

March 3, 2013 – 3rd 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 fellow parishioners,

As we continue through this Lenten Season and move closer to the celebration of Easter, preparations are being made for another celebration at St. Michaels. Activities to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the church will culminate in the fall of 2013. The planning process has already begun. One of the larger pre-anniversary events is the Parish Mission Retreat which is being held on Saturday, April 20 from 10am until 4pm. This brings together all of the Commissions, committees and sub-groups within the parish. The purpose of this event is for each group to find their identity within church and school community and better support our efforts of evangelization in keeping with our mission of "Joyfully Proclaiming the Presence of Jesus to the Total Community".

During my tenure as Pastoral Council Chair, I have made it a mission of the Council to continue thinking of and submitting ideas as to how we can further promote evangelization. To "evangelize" means to preach in an attempt to convert. That may come off as being a strong statement to some and lean toward asking people to convert to our faith. While that is a mission in and of itself, what I am really asking each member of the Council and the parish to do is to reach out within our own St Michael's Community. There are many great, long-standing members of our parish, "baby boomer" and younger school parents, young adults and youth that have much to offer in the way of talent. Evangelization is a combined effort to deepen your focus on the Lord, demonstrate His ways while at the same time strengthen your relationship with St. Michael's. The goal is to have everyone take a small part in evangelization through volunteerism, performing a simple kind act of kindness and or submit an idea, keeping in mind that by doing this you are continuing the work of the Lord. He has placed everyone on this earth to carry out a mission. I cannot think of a better way to fulfill that mission than by performing His works at the place where you worship Him every week.

The Council's specific evangelization task is to find ways to open the church or chapel for prayer during the majority of a day. This is a tall order as in this day and age volunteers are needed to stand watch. While we would like to have the church or chapel open 24 hours a day seven days a week for prayer and reflection outside of our formal celebrations, we cannot. There are not nearly enough volunteers at this time. We would like to combine this with regular tours and history lessons surrounding our heritage. The question remains, how can we manage this effort? I would love to hear any ideas you may have. Please submit them to my attention in the parish office.

There are many entertaining events planned for the 100th Anniversary celebration. Some will be on campus, some off. There will be those that wrap around worship and those for gathering to have a good time while socializing with the members of this great

community. Some events will cost money and some will not. No matter the theme of the event, I cannot think of a celebration of this magnitude that has ever been planned in my 33 years as a parishioner. I would like to thank the Executive Committee and Pastoral Council members for their dedication and work as I continue my tenure as Chair. It is truly a time for celebration, a time for sharing, a time for reflection and evangelization and a time for coming together as "One" to strengthen even further, an already strong parish community. The "Power of One" is great. We have much to be thankful for and to look forward to at St. Michael's. Here's to hoping that our efforts pay dividends and that our relationship with the Lord and the place for which we worship Him are strengthened.

Blessings and Peace,

Jeff Breighner

Pastoral Council Chair

Community Life

Mass Attendance—Feb. 23 & 24

4pm-146, 6pm-148, 7:30am-112, 9:30am-139, 11:30am (Church)-230, 11:30am (Chapel)-190. Total: 965.

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 Spartz, 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 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.*

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Our parish rejoices with **Addison Nicole Cook, Tyler Joseph Hall, and Jamila Katherine Tannous**, who were baptized last Sunday, February 24. May the Lord watch over you and bless you.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

We welcome **Iliana Sanchez, Raymond & Suzanne Grannas**, who recently registered at St. Michael's. Your presence in our community is a blessing to us. May you also be blessed by being part of our parish.

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer the soul of **Ann Moyer**, and all those who have died. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Holy Name Society News

The Holy Name Mass will be Sunday, March 10, at the 9:30am Mass. All members and their families are invited to pray the rosary starting at 9am in the front pews

near the St. Michael the Archangel statue and the Holy Name banner. Prayer intentions are for the continued growth of St. Michael the Archangel Holy Name Society and the vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All parishioners are invited to join them in saying the rosary. The March Holy Name meeting is cancelled.

