



St. Michael Catholic Church

Mission of St. Dominic

Pastor: Father Mark A. Cusick

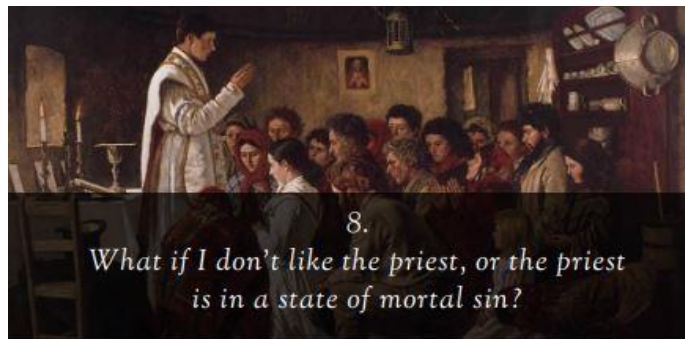
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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 5th, 2023



All priests act in persona Christi (in the person of Christ) when they celebrate Mass and the Order of the Mass is the same all over the world, so if the priest is offering the Mass as the Church intends, his presence does not have any impact on the true meaning and benefits of the Mass. For all sacraments, the Church teaches that they are effective by virtue of the saving work of Christ—"they are efficacious because in them Christ himself is at work" (CCC 1127). The Mass, or any other sacrament, is "not wrought by the righteousness of either the celebrant or the recipient, but by the power of God" (CCC 1128). So, we can be assured that the bread and wine are transformed sacramentally into the Body and Blood of Christ as long as the celebrant is a validly ordained priest. As humans, we enjoy the experience of the Mass much more when we hear an inspiring homily or participate in great music. But even if these are not present at the Mass, it remains Christ's gift to us—a gift that is given to us in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. We are all accustomed to being spectators of various forms of entertainment, many of which take place on a stage, but the Mass is not a form of religious entertainment. Sitting at Mass as in an audience, some mistakenly confuse the altar or ambo with a stage. The Mass is not a performance, nor is it entertainment. It is not intended to amuse or pacify us, and the ministers are not actors paid to win our applause. As for the homily, most priests or deacons will in good conscience aim to connect the Scripture readings with our human experience. Some priests or deacons are better preachers than others. If you are struggling to appreciate the homily, focus on the part that relates most directly to Scripture just read. Then after Mass, you can re-read the same Scripture and pray over it, asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten you further. In addition, try to hear God speaking to you in the readings directly, and in the prayers and rituals of the Mass. Rise above the common human tendency to judge someone or something based on a single negative experience. Look for the aspects of the Mass that transcend human personalities, usually the same aspects that transcend time and space.

Source: "Why Stay Away? Encountering Heaven on Earth" published by Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, 2018.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Announcement Weekend is Here!



Next weekend (Feb. 11 & 12) will be our commitment weekend. The Annual Appeal provides critical funding for more than 70 ministries active across The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Your gift will have a broad and lasting impact for thousands in our local communities of faith.

100% of your gift to the Annual Appeal is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and cannot be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, your gift will be credited towards our parish goal. You can read more about the 2023 Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the 2023 Annual Appeal. Your steadfast generosity will be a force for good in our Church today.

"Come Walk With Me"

Friday, February 24th 7:00pm

Mark Forrest ✿ Irish Tenor

Join Mark for a Lenten Evening of Prayer with music, prayers, and meditations before the Blessed Sacrament.



**St. Mary of the Assumption
Catholic Church**
14908 Main Street Upper
Marlboro, MD

Call 301-627-3255 for more
information.

Daily Gospel Readings for this Week



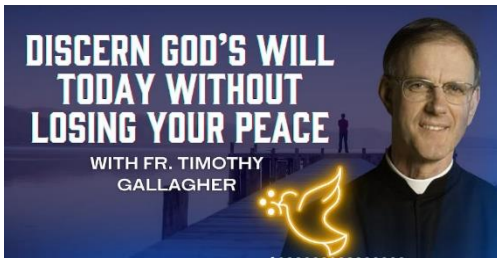
Monday – Mt 28:16-20

Tuesday – Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday – Mark 7:14-23

Thursday – Mark 7:24-30

Friday – Lk 10:38-42



Chris Stefanik Show

Even the most faithful Catholics struggle with discernment.

