

February 17, 2013 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Our Mission: The Catholic Church of St. Michael the Archangel exists to joyfully proclaim the presence of Jesus to the total community.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

May the Lord bless you, your loved ones, and our entire parish family as we enter into the solemn and joyful season of Lent.

Of course, we were all stunned this week by the news of the decision of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, to step down as the Bishop of Rome and Universal Pastor of the Church, as of February 28, because his strength of body and mind have in his own words, "deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me." Though surprised and saddened by this news, I can't help but be filled with deep admiration, respect, love, and gratitude for this holy, humble, and courageous man who has always put the good of the Church before himself.

This is certainly new ground for us all, but we will observe this transition and momentous occasion in history by following a couple of protocols: 1) we will be reciting a special **Prayer for the Church** in anticipation of the Vacancy of the See of St. Peter, which we will pray at weekday and Sunday Masses, at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer, until a new Vicar of Christ is elected; 2) Archbishop Lori will celebrate a **Mass of Thanksgiving for the Pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI** at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, to which all parishioners are invited—I plan to concelebrate at this Mass along with many other priests, and all parishes are being encouraged to send representatives; 3) finally, during the interregnum (the period of vacancy until the election of the new pope), once the solemn conclave begins in March, the Mass prayers that we will use will come from the Votive Mass *For Various Needs and Occasions: For the Election of a Pope*, **except** on Solemnities, the Sundays of Lent or Easter, and the weekdays of Holy Week. So together let us approach Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, in a spirit of prayerful gratitude for the life and ministry of Pope Benedict XVI, and with humble confidence petition the Holy Spirit for guidance and the gift of wisdom as a new Holy Father is elected.

On another note, please allow me once more to renew the invitation to all leadership, members, and volunteers of any and all Parish Commissions, Committees, Councils, Clubs, Organizations, and Ministries (and indeed all parishioners!), to attend the Parish Ministry Retreat on Saturday, April 22, as the kickoff to our St. Michael's Centennial Anniversary. This retreat is a time to celebrate and give thanks for 100 years of ministry at St. Michael's, and a critical time to prayerfully discern the ways and directions the Holy Spirit is now calling us to continue to faithfully fulfill our mission to joyfully proclaim the presence of Jesus to the total community into the future.

Please pardon the sports cliché, but since we are all still basking in the light of the recent Super Bowl victory, I might as well use it as teaching moment: when it comes to winning the great struggle for the salvation of souls, our parish and our Church operate as a team. There are no unimportant players. Everyone is necessary. We are accountable to God and to each other; and we are saved or lost together. We are a part of this unbroken chain of Apostolic faith that has been handed on from Jesus to the Apostles, down through the generations, down to St. Michael's 100 years ago, and now to us in this very time and place. If we do not make the handoff, we place our souls and the souls of others in jeopardy. We are a team—a great team that spans space and time—each playing a position in the movement of God's plan for victory, each accountable to the other, winning (or losing) together. It is in this spirit that I ask you to participate in the Parish Ministry Retreat.

I'll end with this poem from Michel Quoist, called "A Night Prayer After an Evening Ball Game":

This evening at the stadium the night was stirring with ten thousand people. And when the lights came on and lit the field, it was filled with ten thousand voices. The referee gave the signal to begin the game. The ball flew from person to person. It passed from hand to hand, slipped along the field and flew away overhead.

Each was at his position, taking the ball in turn, passing it to the next one who was there to catch and pass again. And because each one did his part--- in the right place, because he put forth the effort required, because he knew he needed all the others, slowly but surely the ball gained ground and made the final goal.

In this world, Lord, we each have our place.

You the far sighted coach have planned it for us. You need us here, our brothers need us, and we need them. It isn't the position I hold that is important, Lord, but the strength of my presence. What difference whether I am a forward or a back, as long as I am fully what I should be?

Here, Lord, the day gone by is before me...

Did I sit too much on the sidelines, criticizing the play of others, my hands in my pockets? Did I play my part well? And when you were watching our side, did you see me there? Did I catch my teammate's pass and that of the other player at the end of the field? Did I cooperate with my team without seeking the limelight? Did I play the game to win? Did I battle to the end in spite of setbacks, blows and bruises? Was I troubled by the boos of the crowd, the mistakes of the team? Was I made proud by the crowds' applause?

