

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Celebrating 173 Years as the Catholic Community in the Heart of Pikesville

Mission Statement

Saint Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church is a Christian Community bonded by faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action through prayer, education, evangelization and service.

JUNE 20TH, 2021
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM (~~Traditional Choir~~)

Sunday: 8:30AM, 11:00AM (Contemporary Choir)

Monday-Friday: 7:30AM & Wednesday: 7:00PM

(No Wednesday evening Mass in June or July)

Holy Day: 7:30AM, 12:10PM, 7:30PM

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, 8:00AM-9:00AM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15PM-3:45PM; Wednesdays 6:00PM-6:55PM; or by appointment (No Wednesday evening Confessions in June or July)

Infant Baptism

Congratulations to all parents and parents to be. Baptism Preparation sessions for parents and new godparents are led by Deacon Steve once a month following the 11:00AM Mass. Contact Deacon Steve Roscher to register for a session and to arrange for the celebration of your child's baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ as they journey toward full initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) into the life of the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Steve Roscher.

Marriage

We rejoice with engaged couples, and ask them to contact Deacon Steve Roscher at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage, in order to schedule an appointment to begin marriage preparation.

Additional Sacramental Preparation

Families wishing to prepare their children for Reconciliation or First Eucharist, please contact Fr. Canisius. High School youth who are interested in Confirmation should contact Susan Lea.

Care for the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office when a parishioner is homebound, in the hospital, or in a healthcare facility and wishes to receive a visit, or any of the Sacraments. Whenever possible, please make arrangements for Anointing of the Sick before surgery or hospital admission.

Faith Formation

Religious Education sessions for children (K-8th Grade) are currently being held virtually. Contact Fr. Canisius for more information. Our High School program is a collaboration with Sacred Heart Church in Glyndon. Contact Susan Lea for more information.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN: TUESDAY AT NOON

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP . . .

✠ FROM THE DESK OF THE DEACON ✠

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day. The very first Father's Day was celebrated in the State of Washington on June 19, 1910. President Woodrow Wilson established Mother's Day as a national holiday in 1914. But it wasn't until 1972 that President Nixon declared Father's Day to be a national holiday, too. Nonetheless, during the time it was not a national holiday it was still celebrated by most Americans on the third Sunday of June each year.

That bit of history aside, what significance does Father's Day hold on this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time? Today we hear the familiar story in Mark's gospel of Jesus calming the stormy sea. While the apostles' boat was being tossed to and fro in the winds and the waves that were filling the boat with water, Jesus calmly slept on a cushion until awakened by the terrified disciples. He arose and calmed the turbulent sea. The squall was quieted as quickly as it had started. Jesus then asked the men, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" These men had witnessed the many great things that he had done, but still did not understand the power of God in Jesus.

Modern day fathers are not going to be called on to calm stormy waters, at least not in the literal sense. However, there will be many times when it will be a dad's duty to calm the emotional and spiritual squalls that arise in the lives of his children. In order to effectively accomplish that parental task, fathers need to have a firm foundation that is centered on the virtues of faith in God, hope in the Lord's promises, and a charitable heart grounded on a sense of selflessness.

Young children see their fathers as the "strongest man in the world." As they get to the age of reason, that strength is not only seen in a physical sense, but also in the realm of emotion and spirit. When the squalls of life stir up in the lives of his children, a father needs to be the one who calms the fear and gives the assurance that the goodness of God will ultimately prevail. The father has the advantage of years that has proven to him that Jesus is with us in times of trouble. He knows that Jesus will walk beside us in the dark valleys and will lead us to restful waters. Those journeys require faith and patience. That is the assurance—faith and patience—that a loving dad instills in his child. If the "strongest man in the world" is able to humble himself before an all-loving God, then there is no more powerful lesson of life that we as fathers can give to our children. God bless you, fathers, on this special day!

