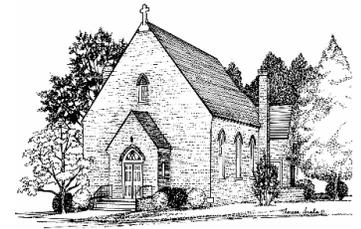




St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the women, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, Joanna, and Salome arrived on Sunday at the tomb where Jesus was laid to rest, their hearts were fresh with mourning. They hoped to have the tomb opened by someone, so that they could anoint the Body of Jesus.

Jews rest on Saturday, the Sabbath day, which immediately followed the death of Jesus. And so on Sunday they were wearied from a day of anguish, tears and mourning the death of Jesus. How graphic were the memories of the Passion of the Lord! After the dreadful experience of the trial of Jesus, his cruel mistreatment on the Way of the Cross and his public crucifixion, now a day of sad reflection, the Sabbath, had passed. They went to the tomb.

What they expected, they did not find.

The women were concerned that they would need to find someone to open the grave for them so that they could carry out their task of sweet compassion for the Lord. But the angels met them there. Yes, heavenly angels, usually unseen, were guarding the tomb which they had opened in anticipation of the arrival of these holy women.

The scene filled Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James), Joanna, and Salome with amazement. But the angels objected, *“Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him.”* (Mark 16:6) Do not be amazed? Who would not be amazed? But the angel only relates the very message of God!

Believers, do not be amazed that He is risen, for He told you repeatedly that He would. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Renounce this world, follow Him unto death and receive eternal Life in the Resurrection!

The Resurrection of the Lord is the sign and remedy of our mortality. We rejoice in this greatest of feast days because the promise of the Lord has been fulfilled exactly as He said. The humiliation of being crucified and the glorification of rising from the dead are invitations to imitate the Lord of Glory.

Be not amazed, He is risen!!! Fr. Martin Flum

Divine Mercy Never Ends



Our **Parish Penance Service** was “sold out”! What a wonderful joy to see so many come to receive the grace of reconciliation in preparation for Easter Sunday. If you were unable to make it, the gates of mercy remain wide open. Call anytime and we will arrange a convenient time for your confession. Praised be Jesus Christ!

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

On Good Friday, we began the Divine Mercy Novena as requested by our Lord. Please join us at 3pm each day in the church at St. Michael or pray at home with us. 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 with instructions on how to pray the novena chaplet. It is prayed on Rosary beads.

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 began on Good Friday and concludes on Apr. 10.

**At 3pm on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11)
we will hold a special holy hour.**

Holy Hour - to Pray for Priests

On **Friday, April 9th, at 7 PM**, we will hold a special hour of prayer for priests. Michael Corsini, a husband, father, painter and music minister, will lead us in meditative songs and prayers for all our priests. We will specifically be asking the intercession of Mary, Mother of Priests. Michael has painted an image of Mary under this title according to her appearance to St. Faustina. The image will be present during the holy hour to inspire us as we ask Our Lady's intercession for her priest sons throughout the world.



"Transformed into a hymn of adoration"

St. Faustina wrote a prayer of adoration to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Her love, expressed as adoration, can inspire us to flee to his Eucharistic Presence in church:

"And although You have hidden Yourself and concealed Your beauty, my eye, enlightened by faith, reaches You and my soul recognizes its Creator, its Highest Good, and my heart is completely immersed in prayer of adoration.

My Lord and Creator, your Goodness encourages me to converse with You. Your mercy abolishes the chasm which separates the Creator from the creature. To converse with You, O Lord, is the delight of my heart. In You I find everything that my heart could desire. Here You light illumines my mind, enabling it to know You more and more deeply. Here streams of graces flow down upon my heart. Here my soul draws eternal life. O my Lord and Creator, You alone, beyond all these gifts, give Your own self to me and unite Yourself intimately with Your miserable creature.

O Christ, let my greatest delight be to see You loved and Your praise and glory proclaimed, especially the honor of Your mercy. O Christ, let me glorify Your goodness and mercy to the last moment of my life, with every drop of my blood and every beat of my heart. Would that I be transformed into a hymn of adoration of You. When I find myself on my deathbed, may the last beat of my heart be a loving hymn glorifying Your unfathomable mercy. Amen." (St. Faustina)

Please consider committing to one if these hours of adoration:



Monday: 1-2 PM

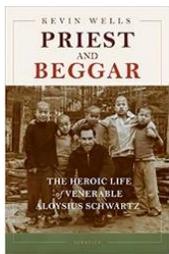
Wednesday: 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM

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.

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 eticket through Eventbrite or call Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139. Registration ends on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Volunteers needed to virtually tutor English

Do you enjoy virtually meeting people from other parishes, from different cultures? Do you enjoy teaching? Would you like to help Catholic Hispanic lay leaders improve their English? This tutoring program is a wonderful opportunity to live out Pope Francis' call to become neighbors, to journey with people from different walks of life. Tutor training will occur in May. All training and tutoring will be done with Zoom or other virtual programs. For more information contact Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org, (202) 315-9440.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – March 28, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 4618.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 1430.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	04/03/21	8 PM	Parishioners
Sunday	04/04/21	8 AM	Paul Dufersne +
Sunday	04/04/21	10 AM	Shirley Watson +
Sunday	04/04/21	11:30 AM	Donna Cranford +
Monday	04/05/21	7 AM	Jeremi Frantz
Tuesday	04/06/21	8 AM	Phil Stanten
Wednesday	04/07/21	7 AM	Megan Anderson
Thursday	04/08/21	8AM	Gene Patterson
Friday	04/09/21	7AM	Sharon Paternoster
Saturday	04/10/21	8 AM	Deacon Ralph Cyrus, Jr. +

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!

Neighbor in Need?

If you know of any St. Michael or St. Dominic parishioners living in Prince Georges County who are in need of mortgage or rental assistance, speak to Fr. Flum.