this day, you have fulfilled all my desires. From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able to sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, in this furnace of love, I shall be consumed, And like a seraphim, Lord, I shall love You."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

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

Please consider committing to one of these hours:

Monday: 6-7 PM

Thursday: 12-1 PM, 7-8 PM

Saturday: 11-12 PM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM

Sunday: 10 AM, 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM

If you would like to be on our substitute list, call the office (240) 681-3551.



Please PRAY for our SICK

Please notify us if you are able to come off of the list

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, James Brown, 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, 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, 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, Rosanna Roberts, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Preston Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dana and Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Lillian Stewart, Savannah 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!

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – May 23, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 3901.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 685.00

As many questions will come to mind about what it means to live the life of a hermit, so here are some aspects of the life of a hermit:

1. It is a vocation, not a vacation. The hermit is a person who has an authentic call from the Lord to live in a certain manner of life, including:
2. Solitude – this is an essential characteristic of the life, comprised of detachment from the world and radical attachment to the Lord in all things.
3. Obedience to a rule for daily religious life.
4. Constant prayer
5. Daily penance for personal sin and the sin of the world.
6. Poverty in imitation of Christ
7. Celibacy
8. Work so as to earn only what is necessary.

The following little rule of life was given by St. Romuald to one of his disciples. You will see that it centers your whole being on God and disposes the heart to waiting on the Lord in prayer.

The Brief Rule of St. Romuald

Sit in the cell as in paradise; cast all memory of the world behind you; cautiously watching your thoughts, as a good fisher watches the fish.

In the Psalms there is one way. Do not abandon it. If you who have come with the fervor of a novice cannot understand everything, strive to recite with understanding of spirit and mind, now here, now there, and when you begin to wander while reading, do not stop, but hasten to correct yourself by concentrating.

Above all, place yourself in the presence of God with fear and trembling, like someone who stands in the sight of the emperor; destroy yourself completely, and sit like a chick, content with the grace of God, for unless its mother gives it something, it tastes nothing and has nothing to eat.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	05/29/21	5 PM	John Showden +
Sunday	05/30/21	8 AM	Mitchell Basak +
Sunday	05/30/21	10 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	05/30/21	11:30 AM	Joseph Lang +
Monday	05/31/21	7 AM	Msgr Godfrey Mosley +
Tuesday	06/01/21	8 AM	Shirley & Roland Provencher +
Wednesday	06/02/21	7 AM	Michael Shaun Swink
Thursday	06/03/21	8 AM	Donna Cranford +
Friday	06/04/21	7 AM	Shirley Watson +
Friday	06/04/21	7:30 PM	Joshua Coffin
Saturday	06/05/21	8 AM	Michael Shaun Swink

The Feast of Corpus Christi

In the little town of Bolsena, Italy, each year the whole town, every family celebrates the miracle of the Holy Eucharist that took place in their little local parish church of St. Christine in the year 1264.

A Catholic priest, known as Peter of Prague, was offering Mass once in their parish. At that time, he was struggling with doubt about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

As he prayed the prayers of the Mass and offered the Holy Sacrifice to God, the host in his hand began to bleed! The blood was so copious that it saturated the altar cloths going all the way through to the altar stone. His faith was restored, and he quickly went to present the news to the Pope.

At the time, Pope Urban IV was in Orvieto, a town just north of Bolsena. After presenting the facts of the miracle to the Pope, a feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) was established for the universal church. We celebrate that feast next Sunday.

One of the prominent features of the feast has been a procession with the Blessed Sacrament carried by a priest and the faithful singing hymns of praise.

This scene is especially beautiful in Bolsena where the miracle took place. Every family crafts a religious image on the street in front of their home using natural colorful materials from the field and farm. I have even seen the Last Supper depicted – all composed of wheat, grass, flowers, and various other vegetation. They spend the day before constructing their image which will serve as an honorary carpet for Jesus, our Eucharistic King, to be carried over throughout the town.

On Sunday, June 6, after the 11:30am Mass at St. Michael we will have a Corpus Christi Procession and a reception for First Holy Communion. Come join us in the parish hall to give thanks the stupendous miracle of the Holy Eucharist!

Thanks!!

We would like to thank the family who suggested the repair to the statue of St. Michael and then paid for the restoration.

The company who restored it did a very nice job. For that reason, we also have sent off the statues of Mary and Joseph which are in need of repair. Fr. Flum will be contacting those who offered to help defray the cost of repairing and repainting the statues of Joseph and Mary.

It is fitting that in this Holy Year of St. Joseph these three saints will have been restored for our liturgical use. These figures remind us of the presence of the heavenly hierarchy in our prayer before God.

