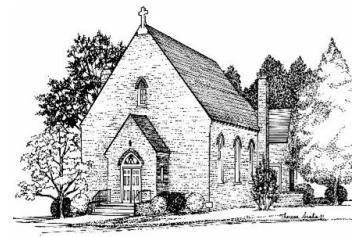




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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

Reflection by St. Michael's Parishioner, Gerry Gray

I consider myself a cradle Catholic and attended Catholic school all the way to 8th grade. As a young adult, though, I fell away from the practice of the Catholic Faith. At one point, I was invited to attend a non-denominational Christian Church, and I began to go there on Sundays.

When I was preparing to get married in the Catholic Church, Fr. Gude, who was then pastor at St. Mary's Star of the Sea in Indian Head, made it clear to us that our children must be baptized and raised as Catholics. Since I did not denounce my Catholic faith, I only needed to have a few meetings with Fr. Gude along with the Sacrament of Penance to be able to marry in the Church. In addition, Fr. Gude gave us the Jerome Bible as a wedding gift. He wanted me to switch reading the Catholic version of the Bible.

At the start, my wife and I agreed to alternate attending Mass and the non-denominational service. She had no problem with that because she could attend a vigil Mass which satisfied the Sunday obligation.

Four months later, I grew tired of the set up and told my wife that I wanted to join the family every Sunday for Mass and remain a Catholic.

Since my Catholic beliefs were distorted, I was confused and had a hard time believing in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and understanding the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In spite of what was going on with my spiritual life, we joined a weekly family prayer group at St. Peter's. Eventually, I became friends with the guys and our families became a support to each other. It was there, through Fr. Flum, that I was first exposed to Eucharistic Adoration.

When my wife had a stroke and was paralyzed on her right side, I became her full-time caregiver. In order for her to attend and participate in different activities, she needed someone to drive her around. She signed up for a weekly hour of Adoration, extending our time to stay for the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

This time, Adoration is different because it's not praying with a group, but instead, on a more personal level. It's a one-on-one encounter with Jesus. A small part of me is still battling to accept that He is there, present in the Eucharist.

I have been praying for my continued conversion back to the Catholic faith. I truly believe this is all God's plan. He used my wife's circumstances to give me the opportunity to spend time with Him in Adoration, to know Him more and to grow spiritually.

How God works in very special ways!! He used my wife as His way of reaching out to me.

LENT BEGINS SOON

Ash Wednesday – February 14th

Masses at St. Michael's

8 AM and 7 PM

Confessions will be heard following both Masses and before 7 PM Mass from 6-6:45 PM.

Ash Wednesday is a day of required fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics.

FAQs on fasting:

Who must fast?

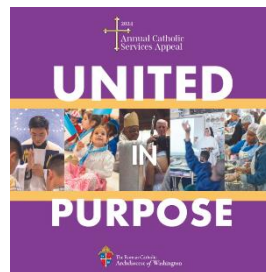
For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are *obligatory* from age 18 until age 59.

However, those outside this age group should still fast as their strength allows. Pregnant and nursing mothers are also not obligated to fast.

How much should I eat when I fast?

When fasting, a person is *permitted* to eat, at most, one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal



This weekend, February 3rd & 4th, 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 – Lk 9:23-26

Tuesday – Mt 28: 16-20

Wednesday – Mk 7:14-23

Thursday – Mk 7:24-30

Friday – Mk 7:31-37



Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Feature Film

Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy

priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator.

Having suffered much in his own youth and growing up without a father gave him compassion for many orphans, and his profound charity shines through in this film. His deep devotion to and trust in Our Lady was a great source of blessings and strength for his work with youth that continues to this day. Patsy Kensit and Karl Zinny also star with Gazzara, and the film was directed by Leandro Castellani.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.



Soup and Stations on Fridays in Lent – Coming Soon!

This Lent, the parish will again host meatless Soup Suppers at the hall prior to Stations of the Cross. Soup Suppers will take place at 6 PM in the hall. We will ask you to please RSVP by the Wednesday

prior so we can give the volunteer soup chefs a headcount. You can call the office to RSVP or by using the link to an online sign-up which will be sent via a Flocknote email. We will also be asking for volunteers to bring soup each week, so start thinking now about what you would like to make!



Part – Time Bookkeeper Needed at St. Joseph's, Pomfret

Part-time bookkeeper needed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pomfret, MD. Responsibilities include but are not limited to recording and maintaining business transactions, cutting checks as well as biweekly payroll. Flexible hours. Send resume to stjoeoffice@comcast.net or call Beth at the parish office 301-539-3903 for information.

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	02/03/24	5:00 PM	Kim Oliver
Sunday	02/04/24	8:00 AM	Bear Hugs Donors
Sunday	02/04/24	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	02/04/24	11:30 AM	Lori McMahon
Tuesday	02/06/24	8:00 AM	Anonymous Benefactor
Wednesday	02/07/24	8:00 AM	Kris Larsen
Thursday	02/08/24	8:00 AM	James Goldsmith
Friday	02/09/24	8:00 AM	Joyce Boswell +

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - Jan 28, 2024

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 2630 .00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 1007 .00

May God reward your generosity!