~ Deacon Steve

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR CAN BE VIEWED
ON OUR ST. CHARLES FACEBOOK PAGE:
www.facebook.com/SCBPikesville/live/
OR ON OUR [ST. CHARLES YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

Date	Time	Presider	Mass Intention
Mon Jun 21	7:30am	Fr. Emmanuel	Father's Day Novena
Tue Jun 22	7:30am	Fr. Julius	Father's Day Novena
Wed Jun 23	7:30am	Fr. Julius	Gladys Streicher
Thu Jun 24	7:30am	Fr. Julius	Father's Day Novena
Fri Jun 25	7:30am	Fr. Julius	Father's Day Novena
Sat Jun 26	4:00pm	Fr. Emmanuel Deacon Steve	Father's Day Novena
Sun Jun 27	8:30am	Fr. Emmanuel	Michael A. Beavan, Jr.
Sun Jun 27	11:00am	Fr. Emmanuel Deacon Steve	People of the Parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 20th

Jb 38:1, 8-11 | 2 Cor 5:14-17 | Mk 4:35-41

Monday, June 21st

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Gn 12:1-9 | Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 22nd

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;

Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

Gn 13:2, 5-18 | Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 23rd

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 | Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 24th

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6 | Acts 13:22-26 | Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday, June 25th

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 | Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, June 26th

Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 18:1-15 | Mt 8:5-17

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 27th

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 | Mk 5:21-43

The full text of Daily Mass readings can be found at
www.bible.usccb.org or on MyParish app.

LET US PRAY WITH OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

*"There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens."*

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

...a time to heal

Ignatius Egbujonuma; Charles Ellendu; Mike Gill; Ricky Bartels; Helen Dorman; George Becker; Mary Mosner; Kathe Brown; Terry Neuman; Marge Rudie; Carol Jones; Howard R. Bullock; Harry Dill; Angelica Daniel; Illene Wolf; Sheilah Davenport; Sherry Stephenson; Jennifer Yates; Deacon Vito Piazza; Midge Tobin; Dennis Bowersox; Patricia Cummings; Kevin Roscher; Jeff Bridge; Tom Streicher; Lucas Herb; Claris Hosford; Pearl Timothy; Joann Easton; Maureen Browne; John Grimm, Sr.; Desmond Duffy; Joe Prieto; Butch Cogle; Whitney Hamacker; Erika Wright; Erica Estworthy; Helen Bennett; Margaret "Peggy" Howser; Theresa Brophy; Mary Margaret (Gillespie) Payne; Gloria Brennan; Bob & Peggy Moan; Tiffany Brown; Wendy Simpkins; Shelley McThomas; Marie McGinn; Joan Marie Getchell; Tim McNamara; Ed McBride; Andy Moan; Terry Bullinger; Betty Schmedes; Jeanette Cherigos; Steve Haywood; Joan Herion; Robert Anthony; Helen Arena; Roger Smith, Sr.; Ann Marie Goddard; Gina Vespignani; Paul Gambriell; Christine Isaac; Mashariki Sanyika; Jeff Lohinski; Kathy Justice; Mary Beth Himmelheber

May our Lord and Redeemer give health to their bodies and holiness to their souls.

...a time to be born & Baptized

Luca Toni Alleva

Daughter of Gustavo Alleva & Carissa Fleck
Baptized into Christ's body on June 6th



Altar Flowers



Donated by:
Tom Streicher

In Memory of: **Gladys Streicher**

If you would like to provide altar flowers for an upcoming weekend in 2021 in memory of a loved one; or in honor of a special occasion, contact the parish office at 410-486-5400. The donation is \$50.

CHILDREN'S READINGS & CLOSED CAPTIONS

Weekly videos are posted on our Facebook page proclaiming the Sunday readings from a simplified lectionary translation created for children. These videos also contain "closed captions" so they are wonderful for those who suffer from hearing loss or are deaf. They are about 9-10 minutes long. Gather the family and check it out this weekend!



COME BE COMMUNITY FOR OTHERS...

