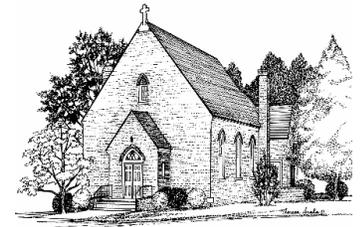




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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

Just a few weeks ago before we celebrated the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven, we heard Him say to his closest friends, the Apostles, *“But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go.”* (Jn 16:7)

As we approach the date of Fr. Cusick’s arrival and my departure, I would like to reflect on how that saying of Jesus applies to my going away as well.

Now for sure, Jesus was speaking very specifically of the approaching Pentecost event when the Holy Spirit would come to heal and energize the Apostles for their ministry which would start in Jerusalem and in time spread over the entire face of the earth. That evangelical impulse caused the immediate expansion of the Church. From our point of view 2000 years later, we can see how his going away and the consequent outpouring of the Holy Spirit was of such benefit to us all. The departure of the Lord by his Ascension, while distressing to the Apostles, was truly better for them.

“For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” (Jn 16:7)

While I cannot make the same promise about what will happen after I leave, it is true that it is better for you if I go.

This is why. each of us has a personal relationship with God in the Body of Christ, the Church. The good Lord has plans for each of us that issue from his fatherly heart. At this time, He has made it abundantly clear to me that my vocation as a priest is to be lived out in silence and solitude as a hermit.

In the history of the Church, the call to live the life of St. John the Baptist or St. Antony has been a relatively rare invitation and profoundly misunderstood. Realistically, I cannot expect you to understand why a parish priest might be of greater benefit to the Church in the solitude of the desert.

But when we each respond with submission to God’s plan for us, we are supporting the Church as a whole. It is certain that if I do God’s will in this matter, the Church will benefit in ways that are mysterious and wonderful. This is true also for this parish and mission. As we approach your jubilee year in the company of Joseph and Mary, get prepared for a deluge of grace! Jesus Eucharistic, shine on us!

Father, You created us, to You we belong, Fr. Martin Flum



Blessing of the Marian Arch & First Friday Mass

7 PM Fatima’s Song, Blessing and Dedication of our Lady’s Statue and arch by Fr. Flum, Consecration Prayer and Salve Regina

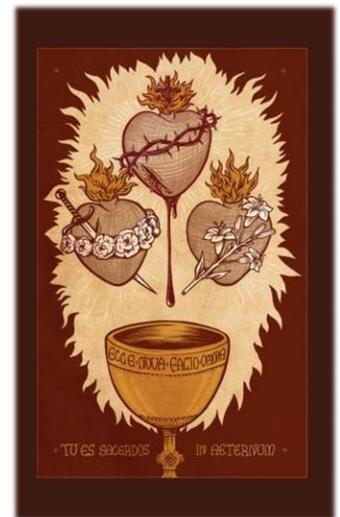
7:30 PM Mass of the Sacred Heart

8:00-9:00 PM Holy Hour of Reparation with the Rosary (Confessions available)

Followed by a reception in the Hall

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 this 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).

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – June 20, 2021

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| St. Michael | Offertory Collection | \$ 3,272.00 |
| St. Dominic | Offertory Collection | \$ 878.00 |

Please PRAY for our SICK

(Please notify us if you should 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, 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:

Thursday: 12-1 PM, 1-2 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

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>

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Contact your representatives!
Raise awareness and urge Catholics to sign the petition:
NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

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. 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

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | 06/26/21 | 5 PM | Jessica Stecklein |
| Sunday | 06/27/21 | 8 AM | Parishioners |
| Sunday | 06/27/21 | 10 AM | Rev. William Goode + |
| Sunday | 06/27/21 | 11:30 AM | Elenor Nasatka + |
| Monday | 06/28/21 | 7 AM | Georgianna Bentley + |
| Tuesday | 06/29/21 | 8 AM | Florence Dufresne + |
| Wednesday | 06/30/21 | 7 AM | Betty Ann Proctor |
| Thursday | 07/01/21 | 8 AM | Kate Lynch + |
| Friday | 07/02/21 | 7 AM | Shirley Ann Watson + |
| Friday | 07/02/21 | 7:30 PM | Rev. Mark Cusick |
| Saturday | 07/03/21 | 8 AM | Rev. Martin Flum |