

February 24, 2013 – 2nd 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 brothers and sisters in Christ,

Allow me to invite you to our **CLUSTER PARISH MISSION** which will be held at **7:00 on the evenings of Sunday, March 10, Monday, March 11, and Tuesday, March 12**. Like last year, the location of the Parish Mission will rotate each night to one of the parishes in our local cluster. Our Parish Mission will be **led by Fr. Curt Kreml, OFM Conv.** Fr. Curt Kreml has been a Franciscan priest for 36 years serving in a variety of ministries as professor of moral theology, campus minister, pastor and currently serving as the co-director of the Franciscan formation program in Silver Spring, Maryland. In response to Pope Benedict's calling for Catholics to celebrate a Year of Faith, Fr. Kreml will explore some of the dynamics of faith. His presentations will guide us through a reflection on how we can nurture our faith through an attitude of gratitude, celebrating our personal charisms, and animating our discipleship. The format of the retreat is as follows:

Sunday, March 10 (at Church of the Annunciation)—Evening Prayer. Year of Faith Theme—**Gratitude: foundation of faith**

Monday, March 11 (at St. Clement Mary Hoffbauer)—Eucharistic Holy Hour & Benediction. Year of Faith Theme—**Charisms: instruments of faith**

Tuesday, March 12 (at St. Michael the Archangel)—Reconciliation Service. Year of Faith Theme—Discipleship: faith in action.

Please put the Parish Lenten Mission on your calendar and make it a priority in your personal Lenten program of spiritual growth.

I urge you to make the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation an utmost priority and an integral part of your observance of Lent. It's difficult for anyone to say that they are a serious Catholic and Christian who is committed to following Christ, and growing in discipleship, if he or she is not also personally devoted and committed to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In a talk that Pope Benedict XVI gave to priests last April, he said, **"The New Evangelization... begins in the confessional!"** He continues:

"First of all because the New Evangelization draws its lifeblood from the holiness of the children of the Church, from the daily journey of personal and community conversion in order to be ever more closely conformed to Christ. Then there is a close connection between holiness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, witnessed by all the saints of history. The real conversion of our hearts, which means the opening ourselves to God's transforming and renewing action, is the "driving force" of every reform and is expressed in a real evangelizing effort. In confession, through the freely bestowed action of divine Mercy, repent-

ant sinners are justified, pardoned and sanctified and abandon their former selves to be re clothed anew."

A recent 2008 survey showed that 75% of Catholics participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation "Less than once a year" or "Never". 12% go only once a year. Only 2% show true devotion to the Sacrament and go to Confession once a month or more (which is greatly recommended by the Church). Is it a wonder then that our efforts at evangelization fall short when some 87% of us are not committed to our own conversion and growth in holiness?

I went to the dentist this past week, for the first time in years. It dawned on me that many people approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation the way they approach going to the dentist! I stay away from the dentist because I reason: "My teeth are fine—I can take care of my teeth on their own—I don't need a dentist." But the reality is, I don't go to the dentist is because I am afraid—afraid of the pain and discomfort. I would say to those who avoid Confession because of these reasons: "Do not be afraid." All that awaits you is mercy, God's loving forgiveness, strengthening of virtue, and a renewed more joyful soul. So once more, please go to Confession. Your soul is worth it!

Peace and prayers,



Fr. Jim

Community Life

Mass Attendance—Feb. 17& 18

4pm—196, 6pm—84, 7:30am—114, 9:30am—164, 11:30am (Church)—189, 11:30am (Chapel)—175. Total: 922.

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

Marge Fader, John Schrenker, Sr., Frank Novotny, William Connolly, 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 Cruse, 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 Rossello, Walter Truskowski, 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 Ciminio, 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 **Gloria Summerfield, Mary Eder**, 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.*

*Parish Goal: \$53,600
Amount Pledged to date: \$23,048
Rebate Amount: (25%) \$5,762*

March Market Day

The more you buy the more we earn! Market Day has family and individual meals, precooked or ready to cook, including entrees, appetizers, vegetables, snacks, drinks, desserts, plus some household items. See the flyer or go to www.MarketDay.com. St. Michael's account number is 21661. Orders can also be placed online at www.MarketDay.Com or sent to the parish or school offices by noon on March 8. Internet orders must be by 11pm on March 11. Market Day flyers are in rear of the church and chapel and outside the parish office. Need assistance with your order or have questions? Need someone to place order online for you or want to volunteer? Contact Julie Marousek at 410-258-8896 or Marie Macek at 410-456-1926.

