



Lent

40 DAYS OF RENEWAL

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February 18, 2018

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 am and 5:15pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
and 12:50pm (Extraordinary Form)

Monday-Friday: 6:30am and 8:30am

Holy Days: 7:30pm on the day and 7:30pm vigil

CONFESSION:

Saturday: 11:30am-12noon and 4-4:45pm

ROSARY:

Monday-Saturday at 8:00am

Sunday at 9:00am

NOVENA PRAYERS:

Wednesday at 8:30am Mass

St. Michael Clear Spring

Sunday Mass at 10:30am

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago I suggested that a good way to observe the Lenten discipline of prayer would be to meditate upon the orations, or prayers, proper to the Mass.

Taking a few minutes at the beginning of the day, the middle of the day, and the end of the day with each of these prayers respectively is a simple but profound way to grow in your relationship with the Lord with the help of the Liturgy.

Here are the texts of those prayers for the Ordinary Form (from the Missal) and the Extraordinary Form (English translation courtesy of the website we use for the participation sheets for each Mass, www.propria.org).

Ordinary Form

Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observance of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

Extraordinary Form

Collect

We solemnly offer to Thee, O Lord, the Sacrifice of the beginning of Lent, beseeching Thee: that while we curtail our eating of meat, we may abstain also from harmful pleasures. Through our Lord ...

Secreta

O God, Who dost purify Thy Church by the yearly observance of Lent: grant to Thy household, that what we strive to obtain from Thee by abstinence, we may achieve by good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Post Communion

May the holy reception of Thy Sacrament, O Lord, so restore us that we may be purified from our former ways and join the company of the redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

On a slightly different note, in the back of church will notice two new images, one a beautiful painting of St. Michael the Archangel, donated by a generous parishioner, and the other a very handsome portrait of Pope St. John Paul II. Next to them, respectively, are our Nation's flag and that of the Holy See (i.e. the Vatican Flag). With the help of some prayer cards and places to put intentions (still in the works), I hope that these can be places where we pray for our Holy Father, the Archbishop and the Church in general (Pope St. John Paul II) and our nation, especially the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces and as Emergency Personnel (St. Michael). [It is also more liturgically appropriate to honor each of these flags in the body of the church rather than in the sanctuary.]

May God bless you and keep you in His care, and may the Blessed Mother intercede for you,

Father Cibelli

P.S. Thanks for your prayers while I was away working on my dissertation. I was able to finish chapter three (of five chapters). I still need to write the introduction and conclusion for chapters four and five, and of course an overall conclusion for the work. There are also a lot of fine details that need attention, but I am pleased with the progress... the end is in sight, but your prayers are still needed!

P.P.S. This is a reminder that, for the time being, there will be no 8:30 Mass on Fridays. I will let you know on a week-by-week basis if there will be a Mass sometime in the late afternoon or evening on Friday, this will depend on when the church is free. *This Friday, February 23, I will offer Mass at 12:00 pm.* First Fridays, of course, we will still have Mass with the School at 10:30 am. Questions or concerns? Please just let me know!

2/11/2018	Attendance	
Offertory	\$11,839.59	
Online Giving	2,482.70	
Total	\$14,322.29	
Amount Needed** \$15,239		
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Mary to break even for fiscal year 2017		
School Support		
Poor Box	\$156.20	
Embracing Our Mission	\$136.33	
Other	\$567.50	

2/11/2018	Attendance	50
Offertory	\$639.00	
Amount Needed** \$749		
**This is the amount of weekly collection that would allow St. Michael to break even for fiscal year 2017		

This week's second collection is for
School Support
*Thank you for your generosity to the needs of
 St. Mary School!*



Now Open!
 Enrollment for new students for the 2018-2019 School Year
 St. Mary Catholic School offers Pre-K 4 through 8th Grade



Come see why we were awarded the National Blue Ribbon of Excellence in 2017
 by the U.S. Department of Education!

Our next Open House will be **Sunday, April 22**. You can now inquire and apply directly on our website –
www.stmarycatholicsschool.org

Welcome Grants for Catholic students who attend public school are available for grades 1, 3, 4 & 5.
 If you would like a tour or more information, please call Rachel O'Connor at 301-733-1184 or
roconnor@stmarycatholicsschool.org.

All children preparing to receive their First Communion need to schedule an interview with Father.
 Please call the Parish Office , 301-739-0390.

