



## St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Reflection by St. Michael's Parishioner, Amelia Gray*

My first encounter with Christ in the Eucharist was when I received my First Holy Communion. While preparing for that important event, we were instructed to give full reverence because once the host is consecrated, at that point, it is changed into the Body of Christ.

As a child, it's hard to comprehend and understand Transubstantiation. I see the physical aspects, but it takes the eyes of Faith to accept fully the true change in substance that is happening during Mass.

As an adult, I found out that what I learned from school is not enough to grow spiritually.

I was led to reading books and attending talks by dynamic speakers like Scott Hahn, author of "Supper of the Lamb." In addition, I signed up for various retreats.

That's when I was exposed to Eucharistic Adoration.

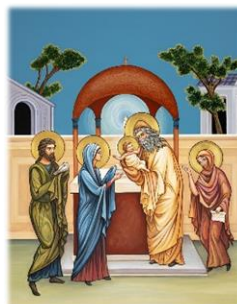
For me, what started as a 15-minute visit to the Blessed Sacrament, translated into a monthly First Friday Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart with a Holy Hour. Finally, this monthly encounter with Jesus became weekly when I joined the Family Prayer Group. The families met in church for prayers. Fr. Flum became our group's spiritual advisor at when he served at St. Peter's (our parish at the time), and he added the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. That went on for years until our children went to college and got married.

During Covid, I was looking for a church that stayed open on Sundays. I was led to St. Michael's, and I found out that Fr. Flum was back in the area and now the pastor of that church. I didn't realize that this small church, hidden in Brandywine, is full of different devotions, and I was excited to find out about daily Eucharistic Adoration.

My husband and I immediately signed up for a time that we can also participate in the Divine Mercy Chaplet which is prayed daily at 3pm. We eventually switched parishes.

In Adoration, I find peace and solace in times of trials. I feel His presence, talking to me, giving me guidance and advice.

I have a feeling of calmness as I leave each week... I leave trusting and hoping that He will take care of me and always provide for my needs.



## Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Feast of the Presentation

**Holy Mass at 8 AM**

Originally celebrated in the Eastern Churches as "the Meeting" or "Encounter," in the 6<sup>th</sup> century it began to be celebrated in the West, where the focus became the Purification of

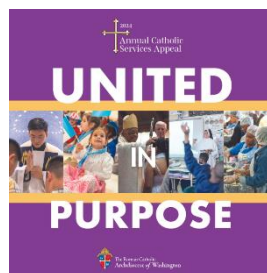
the Blessed Virgin Mary and was accompanied by solemn blessings and processions with candles; hence, it is popularly called "Candlemas." By the offerings of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph and the prophecy of Simeon, the life of Christ here begins to point toward His Resurrection.

**Join us for this beautiful liturgy on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8 AM at St. Michael's.**

"The *presentation* of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its *encounter* with the Savior – the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-awaited Messiah, the 'light to the nations' and the 'glory of Israel,' but also 'a sign that is spoken against.' The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God has 'prepared in the presence of all peoples.'"

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 529)

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal



Next weekend, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, is commitment weekend for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2024 *Annual Catholic Services Appeal*. Your steadfast generosity is a force for good in the Church today.



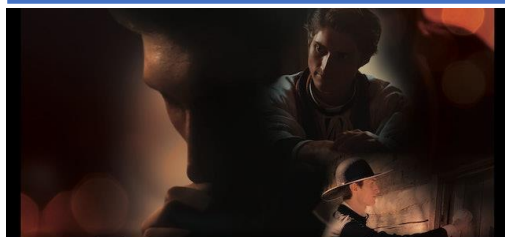
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## Daily Gospel Readings for this Week



Monday – Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday – Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday – Mt 18:1-5  
Thursday – Mk 6:7-13  
Friday – Lk 2:22-40

## FORMED Recommendation



### Father Ryan: A Higher Call

*Documentary on  
Servant of God,  
Fr. Patrick Ryan*

### FATHER RYAN: A HIGHER CALL

*eBulletin: click the picture or title to be  
directed to the link!*

In the summer of  
1878, refugees  
from the  
Memphis yellow

fever epidemic came to Chattanooga to escape the ravages of this deadly disease. Within two days, the first victims died. Nearly all the townspeople fled to the mountains surrounding Chattanooga, leaving behind those without means, the infirm and the elderly. A few brave citizens decided to stay behind to help the sick and dying. One of these was Father Patrick Ryan, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Fr. Ryan tirelessly made the rounds to the sick, suffering, and dying, regardless of race or religion, until he himself succumbed to the disease.

The Diocese of Knoxville, Tennessee, is currently petitioning Rome for Servant of God, Father Ryan's Sainthood.

## Bear Hugs – Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the "Bear Hugs" program this year. St. Michael's and St. Dominic's parishioners have helped to collect 97 bears which will be added to the overall donations to be distributed to area hospitals. Thank you once again for giving a "Bear Hug" to a child in need this Christmas season! A Mass for St. Michael's and St. Dominic's parishioners and their intentions will be said Sunday, Feb. 4th at 8:00 AM in thanksgiving for your continued support and generosity.



God bless you!



## First Saturday Next Weekend

*Due to the Memorial Mass for  
Bishop Mario Dorsonville there will  
not be a First Friday Mass this  
month.*

Join us at 9 AM Feb 3rd for First Saturday Mass and devotions! Mass will be followed by the rosary, the opportunity for confession, and a 15-minute reflection on one of the mysteries of the Rosary. Blue Army meetings will start back up in October. If you are interested in learning more about the Blue Army, contact Joanna at (240)681-3551 or [joanna@stmichaelbaden.org](mailto:joanna@stmichaelbaden.org).

## 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 at St. Michael

Sunday: 7:30 – 7:45 AM

Wednesday: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM

## Adoration Sunday - Friday

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, JR Boswell, 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	01/27/24	5:00 PM	Joseph F. Mona +
Sunday	01/28/24	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	01/28/24	10:00 AM	Angela L. Savoy +
Sunday	01/28/24	11:30 AM	Recca Brown +
Tuesday	01/30/24	8:00 AM	Anonymous Benefactor
Wednesday	01/31/24	8:00 AM	Bishop Mario Dorsonville +
Thursday	02/01/24	8:00 AM	Philip Rodney +
Friday	02/02/24	8:00 AM	Lori McMahon
Saturday	02/03/24	9:00 AM	Private Intention

## YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - Jan 21, 2024

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 1871.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 455.00

May God reward your generosity!