Be a Greeter/Usher and help welcome our parishioners back! Or help us to sanitize the church

after Mass to keep our worship space safe for all. We also need someone to lead our Hospitality Team. Training will be provided. If you are able to serve in one of these important liturgical ministries please contact the parish office at charlesst@comcast.net or 410-486-5400.

Fr. Ray's Prayer Poem for Sunday, June 20th

Part I...in the words of Second Corinthians 5:17

*"...the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come."*

Part II...in another's words, a prayer-poem –

there are old things
in this world
it's self evident

they're passe
having tired the human spirit
for long too long

they fill spaces
reserved for the new
always in the wings
simply waiting for the space

in order to behold
what can't yet be envisioned
it seems necessary
for an "unbeholding"
what one's eyes have beheld
way too long

[a resolved "amen"]

-Fr. Ray

ONLINE PARISH MASSES

DAILY MASS: Monday-Friday at 7:30am
SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00pm
SUNDAY MASS: 11:00am

www.facebook.com/SCBPikesville/live/

**OR on our St. Charles YouTube channel:
[St Charles Borromeo Church Pikesville, MD](#)**

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS

Archbishop Lori celebrates Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 11:00am each Sunday. It is broadcast live on Ch.24 (MyTV Baltimore); Comcast Xfinity (803); and Verizon (509). A livestream of the Mass is available online at: archbalt.org/online-mass/ or on the *myParish* app.



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST
JUNE 6, 2021 – JUNE 19, 2022
*Archbishop Lori invites you to
 encounter Christ during the
 Year of the Eucharist!*

If you have been away from Mass for a while, welcome back – Jesus has been waiting patiently for you and his Church is more complete when you are here. If you have been worshipping with us since the churches reopened, we have been blessed by your presence. Whether you have been receiving Christ sacramentally in the Eucharist or offering a spiritual communion from home, Christ has been with you and the witness to this encounter that is expressed by your lives has made a difference in this world.

Over the course of the next year, we encourage you to Encounter Christ in all the ways he is present in the Mass: the sacrament of the Eucharist, the assembly of God's people, the sacred Word proclaimed, and the priest-celebrant. Keep an eye out for the many ways during this Year of the Eucharist that you can deepen your relationship with Christ, be encouraged to grow in faith with each other, bear witness to the Risen Lord, and be strengthened to serve him wherever you find yourself.

To stay up to date with Year of the Eucharist events and celebrations in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese:

- ♦ Text CHRIS2021 to 84576
- ♦ Visit www.archbalt.org/year-of-the-eucharist

FAITH FORMATION . . .



BAPTISM PREPARATION can be held via ZOOM or in person. To learn more, or to schedule a baptism for your child, please email Deacon Steve at: steve.roscher@archbalt.org

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Children's Religious Education Program will resume in September. Registration information for next year's program will be available on our website and in the bulletin in August.



Our Inter-Parochial Catholic Elementary School
SACRED HEART SCHOOL IS COMMITTED to providing a safe, healthy, and academically rigorous educational experience for our students. **"Virtual Welcome Wednesday"** Admission Chats take place at **9:30am** on Wednesdays throughout the year. To attend, please go to www.shgschool.org and click on the "RSVP Event Calendar" link, fill out an inquiry and register for one of

the dates provided to learn more about our school. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Stacey Aisquith, our Director of Admissions, at 410-833-0857, ext. 114, or via email at saisquith@shgschool.org.



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which candidates proceed through an intellectual, personal and spiritual journey concluding with their formal acceptance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. Our next RCIA program will begin in the fall. Interested? Contact Deacon Steve Roscher for more information at sroscher@verizon.net

STEWARDSHIP . . .

