

St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 14th, 2024

Reflection by St. Michael's Parishioner, Christina Esposito

When Adoration started at St. Michael's, it was something new to me. I was open to it and wanted to learn. It didn't take me long to realize that it is my most intimate, peaceful, and quiet time with our Lord.

Usually, I have had a busy morning taking my granddaughter to school, or she comes with me, and we pick up a friend and all go to Adoration together. It is sometimes hard to turn the noise of the rushed morning off.

Yet, as I sit in silence, it is there that I feel I am home. He has given me (us) so much love and countless blessings. I can then Praise and Thank Him. I can talk to him about all of the worries and issues at hand. I can ask for his guidance and help. Most of all, I can bring to Him all the things I regret or am sorry for. I sit in the quiet just to listen and think, sometimes even praying through Gospel readings. Wherever the hour takes us, it is always helpful and warms my heart. He is always patient with me and reminds me of his love.

When I think about how a younger version of me would have asked, what do you do at Adoration for an hour? An hour sometimes isn't long enough. It's my opportunity to offer Him my mind and heart.

Adoration is not a task. For me, it is a fulfillment of enriching my relationship with the Lord. I am truly grateful for the peace it leaves. As the busy Christmas season is ending, spend that one precious hour with Him and Him alone.

Daily Gospel Readings for this Week



Monday – Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday – Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday – Mt 19:16-26 Thursday – Mk 3:7-12 Friday – Mk 3:13-19

JOIN US FOR THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Washington, D.C. | January 19, 2024

Friday, January 19th

9 AM Mass at St. Michael's

11 AM departure from St. Mary's, Upper Marlboro

Although Roe v. Wade has been overruled, there is still so much work to do to protect the sanctity of life. Parishioners of St. Michael's and St. Dominic's are teaming up with the parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption in Upper Marlboro to take a bus to the March for Life in DC. We will have Mass together at St. Michael's at 9 AM before gathering at St. Mary's to board the bus. The bus will leave the St. Mary's parking lot at 11 AM and return around 5 PM. Please RSVP for the bus on our website or to Joanna Hellerman at joanna@stmichaelbaden.org, (240)681-3551.

Following in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II
Pilgrimage to Poland with

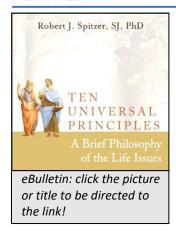
Fr. Rob Maro & Fr. Mark Cusick OCTOBER 13-23,2024



EXCITING NEWS! Father Cusick will be leading a pilgrimage to Poland in October 2024. We will visit many holy sites such as Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, the birthplace of St. John Paul II, and many other amazing sites! The trip cost of \$4,180 (per person, with double occupancy) will include flights, hotels, meals, daily Mass, all tours, and all transfers.

Please take a flyer/itinerary from the back of the church and consider signing up for this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage!

FORMED Recommendation



Ten Universal Principles by Fr. Robert Spitzer

Audio Book

How do we make sense of life? How should we treat others? How should we reasonably be expected to be treated by others? When human life is at stake, are there reasonable principles we can rely on to guide our actions? How should our laws be framed to protect human life?

What kind of society should be built?

Many people rely on their religious beliefs to answer these questions. But not everyone accepts the same religious premises or recognizes the same spiritual authorities. Are there "public arguments"—reasons that can be given that do not presuppose agreement on religious grounds or common religious commitments—that can guide our thoughts and actions, as well as our laws and public policies?

In Ten Universal Principles: A Brief Philosophy of the Life Issues, Father Robert Spitzer, S.J. sets out, in a brief, yet highly-readable and lucid style, ten basic principles that must govern the reasonable person's thinking and acting about life issues. A highly regarded philosopher, Father Spitzer provides an intelligent outline for thinking and talking about human life. This book is a powerful tool for persuasively articulating and effectively enculturating a pro-life philosophy.



Pro-Life Ultrasound Machine Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

On Saturday, January 20, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, at Sacred Heart, La Plata, in the Friendship Room (basement of the church),

the Knights of Columbus will host a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds to purchase a new ultrasound machine for the Catherine Foundation. Through various matching deals brokered by the Knights, every \$100 donated will be matched with an additional \$300+!!! Please come and help to raise the \$10,000 we need to save unborn babies for years to come. Dinner will consist of salad, spaghetti w/ meatballs, garlic bread, wine, and other beverages. Come for dinner and donate the amount of your choice; tickets are not needed. Checks may be made out to Archbishop Neale Council 2279 or to The Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc. Please mark "Ultrasound 2279" on the memo line.

God Made a Fr. Cusick...

Pick up a copy from the vestibule of the speech made at the Epiphany Hoedown by Mr. Hal C. Rich III (adapted from Paul Harvey's "God Made a Farmer Speech" to the FFA in Kansas City, MO Nov-1978) as a tribute to Fr. Cusick.

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, 1st Fri 7:30 PM, First Sat 9:00 AM, 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) Brenda Baden-Ritter, Joe Bauer, Joanne Butler, Gavin Birl, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Grayson Bowling, Madison Brady, Flossie Brown, James Brown, John Brown, Jr., Lynn Brown, Thomas Canavan, Ann Canter, Larry Canter, Sr., Richard Canter, Sr., Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Andrew Catterton, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Christine Clontz, Mary Connick, Terri Cox, Stacey Danielson, Judy Dement, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Shaun Donnelly, Kathy Fisher, Rosemary Flum, Foley Family, Gloria Foley, Bert Hall-Foxwell, Mike Frisby, Jerry Frisby, Don Gardiner, Gerald Gray, Glenn Hale, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Randy Herriott, Larry Horton, Crystal Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Jackie Markam, Mike & Elaine Mohun, John Martone II, Teddy Miller, Neal Myers, Ralph & Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Thomas Pancamo, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Lena Pettit, Joyce Pickeral, Donald Prather, Michael Proctor, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Paul Richards, Ann Bowie Rice, Lorrie Riess, Bonnie Robertson, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Garrett Sawall, Sylvia Scott, Thomas Scott, Jr., Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Dave Spadaro, Robin, Patricia & Thomas Stuart, Fr. Larry Swink, George Thomas, Bernard Torreyson, Cecelia Turner, Joseph & Jean Wade, Doug Walker, Raymond Washington, Jackie Weaver, Joseph & Patricia Welch, Jim Williams, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Cheryl Young, Dean R. Young, Lewis Young, and Theodore Young.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	01/13/24	5:00 PM	Frisby-Foley Family
Sunday	01/14/24	8:00 AM	Kenny + & Betty Lindsay
Sunday	01/14/24	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	01/14/24	11:30 AM	Joanna Hellerman
Tuesday	01/16/24	8:00 AM	Bill Kable +
Wednesday	01/17/24	8:00 AM	Donna Keegan +
Thursday	01/18/24	8:00 AM	Lori McMahon
Friday	01/19/24	8:00 AM	Anonymous Benefactor

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - Jan 7, 2023

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$ 4609.00 St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$ 1185.00

May God reward your generosity!