Immediate Preparation Classes for Confirmation students will be held in the Parish Center every
 Tuesday until March 6, 2018. Sign in time is 6:15 PM. **All Confirmandi must attend these classes.**

“He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.” As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp with joy”. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are April 20-22, 2018, November 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD and August 3-5, 2018 in Hanover, MD. Go to MOMENTS4MARRIAGE.ORG to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

Adoration Chapel

St Ann is updating the listing of pass cards for adorers for the Adoration Chapel. Please contact Donna at 301-733-0410 ext. 10 or dlouzon@stannchurch.com with your name, address, email, phone and the five-digit number on your adoration pass card. We will be installing a new system and **if we do not hear from you by March 15, your card will be made inactive.** Thank you for your devotion to the Adoration Chapel and for cooperating with the system update.

Lenten Suppers

Lenten suppers are \$4 a person and \$15 per family

February 23

March 2

March 9

March 16 is the Fish Sandwich Supper hosted by Called to Greatness

March 23 is the **Pasta Supper** hosted by CCD and **followed by Living Stations.**

Knights of Columbus

- ◆ Another benefit to being a Knight: Orphan benefit of \$80 monthly allotment for orphan eligible families and up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
- ◆ Save the date: St. Patrick Day dinner & dance will be held Saturday, March 17th 2018.
- ◆ 1/2 price Bingo all Tuesdays in February on all regular games.

Father,

Why does the priest break off a little piece of consecrated host and drop it into the chalice right before Holy Communion?

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen has a wonderful explanation of the Consecration which takes place at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Why is it that we consecrate the bread separate from the wine?; because this is the sacrifice of Calvary. On the cross, Christ's body was separated from His Blood. So, at the Consecration, Christ's one, complete, unrepeatable sacrifice on Calvary is made present for us at the altar. When is the resurrection of Christ? When is His Body reunited to His Blood? Did you ever notice that before the Lamb of God, the priest will take a small bit of the host and drop it into the chalice. While dropping the particle into the chalice, the priest prays, "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." Though this action has no sacramental efficacy, it provides and interesting allegorical interpretation of an ancient ritual. This ritual is called the "fermentum" and goes back to the days when the bishop would celebrate Mass and send around a piece of consecrated host to the priests of his diocese. By adding that little piece of host to his chalice, the priest was recognizing his union with the bishop and that what we celebrate is really one Eucharist. The theological meaning however, is that the Body and Blood of Our Lord is reunited so that we may receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity whether we receive from one species or both. As the noted liturgist, J.A. Jungman wrote, "We are therefore, justified in regarding the thought that both species represent one Sacrament and contain one Christ as the original meaning of the Roman rite of commingling." Ven. Fulton Sheen explained that "Using human words, to describe divine things, we can say that each time we offer Mass, Our Lord shows His Heavenly Father, the scars in His Hands, His Feet, His Side. For this very reason He kept them." We too are called to share in Christ's saving action on the Cross. We bring forward gifts, that not only include bread and wine, but we should also place our lives and ourselves on that paten to be offered to God. Let us not forget why we have come to Mass. We come not for a great musical concert nor do we come not because we like history and tradition. We come here to be present at the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross and we come here to worship God and to fulfill the purpose of our life.

"Ask The Priest" is a continuing feature of the Bulletin. If you have a question regarding the Catholic faith, please place your question in the box on the back table.

St. Mary Church Holy Mass Intentions February 19 — 25, 2018

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	2/19	6:30	Julian Dinzon
		8:30	Jim Shives
Tuesday	2/20	6:30	Elizabeth Hook
		8:30	Special Intentions Ifelia Roxas and Family
Wednesday	2/21	6:30	Helen A. Bowers
		8:30	Rose Mazzo
Thursday	2/22	6:30	Vocations to the Priesthood
		8:30	Betty Hemphill
Friday	2/23	6:30	Mary Ann Miley
		3:00	Pauline Allison
Saturday	2/24	8:30	William Hudson
		5:15	Bea McCarter
Sunday	2/25	8:00	Homer, Anna, and Nina Staubs
		9:30	In Honor of St. Joseph
		11:00	Immaculate Conception
		12:50	Special Intentions of The Judge Family



St. Michael Church 10:30AM February 25, 2018 St. Michael and St. Mary Parishioners

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone experiencing a hardship is encouraged to contact the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Help Line** for assistance (301-739-0390 extension 124). Your contributions to the poor box are appreciated!

Readings for February 18 — 25, 2018

Sunday 2/18	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 9:8-15 / 1st Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:12-15
Monday 2/19	Weekday President's Day Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday 2/20	Weekday Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday 2/21	Weekday ASH WEDNESDAY Jonathan 3:1-10 / Luke 11:29-32
Thursday 2/22	Weekday THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE 1st Peter 5:1-4 / Matthew 16:13-19
Friday 2/23	Weekday St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday 2/24	Weekday Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday 2/25	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31b-34 / Mark 9:2-10