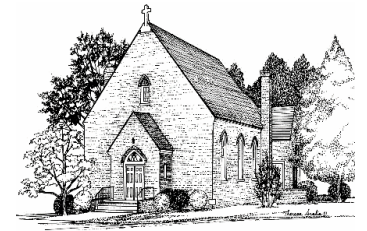




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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!"

Let us reflect on what the prayer of Jesus, Mary and Joseph must have been like. It is certain that they had a profound prayer life, both individually and as a family.

Our prayer is important because it is our line of communication with our family in heaven. As we spend more and more time on our cell phones and other communication devices, our prayer can slip. But St. Francis de Sales has some excellent advice for us: *"Everyone of us needs half an hour of prayer each day," remarked St. Francis de Sales, "except when we are busy—then we need an hour."* Try to get your half hour of daily prayer. If you cannot do that, then take an hour a day which will *slow your life down*. This sounds counter intuitive, but it will happen if you try.

St. John Damascene defined prayer as *"the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."* (see Catechism, no. 2559) Surely, the first object of our prayer is God. But we also call our ongoing relationships with the citizens of heaven by the name of prayer. As Catholics, we are fully aware that those who dwell in the joy of heaven are more interested in our wellbeing than we are ourselves. And so we pray to our guardian angel given to us by God as a unique relationship meant to promote and protect our salvation. We pray also to the saints, especially our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph.

When we call upon Jesus, we are praying to the Lord who made us, who created us to be in relationship with Him now and in the hereafter. It is He, the very Son of God, who is in constant union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our family prayer of the Rosary places us in the immaculate heart of Mary where she contemplates the wonders of God. Turning to St. Joseph in prayer is to imitate Jesus, the divine Child, who would call Joseph's name with such love and respect.

The prayerful recollection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus would draw the pure hearts of Mary and Joseph into the sweet communion of family prayer. To enter the home of Nazareth is to be immersed in a cloud of the Divine Presence where minds and hearts are raised in mutual love and self-gift.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us, Fr. Martin Flum



Blessing of Our New Sugar Maple Trees

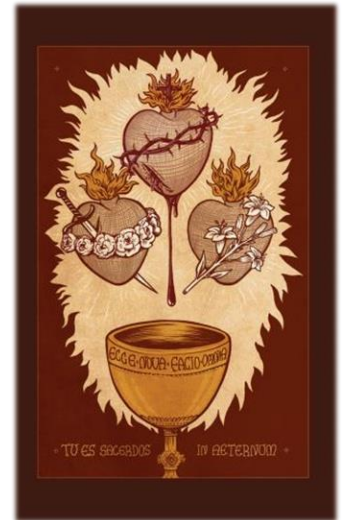
After the 8am Mass July 4th at St. Michael, the three, new sugar maple trees in front of the hall will be blessed. The trees were donated by the Watson family in honor of Claude Michael Boswell, a life-long parishioner of St. Michael Catholic Church.



Welcome Our New Pastor

by joining our 54 Day Rosary Novena

A big part of preparing to welcome a new pastor is to pray for him; this is why we will begin a 54 day Rosary Novena for Fr. Mark Cusick, beginning June 23rd until August 15th. Holy cards (using the image at right) will be printed and distributed in the coming weeks with a special prayer for priests, which we will pray for Fr. Cusick. Even if you cannot commit to a rosary novena, you can still pray this prayer every day from June 23rd – August 15th, feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.



***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

Archbishop Gregory has announced that beginning last Sunday, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation has been reinstated in the Archdiocese of Washington.

One should consult his or her local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (cf. Canon 1245 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2181).



THANK YOU TO THE WELLS FAMILY

Masonry business which built and donated the new arch that protects and beautifies the statue of the Blessed Virgin and Child in front of the rectory!

Please PRAY for our SICK

(Please notify us if you or your family member should be removed)

Gavin Birl, 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, Mary Connick, Reiss Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, 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, Fran O'Neill, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Lorrie Riess, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Preston Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Lillian Stewart, Savannah Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, 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!



Our goal is for each family to have one hour each week to which they are committed. Please consider praying one of these hours in the grace of Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesday: 7-8 AM

Wednesday: 9-10 AM

Thursday: 7-8 AM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM

Friday: 9-10 AM

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

Sunday: 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM

And we now have a substitute sign-up schedule available on our website; see the Eucharistic Adoration page. Please review the available slots for the week and sign up to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. This sign up will be updated every Monday to reflect the needs of each week. **This is in addition to the regular weekly schedule, which remains the same.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4EAEAF2AABFA7-open>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	07/03/21	5 PM	Thomas & Amy Flamminio
Sunday	07/04/21	8 AM	Nick DiSandro
Sunday	07/04/21	10 AM	Bobby Ruggieri +
Sunday	07/04/21	11:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday	07/05/21	7 AM	John & Sharon Belmont
Tuesday	07/06/21	8 AM	Donna Cranford +
Wednesday	07/07/21	7 AM	Rosanna Roberts +
Thursday	07/08/21	8 AM	Hoffman Family
Friday	07/09/21	7 AM	David Fulcher +
Saturday	07/10/21	8 AM	Jenny Mulhare +

A Note from our New Pastor: Father Cusick

God's blessings upon you and your family! I want to take an opportunity to introduce myself and let you know that I am looking forward to being your new pastor. Soon, we will have the great grace of gathering together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at St. Michael's and St. Dominic's churches.

I grew up in Melbourne, Florida and have two brothers. Throughout grade school and high school, I participated in a large Catholic community and enjoyed my Catholic upbringing. I graduated from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida with a degree in psychology. For one year, I worked as a research intern at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland and focused mainly on childhood development and family studies. For seminary, I attended Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD and was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ on June 15, 2013.

Before joining you in person, I also want to share with you a slight change in the daily Mass schedule. As many of you know, a priest takes one day off each week. This is a priest's "Sunday" or sabbath rest when he gets a chance for rest, run important errands, and do various activities apart from the usual parish duties. My day off will be on Monday and there will not be a daily Mass at St. Michael's on Mondays. This will go into effect beginning July 12. Monday's schedule for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament may be affected by my day off and I will address these possible changes with the Monday adorers at a later date.

I want to thank Father Flum for his wonderful leadership and dedication to the spiritual and temporal needs of St. Michael's and St. Dominic's churches. I am also grateful for the prayer cards that many of you received and humbly request that you continue praying for a smooth transition for Fr. Flum and me. Again, I am looking forward to meeting you all soon and please know of my prayers.

In Christ, Father Cusick

Vacation Bible School is Back!!



St. Michael's Catholic Church

August 16– 20

9 AM–2 PM

(Lunch Provided!)

Cost: \$10.00 per child

(t-shirt cost)

Register Online at stmichaelbaden.org

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – June 27, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 3892.74
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 876 .00