I come in now to rest in the locker room, Lord.

Tomorrow, if you kick-off, I'll play a new quarter, and so each day. Grant that this game, played with all my brothers, may be what you expect of us so

that when your last whistle interrupts our lives, we shall win the trophy of heaven.

I know I can count on you to be there.

Peace and prayers,



Community Life

Mass Attendance—Feb. 9 & 10

4pm-166, 6pm-101, 7:30am-95, 9:30am-191, 11:30 am (Church)-228, 11:30am (Chapel)-185. Total: 966.

Welcome to St. Michael's!

If you are visiting with us this weekend, or have been away from the Church for a while, we invite you to become an active part of our parish community. Please pick up a registration form, available in the bulletin racks at all church entrances, and formally enroll as a member of the parish. Registration in the parish is necessary whenever requesting eligibility forms to serve as sponsors at baptisms and confirmations. It also ensures that you will receive parish communications in a timely manner. Young adults, living independently, should register in their own names. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way. If you are not Roman Catholic, please know that you are most welcome. While we are unable to extend an invitation to our non-Catholic brothers and sisters to receive Holy Communion, please feel free to come forward at Communion time and ask for a blessing.

We Pray for the Sick

Kent Neibaur, Tom Cimino, Gloria Summerfield, Phillip Breece, Susan Kasper, William Critcher, Wilfredo Feliciano, Jr., Chris Workman, Gavin Sparzk, Chuck Cochran, Collen Cleary Perzan, Marie Crusse, Roselyn Marconi, Donna Freeley, Tory Robinson, Claire Conger, Elmer Morkovsky, Sr., Jeannine Moriconi, Peggy Via, James Via, Gregory Meecham, Joseph Foreman, John Schreiber, Kara Taylor, Elmer Diepold, Blanca Rosario, Pauline Pritchett, Gloria Blowe, Rita Arrigo, Donna Rosello, Walter Truszkowski, Howard White, Aubrey Spradley, Patricia Watkins, Edward Clocker, Evie Rains & family, Ian Moore, Donna Kline, Emma Wayne, Edward Greives, Deborah M. Hopkins, George Kurgan, Jon Web, Bill & Sheila Schone, William Dovalovsky, Jr., Robert Dovalovsky, Anna Zukowski, Mary Forest, Dante Petrolini, Janet Hofmeister, Emma Wyant, Patricia Ann Taylor, Tom Kleinota, Chard II, Regina Celia Prospero, Caroline Ayres, Kim Schisler, Ann Schisler, Frank Thomas Cimino, Zenaida Santander Jacobo, Elsy Michelena, Victoria Plaskon, Mary Soistman, Anna Rebetsky, Amelia Loveless, Mary Lou James, Susan Misiara, Jonathan Kielek, Chuck Kropfelder, Sharon Edwards, Jaidan Richardson, Rita Grutkowski, Walter Plaine, Barbara Pochatko, Ann Horchar, Ines Reynel, Kelly Soltis, Sharon Cuneo, Rita Miller, Thomas Bzdil, Thomas Michocki, Don Jacobs, Jake Masarweh, Linda Tabaka, Betsy Rickter, Amelia Coleman, Adrian Luca, Jane Burns, Vera Over, Kathleen Plaine, Patricia Cadden, Vernon & Catherine Franck, Paul Kayle, Marge Bowen, Marge Winterling, Rose Sikorsky, Barbara Kelley, Rosemary Posha, John McQuaid III, Braylon Buck

and Jedd Cochrane. To have a name placed on, removed, or returned to the prayer list contact the Parish Office.