*– What I Do With What I Have Been
 Given When I Believe in God –*

JUNE 7 TO JUNE 13, 2021	IN-PEW	ONLINE
Offertory – Envelopes	\$2540	\$1115
Offertory – Loose	\$422	\$100
Maintenance / Utilities	\$552	\$435
TOTAL PARISH OFFERTORY	\$3514	\$1650
Father's Day Novena	\$310	\$35
Ascension	\$0	\$20
Mother's Day	\$0	\$20
Poor Box (Knights of Columbus)	\$174	\$65
WEEKEND ATTENDANCE 6/12-6/13	192	



YOUR POOR BOX DONATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE WILL SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ULTRASOUND PROGRAM -- Every dollar donated to this project will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, by the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus, so your contribution will have even more of an impact!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - JUNE

We have the following special collections upcoming:

- June 20 Peter's Pence**
- June 27 School Support**

Thank you for your generosity. We will have a special collection box available in the back of church for your offering, or you may give online by selecting the fund name listed above.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ONLINE GIVING

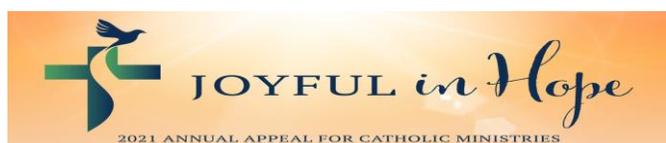
- No need to write checks or remember envelopes
- Contributions can be scheduled regularly--or give on an a la carte basis, giving when you choose
- Choose which Special Collections to support
- Contribute to the Poor Box
- No need to make up missed contributions
- A credit card or debit card can be used instead of a checking account, if you wish

Online giving is not meant to replace the traditional Sunday offertory collection; it is meant to enhance it.

For more information email the parish office:

charlesst@comcast.net

Or go to www.ourstcharles.org and click on **DONATE** at the top of the homepage.



Thanks to all who have responded to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Thus far, the appeal has raised more than **\$7.614 Million**. St. Charles parishioners have again demonstrated great generosity, surpassing our financial goal by **\$15,460**, but only 15% of our families have participated, and our goal was 24%. Won't you join us as we work in unity to strengthen the ministries and mission of the Archdiocese?

- Amount Pledged (as of 6/16/21): **\$43,137**
- **156%** of our Goal! ~ 83% of 2020's total
- **88 Gifts** (15% of Parish) ~ 48 less than 2020
- Anticipated Rebate to Parish: **\$14,649**

If you have yet to make a pledge or gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, please do so by completing and returning your pledge envelope (available in the church vestibule), or give online at:

<https://www.archbalt.org/appeal/give/>

Please make sure to select St. Charles Borromeo as your parish when making your pledge/gift.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

OUTREACH & MINISTRIES . . .

FOOD PANTRY PROJECT

Keep watching this space for a list of needed items. Contact Lori Mooney at lorimooney@verizon.net for more information.

We are currently in need of Spam, Chili, Crackers and Gravy to fill the pantry shelves shelves. If you can donate an item or two, please drop them off at the parish office (M-F, 9am-3pm) or place them in the shopping baskets in the church vestibule. Items must be in-date and unopened. Many thanks!

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



ROSARIES FOR FATHER'S DAY

The St. Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus will be distributing finger rosaries to all dads at all the Masses this weekend in celebration of Father's Day. These rosaries, in the form of a ring, are easily carried in a pocket and can be used to discreetly pray this wonderful devotion while driving, riding the Metro, waiting in line at the grocery store, or lounging in a beach chair. The Knights of Columbus is a charitable and fraternal order of practical Catholic men, 18 years and older, who would like to put their faith into action serving God and others. Interested in learning more? Talk to Deacon Steve Roscher after Mass, or contact him at steve.roscher@archbalt.org.

OUR DAILY BREAD

"For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food"

NEXT DELIVERY DATE:

Wednesday, July 21st

Frozen casseroles can be dropped off at the parish office during normal business hours. Pans w/ recipe may be picked up at the parish office or in the rear of the church. Store-bought party-sized (90+ oz.) Lasagna and Mac & Cheese casseroles are also gratefully accepted.