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. 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)

Monday, Feb. 25

7 pm RCIA (PMR)

Tuesday, Feb. 26

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

Wednesday, Feb. 27

3:15 pm Children Choir Rehearsal (Church)
6:30 pm Secular Franciscans (CMR)
7 pm Meeting Christ in Prayer (PMR)

Thursday, Feb. 28

12 Noon Meeting Christ in Prayer Group 2 (CR2)
7 pm Hispanic Community (Chapel)
7:30 pm Traditional Choir (Choir Loft)

Friday, March 1

11:30 am Stations of the Cross & Benediction (Chapel)
6 pm Simple Lenten Supper (Gym)

6 pm Girl Scout Cadette Troop 590 Meeting (CMR)
6 pm Girl Scout Junior Troop 275 (YR)
7 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 2

1 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

Sunday, March 3

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

Thank You from St. Jerome's Head Start

Please extend my deepest appreciation to the students, faculty and staff who helped make our 20th Annual Super Store such a tremendous success. We are so blessed to have the support of the St. Michael the Archangel Parish year after year. . . This year 181 individuals came to the Super Store to shop for their families. A new record was set by one of our parents who got in line at 11:30 p.m. Friday evening. Your commitment to our program helped to ensure that many families had a happy holiday and were able to provide gifts for their children. -Mary M. Gunning, Director

Liturgy

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sat. Vigil, Feb. 23

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

Sunday, Feb. 25-2nd 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
11:30 am (Church) ✠Joyce Edwards
11:30 am (Chapel) ✠Humberto Mesa Niebles

Monday, Feb. 25

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
9 am ✠James L. Johnson

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
9 am ✠George H. Wakefield, Sr.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
9 am All Parish Members

Thursday, Feb. 28

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
9 am ✠Annie Heinlein

Friday, March 1

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
9 am ✠Lynn Marie Gawens

Saturday, March 2

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
8:30 am ✠George Lazzaro, Jr.

Sat. Vigil, March 2

4 pm ✠Robert Ubaldini
6 pm ✠George H. Wakefield, Sr.

Sunday, March 3-3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-12; Luke 13:1-9
7:30 am ✠Rosalie Jachelski
9:30 am ✠Anthony Brocato, Sr.
11:30am (Church) ✠Cecilia Radziminski
11:30am (Chapel) All Parish Members

Confession Schedule for Saturday, March 2

Saturday: 3 pm -Msgr. Tewes

Please note this schedule is subject to change.

March Wedding Anniversaries

If your wedding anniversary is in March, plan to join us at the Anniversary Mass on Saturday, March 2, at 4 pm. Call the Parish Office at 410-665-1054 to register for the celebration.

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.

High School Acceptances Have Been Received: Students from St. Michael's have been accepted at Archbishop Curley, Calvert Hall College, Institute of Notre Dame, John Carroll, Mercy High School, Mt. Carmel High School, and The Catholic High School.

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.

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 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 81st the national rankings. Jirsa Kendzlerski, Grade 1 is ranked at 20th in the state of Maryland. For the week of Feb. 18, 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. Mrs. Conti's Grade 3 team is ranked 86th and Mrs. Hanley Grade 4 is ranked 99th in the state of Maryland. 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, call the parish office for more information. It's never too late to begin the journey. There are no obligations. We meet on Monday eve-

nings from 7 to 8:30 pm (except holidays). The topic for Monday, Feb. 25 is *Take A Look-Scrutinies*.

Please pray for: We commit **Baylie Connelly, William Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Tyler Sullivan, Sa-laya Corbin and Nashir Corbin** to your prayers as they get closer to Easter. They are in need of our community's prayer and good example as they continue to prepare themselves for the Easter solemnities.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

If you have a child preparing for his or her First Reception of Eucharist, and missed the meeting last Thursday, be sure to check in with Nikki Lux to get the information and materials that are necessary to get them ready for this important day.