Prayers for Those Who Protect and Defend Us

Countless men and women place their lives in harm's way each day, many in areas riddled by war and violence. May God watch over them and protect them. Please pray especially for Cpl. Michael Smith, BCPD, and Wilbur Smith BCFD & EMT, Officer Buddy Pugh, Officer Christopher Robinson, Officer Norman Rogers, Jr., SPC Katherine Leach, Lance Cpl. Michael Meise, Jr., PFC Joshua Flick, Lt. Victor Barba-Sorra, Lt. Col. Robert Wojciechowski, Patrick Cook, Lora Hamilton, Sgt. Richard J. Peschek, Lt. Kevin Flaherty, Daniel Michael Ging, Officer Mark Flaherty, Commander Jim Litsch, Officer Joseph Robinson, Officer Anastasia Robinson, Officer Michael Forish, Sgt. Raymond Conger, Lt. Joe Conger, Michael A. Violanti, Jr., David R. Edwards, Jr., Sgt. John Kollar, Officer Dennis Gunther, and all who protect and defend us. To have a name added to the list contact the Parish Office.

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer the souls of **Robert DeRosa, Julia Gugliuzza, Lila Vasquez, Fred Spangler**, and all those who have died. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2013 Love Rejoices in the Truth

A significant gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides critical funding for the many programs and ministries of the Archdiocese. As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to the mailing, please see one of the ushers at Mass and they will give you a pledge form. Completed pledge forms can be placed the collection basket. *Our parish receives 25% of each dollar raised until we reach our goal of \$ 53,600. After we reach goal, 50% of all over goal dollars are returned to us. This year the rebates will help us to subsidize tuition assistance in Religious Education and the School. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.*

Our Parish's 100th Anniversary

This September, St. Michael's will begin celebrating our parish's 100th Anniversary. Our parish has a rich history and deep spiritual connection to the community. It has been home to so many families – it's been a guide, a shelter, and roots for so many of us. It has provided a place for relationships to begin and flourish and has truly become a community that people want to join. This needs to be celebrated! We hope that you will join

your fellow parishioners in volunteering to help us plan a spectacular year celebrating all the facets of St. Michael's parish. In next week's bulletin, there will be an insert asking for volunteers for various planning committees, we are looking for party-planners, trip organizers, fundraising gurus, marketing specialists, and so much more. We hope you will consider helping us plan this once in a lifetime experience. If you have questions, contact Corinna Sibiski in the parish office or Carolyn Marinari at CarolynMarinari@gmail.com.

This Week at St. Michael's

Meeting Rooms: Parish Meeting Room (PMR) and Conference Rooms (CR) 1 & 2 are in the Parish Center; Chapel Meeting Room (CMR) & Youth Room (YR) are in the Lower Church. For all Parish Center meetings come to the main entrance of the school at 10 Willow Ave.

Sunday, Feb. 17

- 1 pm Baptism Spanish (Church)
- 5 pm Hispanic Committee (YR)
- 6 pm Boy Scout Troop 419 Meeting (Scout Room)

Monday, Feb. 18- Presidents Day

Parish Office and School Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 19

- 6 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)
- 7 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (Chapel)
- 8 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, Feb. 20

- 3 pm Brownie Troop Meeting (CMR)
- 3 pm Girl Scout Daisy Meeting (YR)
- 3:15 pm Children Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 7 pm Meeting Christ in Prayer (PMR)

Thursday, Feb. 21

- 12 Noon Meeting Christ in Prayer Group 2 (CR2)
- 3 pm Brownie Troop Meeting (CMR)
- 7 pm 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting (PMR)
- 7 pm Hispanic Community (Chapel)
- 7:30 pm Traditional Choir (Choir Loft)

Friday, Feb. 22

- 11:30 am Stations of the Cross & Benediction (Chapel)
- 6 pm Simple Lenten Supper (Gym)
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Cadette Troop 1881 Meeting (YR)
- 7 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 7 pm Hispanic Holy Name (CMR)

Saturday, Feb. 23

- 1 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

Sunday, Feb. 24

- 9:45 am Children's Faith Formation (Classrooms)
- 1 pm Baptism English (Church)
- 2 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony (Gym)
- 6 pm Boy Scout Troop 419 Meeting (Scout Room)

Presidents Day Office Closing—Feb. 18

The Parish Office and School will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of Presidents Day. There will be no evening activities.