ODB has also requested the following additional items: **Heavy Duty 10" Paper Plates; Plastic Forks and Spoons; Paper Napkins; 8oz. Hot Drink Paper Cups; Capri Sun® Drinks; and Bottled Water.** We are happy to store these items at the rectory if you would like to make a donation.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE MEALS AT OUR DAILY BREAD? We have welcomed volunteers back to a hybrid meal service (partially grab-and-go, partially dining room)! COVID safety precautions are in place, and we are operating at a limited capacity. Want to join us? Call 667-600-3438 for a slot! (Phone calls ONLY, please!)

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE

Your spiritually adopted unborn baby is in its eighth month in the womb. He/she is approximately 18 inches long and weighs about 5lbs. The baby can see and hear, the brain is developing rapidly, and most internal organs are well developed.

MATERNITY COUNSELING/ADOPTION

Maternity counseling and adoption services are offered by Catholic Charities at 667-600-2400

Pregnant, Need Help? 1-800-ANGEL-OK

IN THE COMMUNITY . . .



FREE FILM SCREENING FROM WORD ON FIRE: CELEBRATING THE 500TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ST. IGNATIUS'S CONVERSION

To celebrate the life and witness of St. Ignatius, the Society of Jesus has called for an Ignatian Jubilee Year which began on May 20, 2021—the 500th anniversary of the beginning of his conversion—and continues through July 31, 2022—his feast day on the Church's calendar. During these celebratory months, Word on Fire is offering *The Pivotal Players - St. Ignatius of Loyola: The Founder* for FREE video streaming at www.wordonfire.org/ignatius. This episode of the Pivotal Players series covers Ignatius' journey from a courageous and celebrated warrior to a passionate servant of Christ. He effected this influence through the establishment of the Jesuit order and through his masterpiece, "The Spiritual Exercises."

SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Baltimore County Department of Aging (BCDA) has adopted a new process for the annual Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. A lottery will be used to draw the names of people qualified to receive a book of checks worth \$35 which can be used at Farmers' Markets across the state. Between **June 21 and June 30**, Baltimore County residents age 60 and older who meet income guidelines can register for the lottery by calling 3-1-1 or completing an online form at: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/eatingtogether. Farmers' Market checks will be mailed to those selected in the lottery. For more information, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/eatingtogether or call 410-887-3052.

FREE TABLET/WIFI DISTRIBUTION – The Baltimore County Department of Aging (BCDA) Living Connected Program is looking for eligible low-income older adults (60+) that would benefit from being given the following to connect to valuable internet resources: FREE Samsung 8 tablets w/ 2 yrs. of Wi-Fi, technological support, and preloaded evidence based health promotion program. Contact the BCDA at 410-887-2002 if you or a loved one are interested in being qualified for the program.

GRIEF MINISTRY - If you are troubled by the tragic loss of life in Baltimore City, and wondering how you can help, please consider volunteering for a ministry the Archdiocese has created to offer support and healing to families in Baltimore City who have lost a loved one to violence. In conjunction with other agencies and nonprofits, the archdiocesan Grief Ministry offers a way for parish communities to provide assistance, such as prayers, sympathy notes, food, baby items and other support as needed to families. Volunteers are particularly needed to help support our new food pantry for surviving family members at Holy Cross Church in Federal Hill. To learn more or to sign up, go to www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry, or contact Mary Ellen Russell at mrussell@archbalt.org.

SAFE SITTER CLASS – Do you have a child who would like to start babysitting? Join the experts at UM St. Joseph for a **one-day class** designed to give aspiring babysitters **ages 11-13** the skills they need to be a safe and competent sitter! We'll discuss safety for the sitter, child development, how to perform CPR, business skills, first aid, and handling a choking child. Class offered **July 11** from **9:30am-4:30pm** in the Barbara L. Posner Wellness & Support Center Conference Room (3rd floor, UM St. Joseph Cancer Institute). Cost is \$45 per person. Register at www.umstjoseph.org/ReadyForBaby. Questions? Contact SJMChildbirthEd@umm.edu or call 410-337-1880.