Figuring out what God wants can really stress you out. But when you develop your discernment skills, you can relax. There's no peace like knowing you're in tune with God's will.

That's why it's so cool to have Fr. Timothy Gallagher with us! He's spent years deep-diving into Ignatian prayer and the Rules for Discernment. He's also written some excellent books of discernment advice, which you're going to hear from.

If you've ever felt like flinging your arms out and yelling up to the heavens "God, what do you WANT?!?" then listen to this!

Haven't been on **FORMED** yet? Here's how to sign-in to our parish account:

1. Go to formed.org
2. Click "Sign Up as a Parishioner"
3. To "Find your Parish or Organization" search for "Brandywine, MD" and select St. Michael's Catholic Church from the drop down list.
4. Enter your name and email, and you're done! You now have access to the entire FORMED library!

Trivia Night – Sacred Heart, La Plata

Sacred Heart Parish in LaPlata will be hosting a trivia night on Saturday, February 11th after their 5pm Mass in the Friendship room, which is in the basement of the church. Tickets are on sale for \$25 per person or \$135 for a table of 6. Deadline to reserve a table no later than February 6th. Food will be provided.

For more information contact Anna Albrittain 240-901-2254 or email: aalbrittain@sacredheartlaplata.org



[What does God want?!](#)
[Rules for discernment with Fr. Timothy Gallagher](#)

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM St. Michael
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM St. Michael
10:00 AM St. Dominic
Tues - Fri 8:00 AM, First Sat 9:00 AM,
1st Fri: 7:30 PM, all at St. Michael

Confession Times

Sunday: 7:30 AM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM
Saturday: 4:00 PM

Daily Adoration

Visit our [website](#) for the full schedule



Please PRAY for our SICK

(Please notify us if you or your family member should be removed)
Tiffany Barbour, Joe Bauer, Joanne Butler, Gavin Birl, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Grayson Bowling, Madison Brady, Flossie Brown, James Brown, Keith Brown & Family, Lynn Brown, Thomas Canavan Ann Canter, Larry Canter, Sr., Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Andrew Catterton, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Mary Connick, Finn Cusick, Stacey Danielson, Donnie Deuval, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Shaun Donnelly, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Robert Flum, Rosemary Flum, Bert Hall-Foxwell, Jerry Frisby, Gerald Gray, Frances Hall-Jones, Tim Hayden, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Crystal Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Marie Knobel, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Shirley Ann Lucas, Ida Makle, John Martone II, Teddy Miller, Ralph & Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Thomas Pancamo, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Michael Proctor, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Paul Richards, Ann Bowie Rice, Lorrie Riess, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Dave Spadaro, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Patricia & Thomas Stuart, Stephanie, Fr. Larry Swink, George Thomas, Tara Turner, Christopher Wallace, Jackie Weaver, Joseph & Patricia Welch, Jim Williams, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Dean R. Young, Lewis Young, Theodore Young.

Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! Jesus, I trust in You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	2/04/23	5 PM	Camilo Moreno
Sunday	2/05/23	8 AM	Maria Moreno
Sunday	2/05/23	10 AM	Eunice Moreno
Sunday	2/05/23	11:30 AM	Parishioners
Tuesday	2/07/23	8 AM	Norka Murat Intentions
Wed	2/08/23	8 AM	Norka Murat Intentions
Thursday	2/09/23	8 AM	Adavid Montero
Friday	2/10/23	8 AM	Tourissa Alcindor +
Saturday	2/11/23	5 PM	Parishioners

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - Jan. 29, 2023

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 5133 .00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 1076 .00

May God reward your generosity!