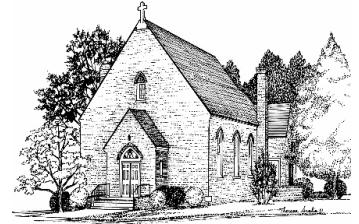




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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Archdiocese of Washington is in full thanksgiving mode as we respond to the outpouring of grace upon us this weekend. Saturday was the occasion for the ordination of a priest and several deacons by Archbishop Wilton Gregory.

While only a limited number of folks were able to attend the ceremony, we all were blessed - even if we didn't know it! Let us consider the ways....

Have you ever experienced spontaneous gratitude for the presence and ministry of a priest? I bet you have. And now we have *another* young man who has surrendered his life to the priestly vocation of service to the people of God as a spiritual father. Think of all of the lives the God the Father will be touching thru that young man's life as a priest.

The flood of grace at his ordination on Saturday will seem like a trickle when he looks back years from now upon all of the ways God has used him to touch the souls of innumerable people. May the good Lord give him many years of fruitful service to the Church of Washington.

As a father, one of the fruits of his life as a priest will be the young men whom he will inspire to consider giving their life to Christ as a priest. The grace of his ordination then begins to become exponential as Jesus moves in the lives of others who are called to serve as priestly fathers in the family of God.

It is Father's Day in our nation. In Italy, Father's Day is very fittingly celebrated on the feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary. The fatherly parallels between St. Joseph and the priesthood are even more profound than between St. Joseph and biological fathers.

On Saturday, a young man who was ordained became another St. Joseph to the Church, to the Holy Virgin and to souls. The constant concern of Joseph, the virgin spouse of Mary, was the Holy Family. In his fidelity to the gift of celibacy, the new priest will embody the presence of the divine Bridegroom. All of his priestly energies will be lavished upon the Church. The Holy Virgin, the Mother of the Church, continues to extend her maternal solicitude upon God's children. She will depend on her new priest to imitate Joseph - humble, hardworking and holy – on behalf of her children.

Father, You have fed us with the Bread that came down from heaven filled with every delight! Fr. Martin Flum

Father Cusick's Introduction

June 20, 2021

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. In just a few short weeks, 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.

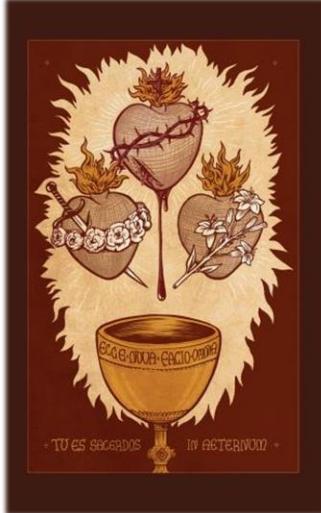
Before joining you in person, I also want to share with you a slight change in the daily Mass schedule. As many of you know, a priest takes one day off each week. This is a priest's "Sunday" or sabbath rest when he gets a chance for rest, run important errands, and do various activities apart from the 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

54 Day Rosary Novena and Prayer for Fr. Mark Cusick

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.



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 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, 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, Vaugh 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, 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!

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

We have received the joyful announcement from Archbishop Gregory that beginning the weekend of Sunday June 27:

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).

MASS INTENTIONS

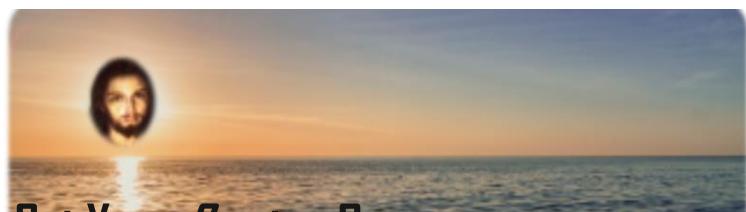
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| Saturday | 06/19/21 | 5 PM | The Zager Family |
| Sunday | 06/20/21 | 8 AM | Garland Proctor + |
| Sunday | 06/20/21 | 10 AM | Parishioners |
| Sunday | 06/20/21 | 11:30 AM | Sophie Basak + |
| Monday | 06/21/21 | 7 AM | Donna Cranford + |
| Tuesday | 06/22/21 | 8 AM | Mgrs. Francis G. Kazista + |
| Wednesday | 06/23/21 | 7 AM | Betty Ann Proctor |
| Thursday | 06/24/21 | 8 AM | Sylvia Giese + |
| Friday | 06/25/21 | 7 AM | Rosanna Roberts + |
| Saturday | 06/26/21 | 8 AM | Fran O'Neill |

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – June 13, 2021

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| St. Michael | Offertory Collection | \$ 3,930.00 |
| St. Dominic | Offertory Collection | \$ 698.00 |

Peter's Pence will be the second collection the weekend of June 27th - this is the collection for the Holy Father's charities.

May God Reward Your Generosity!



Get Your Son-tan On

Please consider committing to one of these hours for basking in the grace of Eucharistic Adoration:

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: 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.

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 recurring weekly schedule, which remains the same.** Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4EAFAF2AABFA7-open>

Farewell, Fr. Flum! – Potluck

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| When: | Sunday, June 27 th , after the 11:30 Mass |
| Where: | Fr. Kapaun Hall (the parish hall) |
| What to Bring: | Any side dish you want! |

We love you, Father Flum, and we will miss you, but we are happy you have this opportunity to fulfill your God-given calling. God bless you!