Annual Scout Mass- Feb. 23

The scouting community would like you and your family to attend their annual Scout Mass on Saturday, Feb 23, at 6 pm. The scouts would like to see past, present and future scouts as they celebrate Christ's love. Please wear your uniform.

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sat. Vigil, Feb. 16

- 4 pm ✠Harry Zukowski
- 6 pm ✠Anthony Brocato, Sr.

Sunday, Feb. 17-1st Sunday of Lent

- Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
- 7:30 am ✠Anthony Scandaliato
- 9:30 am ✠Janis Worthington
- 11:30am (Church) ✠Janis Worthington
- 11:30am (Chapel) All Parish Members

Monday, Feb. 18

- Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
- 9 am ✠William J. Conroy

Tuesday, Feb. 19

- Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
- 9 am ✠Josephine Grotto

Wednesday, Feb. 20

- Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
- 9 am All Parish Members

Thursday, Feb. 21-St. Peter Damian

- Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
- 9 am ✠Anthony Brocato, Sr.

Friday, Feb. 22-The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
- 9 am ✠William J. Conroy

Saturday, Feb. 23-St. Polycarp

- Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
- 8:30 am ✠George Lazzaro, Jr.

Sat. Vigil, Feb. 23

- 4 pm ✠Adam Sielicki, Sr. & Gerri Sielicki
- 6 pm ✠Don Kotzer, Sr.

Sunday, Feb. 17-2nd Sunday of Lent

- Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36
- 7:30 am All Parish Members
- 9:30 am ✠Janis Worthington
- 11:30am (Church) ✠Joyce Edwards
- 11:30am (Chapel) ✠Humberto Mesa Niebles

Confession Schedule for Saturday, Feb. 23

Saturday: 3 pm –Msgr. Tom Tewes
Please note this schedule is subject to change.

Rites of Sending and Election

Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on this First Sunday of Lent welcome those catechumens sent by the parish to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election for our catechumens is at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 3 pm, Sunday, Feb. 17. The Rite of Sending, held at the 11:30 am church Mass on Sunday, Feb. 17, offers the parish community, St. Michael the Archangel, an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to our archbishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. To send a catechumen to the archbishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life" in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. Those who are already baptized, as Catholics or in other denominations, had our names written in the Book of Life at our Baptism. In the Rite of sending, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of Elect" as a sign of their desire to be num-

bered among the chosen of God. The Book of Elect is then presented to the bishop at the Rite of Election.

Catholic Faith Formation

School News

Lenten Activities: The students received a memento of Lent this week to remember the significance of the season. The students participated in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy and will begin to pray the Stations of the Cross on Thursday at 2:05 pm during Lent (except for March 21 which will be moved to March 22). Please join the students in the Stations of the Cross if you are available.

Tuition Assistance: Applications for Tuition Assistance (both through the Archdiocese of Baltimore and St. Michael the Archangel School) need to be submitted electronically to FACTS by Feb 28, 2013. The website for the application is www.factstuitionaid.com.

School Year 2013-2014: Enrollment for the School Year 2013-2014 is now open. Please consider St. Michael's for the education of your child. The program starts with full-day programs in pre-K (4 year old program) and Kindergarten and continues until 8th grade. Part-time preschool for 3 and 4 year old children is available through God's Little People. Call Mrs. Dossa at 410-668-8797 to arrange a tour of St. Michael of the Archangel School and receive an information packet. Registration material will be available. Remember to register early to guarantee your seat at the school or for GLP. If you are applying for financial aid, applications through FACTS Tuition Grants are due by Feb. 28. This application is completed on-line at www.factstuitionaid.com.

1st in Math: St. Michael the Archangel School placed 4th of all the schools participating in the state of Maryland and moved up to 82nd the national rankings. Jirsa Kendzlerski, Grade 1 is ranked at 21st in the state of Maryland. For the week of Feb. 10, the player of the week was Andrew Heffernan in Grade 2 and Team of the Week was Mrs. Dover's homeroom. Player of the month is Jirsa Kendzlerski in Grade 1 and the team of the month is Mrs. Dover's Grade 2 homeroom. Students in pre-Kindergarten are now participating in *First in Math*. Congratulations to the 188 students who are participating in *First in Math*.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults-RCIA

Meeting: Are you or someone you know interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? Are you married to a Catholic or raising Catholic children and want to understand more about the faith or perhaps looking at the Catholic Church as a way to live out your faith in Jesus Christ. If so, please call the parish office for more information. It's never too late to begin the journey. There are no obligations. We meet on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm (except holidays). We will not be meeting on Monday, Feb. 18 because of the Presidents Day holiday.

