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Dear brothers and sisters,

In this Easter season, while we reflect on the Resurrection of the Lord and look forward to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it is no digression to consider the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the early church and her continuing presence today. She is truly our Mother!



Sacred Scripture records the presence of the Holy Virgin in the upper room with the Apostles: *"All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."* (Acts 1:14) Why were they in the upper room praying together? Because the Lord had made a promise: *"...you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you."* (Acts 1:8) *"I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."* (Luke 24:49)

When the Son of God was to become man, we read in Scripture that the angel Gabriel told Mary that: *"The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."* (Luke 1:35) It should always be kept in mind that the Holy Spirit has a special relationship with the Holy Virgin.

The Spirit of Life, who is the power behind the development of the whole universe, accomplished his greatest work when the Word of God became flesh in Mary's womb. That same Spirit came to the upper room, after the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, to give new life to the Church, again through his Bride, the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is both the Spouse of the Holy Spirit and a preeminent member of the Church. The life of the Church is an on-going work of love between Mary, the Mother of the Church and the Holy Spirit.

Today, as we give thanks and honor to our mothers, let us not forget to remember our Blessed Mother. The family Rosary is a most fitting gift to mom and to Mary!

Come Holy Spirit, Fr. Martin Flum



*** Wednesday, May 19 ***

Our Lady of Guadalupe Comes to St. Michael !



The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is coming to the Washington DC/Maryland area during the last 3 weeks of May. The event is called "The Triumph of Mary Tour". It will consist of a series of visitations to various parishes in the area and appearances at abortion sites. An outline of the visit to our parish:

6:00 PM – The 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 have been the occasion for 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.

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*, #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

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!

Hope Blossoms - our Roots Run Deep

Virtual Event Benefiting St Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families - 160 years of supporting vulnerable women and their children. May 13, 2021 @ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Tickets: [HTTPS://HOPE2021.GIVESMART.COM](https://HOPE2021.GIVESMART.COM).



Join us for our **Eucharistic Procession together at St. Michael’s every Wednesday at 8 PM!** Our weekly procession is a public expression of our Eucharistic Faith in the Real Presence of

Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. While we process with Jesus outdoors on our property we are asking the Lord to bless our parishioners and all people who live in our parish boundaries.

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!

HR 5, The Equality Act

The U.S. Bishops have publicly spoken against HR 5, more commonly known as “the Equality Act”. The bill has passed the U.S. House of Representatives and is currently being considered in the Senate. The bill HR 5 would discriminate against faith-based organizations including Catholic Charities and our schools. For more info and resources, please visit: <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>. To join our Bishops in opposing HR 5 by sending e-mails to lawmakers, please go to the USCCB action center page:

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/80967/Respond>

May Crowning

We are looking forward to the crowning of Our Lady this year on Sunday, May 23rd, the Feast of Pentecost after the 11:30 am Mass (approximately 12:30). More details to come! The Flowering Buds of Mary young women’s group will host the event.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	05/08/21	5 PM	Virginia Gibson +
Sunday	05/09/21	8 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	05/09/21	10 AM	Our Mother’s Day Intentions
Sunday	05/09/21	11:30 AM	Delores & Arthur Lause +
Monday	05/10/21	7 AM	Claude Boswell +
Tuesday	05/11/21	8 AM	Jen Gleason
Wednesday	05/12/21	7 AM	Deacon Scott Stuart Family
Thursday	05/13/21	8 AM	The Wells Family
Friday	05/14/21	7 AM	Dennis R. Wuerl, Sr. +
Saturday	05/15/21	8 AM	Donna Cranford +

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – May 2, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 4,428.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 807.00