CATHOLIC FEAST DAYS WEBSITE

The Catholic Apostolate is pleased to announce their new [Catholic Feast Days Website](https://www.catholicapostolatecenterfeastdays.org/). This new resource compiles relevant information on feast days and solemnities of saints along with other important events on the liturgical calendar. For each feast or solemnity, you will find a short biography or description, any particular patronage(s), a short video, and various category tags for things like time period, vocation, or country. Additionally, some feast days feature [Ad Infinitum Blog](https://www.adinfinitumblog.com/) posts on the life of the saint. This ever-growing website can serve as a reference to learn about the lives and holiness of the saints.

<https://www.catholicapostolatecenterfeastdays.org/>

ST. JUDE SHRINE

Patron Saint of the Impossible

Minutes from Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the St. Jude Shrine offers daily Masses, Novena services, and a large Catholic gift shop. Bus trips and group tours are available. For information visit www.stjudeshrine.org or contact 410-685-6026.

Ask St. Jude to intercede for all your special intentions.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP LORI

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past year, the Archdiocese of Baltimore worked diligently to ensure we are an organization that prioritizes equality and inclusion, and actively works to eliminate hatred and racism. This was a primary focus of my pastoral reflection [The Journey to Racial Justice](#) where I noted, "Now more than ever, we need to be the servant leaders Jesus calls us to be, by acknowledging and sharing the burden of those who have for too long suffered from the sin of racism."

As you know, last year, [I appointed a work group](#) made up of community members, Archdiocesan leaders, and experts in racial justice. Their task has been to take a serious and pragmatic look at where the Archdiocese stands in its battle against racism and to move forward our commitment to identify and root out this sin wherever it may exist within our Catholic institutions, our family of parishes, and beyond. Today, I write to update you on this important initiative.

Recently, the work group led by Sherita Thomas, the Interim Director for the Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries, presented its findings and recommendations. The findings are both comprehensive and thoughtful, and include the need for formation and education for both laypeople and clergy, for respectful dialogue and appropriate representation throughout the Archdiocese, and for social and restorative justice. Further, their careful review, guided by the Catholic Church's teachings, affirmed the need to raise awareness, and open hearts for conversation, reconciliation, and healing. Finally, their findings remind us that the promotion of racial justice is a fundamental aspect of discipleship.

One of the work group's recommendations, which we have already begun to move forward, is the creation of a Coordinating Council with the sole purpose of bringing to life and implementing the recommendations. This [council](#) is comprised of members of our clergy and lay leadership and I am happy to announce that Auxiliary Bishop Bruce Lewandowski will lead the council and its important work. Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Denis Madden will continue to serve in an advisory capacity. He has been an instrumental leader in the development of the workgroup and the Archdiocesan journey to racial justice.

With an abundance of prayer and the thoughtful participation of our Archdiocesan community, we now move forward to ensure we are not only a family of parishes that stands against hatred and racism, but a loving and welcoming community that celebrates the fact that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, the Incarnate Son of God.

We will be communicating more about the recommendations and if you are interested in

supporting these efforts, please contact Sherita Thomas at Sherita.Thomas@archbalt.org.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Faithfully in Christ,



Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK BEGINS JUNE 22



All people desire to enjoy communion with God, and this desire gives rise to the search for religious truth and finds expression in the formation of religious culture. Even people who claim no religious affiliation cannot help but need ritual, belonging, and truth. Why? Because we all long to know and love the One in whose image we are made. "For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him." The Church's promotion of religious freedom expresses her solidarity with all people who seek the good and hope for fulfillment in the truth. As Pope Francis teaches:

Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love ... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile (Fratelli tutti, 55).

Join us throughout the week as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

Father's Day Prayers

(Third Sunday in June)

The following prayer may be used prior to the Grace Before Meals or at the conclusion of dinner.

All may stretch out their hands over the father(s) in a gesture of blessing.

May God, who gives life on earth and in heaven, lead you to walk by the light of faith and so help your children attain the good things Christ has promised us.
R/. Amen.

The following prayer may also be appropriate:

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless our father. Let the example of his faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, his family, may honor him always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

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