Rite of Election: Today, the 1st Sunday of Lent, we invite you to pray for the six folks who will be joining our faith Community at Easter. We joyfully send Baylie Connelly, William Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Tyler Sullivan, Salaya Corvin, and Nashir Corvin to the Cate-

dral of Mary Our Queen for the Rite of Election. In this Rite, the Bishop recognizes them as being ready to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter and admits them to the Order of the Elect. Over the next weeks, our community will pray for them and give them good example to prepare themselves for the Easter solemnities.

Meeting Christ in Prayer-Group 2

Our Lenten Adult Faith Formation offering, *Meeting Christ in Prayer*, is expanding to a luncheon edition. Feel free to join us for prayer in the style of St. Ignatius beginning Thursday, Feb. 21, and continuing for 8 weeks. We will meet on Thursdays at from 12 Noon to 1:30 pm. If you are planning to come, please call the parish office to let us know so we can be prepared for you with the necessary materials. Bring your lunch and nourish your body as well as your soul!

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

On Thursday, Feb. 21, the parents of children receiving Eucharist for the first time this spring will gather in the Parish Meeting Room at 7 pm to receive information and materials to use in preparing their child for this very special day. Please be prompt!

Service and Justice

40 Days for Life Campaign

The 40 Days for Life Campaign began Feb. 13 and will continue through March 24. This peaceful vigil will be conducted at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center. We need volunteers who are willing to participate in our daily 12-hour (7 am to 7 pm) prayer vigil. You may sign up for one hour a day, one hour a week, or a single hour during the campaign. To sign up for vigil hours go to www.40daysforlife.com/fullerton and click on the VIGIL SCHEDULE link at the top of the page or call Jody Ward at 443-876-3304.

Stewardship

February 10, 2013

Envelopes	\$8,095.90
Loose Offerings	\$1,217.35
*Total	\$9,313.25
Poor Box (<i>Sisters Academy</i>)	\$200.64
2 nd Collection (<i>Utility and Energy</i>)	\$2,421.80

Year to Date Offertory (32 weeks)

Envelopes	\$266,493.84
Loose Offerings	\$44,662.85
Total	\$311,156.69
*Average Weekly Offertory	\$9,723.65
Weekly Shortfall	\$1,413.35

*Our budget is based on weekly income of **\$11,137** (envelopes + loose). Thank you for your generous support.

Second Collection

This Weekend: School Support Your generosity helps to support Catholic education through our parish school. **Next Weekend: Easter Flowers** All gifts go to help offset the expense of our church decorations throughout the Easter seasons. Flower memorial envelopes may be found in the bulletin racks.



Are you and your son looking for
ADVENTURE?
Then you want to join the
Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE BOYS?

Activities, camping, hiking, field sports, shooting sports, outdoor crafts, leadership opportunities, community projects, swimming, canoeing, and much, much more!!!

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE PARENTS?

Scouting is time well spent! Scouts learn skills in an environment that includes other boys their age. They work together, play together, challenge one another, and encourage one another. Above all, SCOUTING IS FUN.

Cub Scouts is for 1st - 5th Grade Boys
Boy Scouts is for all boys 11 years old and higher!
You're invited!
Sundays at 7:00 PM

St. Michael the Archangel Church
School Gym - Scout Room
10 Willow Ave
Overlea, MD 21206

Can't make it? No problem!

Please email pack419cubs@gmail.com

And we'll tell you how you can get involved!

Your son **DOES NOT** have to attend the school or organization where the open house is being held. Scouting fees vary by area. Financial assistance is available, so that Scouting is affordable for all.

This organization is not affiliated with Baltimore County Public Schools.



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