Traveling Chalice

We are looking for new families who would like to sign up for the chalice in April. If you would like to sign up to take the chalice home that was used by a priest at Mass, as the focal point of prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life call the Parish Office or Mary Hollingshead at 410-661-1449 or mhollingshead@verizon.net. St. Michael School children will receive the chalice until the end of March. *Feb. 27-9am (School Mass)-6 grade-Mr. Wuenschel, March 6-9am (School Mass)-7 grade-Mrs. Laur, March 13-9am (School Mass)-7 grade-Mrs. Harrison, and March 20 9am (School Mass)-8 grade-Mrs. Scherr.* Please pray with the children for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life.

Service and Justice

Catholic Men's Fellowship Annual Conference

Register now (space is limited) for the Catholic Men's Fellowship Annual Conference on Saturday, March 16, 8:30 am to 4 pm at Calvert Hall High School in Towson. The theme is **Proclaiming Christ in a Secular World** and features Ralph Martin, Richard Lane, and Steve Ray. There will be a closing Mass with Archbishop William E. Lori as celebrant. For more details or to register please go to www.catholicmensfellowship.com or call Gill Hoffman at 410-252-5737 or Bernie Pilon at 410-337-3548. The conference is a collaborative event with the Archdiocesan Holy Name Union and the Knights of Columbus. Flyer information is provided in back of the Church.

Help Save Lives-40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful, and proven effective pro-life campaign that has already been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide, saved 6,749 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 75 abortion workers, and seen 25 abortion facilities close. Please spend some time this Lent in prayer and fasting for the pre-born. We are asking those who are able to go to www.40daysforlife.com/fullerton or call Jody at 443-876-3304 to register to pray an hour or half-hour at the Beltway Plaza sidewalk until March 24. The hours available are 7am until 7pm. A group of St. Michael parishioners pray every Friday at 10 am. We are so very grateful for your fasting and prayers for those who cannot speak for themselves.

St. Michaels 5th Annual Health Fair

Mark your calendar for St. Michaels 5th annual Health Fair on Friday, April 19, to be held in the gym. All are welcome. For information or to volunteer contact Barb Maher.

Helping Hands Committee

The Helping Hands Committee gives a hand when you are in need of help in a pinch with errands, food shopping, a ride to the doctor, mass, etc. or relief for a caretaker. If you have a need or would like to help when available call Jane Oakjones at 410-866-8674.

Stewardship

February 17, 2013

Envelopes	\$8,172.30
Loose Offerings.....	\$1,304.63
*Total.....	\$9,476.93
Poor Box (<i>Sisters Academy</i>)	\$255.54
2 nd Collection (<i>School Support</i>)	\$1,596.76

Year to Date Offertory (33 weeks)

Envelopes	\$274,666.14
Loose Offerings.....	\$45,967.48
Total.....	\$320,633.62
*Average Weekly Offertory.....	\$9,716.17
Weekly Shortfall	\$1,420.83
*Our budget is based on weekly income of \$11,137 (envelopes + loose). Thank you for your generous support.	

Second Collection

This 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.

Next Weekend: Maintenance & Repair Your donation assists the parish in meeting the expenses associated with the ordinary repair and maintenance of our parish buildings.

Memorial & Honorary Donations

St. Michael School recently received a generous donation in memory of the **deceased members of the Class of 1960** from **William Morley** and generous donations in memory of **William A. Neas** from **Theresa Neas Margolis** and **John & Rosemarie Neas**. In addition, St. Michael School recently received a generous donation to benefit the St. Michael School Tuition Fund in memory of **Esther W. Allen** from **Dan & Sharon Edwards**. Please keep their families in your prayers. St. Michael Church received generous contributions in memory of **Anthony Brocato, Sr.** from **Josie Kadron, Regina Meyers, Christine Goodman, the Rudnick family, George & Jean McElroy, Amedea Liberatore, Herman & Helen Lenzenweger, Irene Johnson, and Rose Mary Callahan**. Please keep his family in your prayers. *Donations can be made to St. Michael the Archangel (School or Church) in memory of or in honor of a loved one. St. Michael's will send an acknowledgement to the family of the deceased or the person remembered as well as the donor. For more information, contact the Office of Development at 410-665-1054, ext. 125.*



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