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, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

7 pm RCIA (*PMR*)
7 pm P. I. C. Meeting (*CR2*)

Tuesday, March 5

6 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (*Gym*)
7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (*CR2*)
7 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
8 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

Wednesday, March 6

3 pm Brownie Meeting (*CMR*)
3 pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop (*YR*)
3:15 pm Children Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)
6 pm Sodality of the B. V. M. Meeting (*CR2*)
7 pm Meeting Christ in Prayer (*PMR*)

Thursday, March 7

12 Noon *Meeting Christ in Prayer* Group 2 (*CR2*)
3 pm Brownie Meeting (*CMR*)
6 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (*Gym*)
7 pm Hispanic Community (*Chapel*)
7:30 pm Traditional Choir (*Choir Loft*)

Friday, March 8

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 Committee (*CR2*)

Saturday, March 9

1 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (*Gym*)

Sunday, March 10

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

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The next meeting of the Sodality of the B. V. M. will be on Wed., March 6, at 6pm in the Conference Room 2.

Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference-March 16

Register now (space is limited) for the Catholic Men's Fellowship Annual Conference on Saturday, March 16, 8:30am-4pm at Calvert Hall High School. The theme is *Proclaiming Christ in a Secular World*. There will be a closing Mass with Archbishop Lori as celebrant. Flyers are in the back of church. For more details or to register, visit www.catholicmensfellowship.com or call Gill Hoffman at 410-252-5737 or Bernie Pilon at 410-337-3548.

Liturgy

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

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

Monday, March 4-St. Casimir

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

9 am ✠Julia Gugliuzza

Tuesday, March 5

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

9 am ✠Richard Ruth

Wednesday, March 6

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

9 am All Parish Members

Thursday, March 7-Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

9 am ✠Gerlad Fuller

Friday, March 8-St. John of God

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

9 am ✠Mary Bucciarelli

Saturday, March 9-St. Frances of Rome

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

8:30 am ✠Peggy Heinlein

Sat. Vigil, March 9

4 pm ✠Pete Canzi

6 pm ✠Joe Balakier

Sunday, March 10-4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5-9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

7:30 am ✠George H. Wakefield, Sr.

9:30 am ✠Joyce Edwards

11:30am (Church) All Parish Members

11:30am (Chapel) ✠Lidia Ramona Polanco

Confession Schedule for Saturday, March 9

Saturday: 3 pm -Fr. Jim Sorra

Please note this schedule is subject to change.

Laetare Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10, is called Laetare Sunday. The first word of the introit for the Fourth Sunday of Lent begins with *Rejoice* taken from the Latin translation of Isaiah 66:10-11. It sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery. Flowers may be used this Sunday to decorate the altar and sanctuary.

Triduum Choir

Rehearsals are now being held on Thursdays in the choir loft of the church at 7:30pm for the Triduum Choir. The Triduum Choir sings for Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7pm; Good Friday, March 29 at 7pm; Easter Vigil, March 30 at 8pm and Easter Sunday, March 31 at the 9:30am Mass. Whether you can sing for all the liturgies or just one, plan to join us on Thursdays in the choir loft of the church at 7:30pm. For more information, contact our director of music and liturgy, Kevin M. Clemens, at 410-665-1054 or at kcclemens@smoverlea.org.

Catholic Faith Formation

School News

Pasta Dinner: Make plans to join the school community for the *Taste of Italy-Pasta Dinner* on Saturday, March 9, in the gym. Tickets are available from Corinna Sibiski at csibiski@smoverlea.org or 410-665-1054.

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 pray the Stations of the Cross on Thursday at 2:05pm 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: 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.*

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 & 4 year old children is available through God's Little People. Call Mrs. Dossa at 410-668-8797 to arrange a tour of the school and receive an information packet. Registration material will be available. Register early to guarantee your seat at the school or for GLP.

1st in Math: Our School placed 4th of all the schools participating in the state of Maryland and moved up to 76th in the national rankings. Jirsa Kendzlerski, Grade 1 is ranked at 17th in Maryland. For the week of Feb. 25, 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 80th and Mrs. Hanley Grade 4 is ranked 94th in Maryland. Students in pre-Kindergarten are now participating in *First in Math*. Congratulations to the 188 students who are participating in *First in Math*.

Values Code: The Values Code that is being highlighted during the month for March is Forgiveness. Students recite the 13 values each morning.

Traveling Chalice

We are looking for new families including individuals, and couples who would like to sign up for the chalice in May. If you would like to sign up to take the chalice that was used by a priest at Mass home as the focal point of prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life, call the parish office or contact Mary Hollingshead at 410-661-1449 or mhollingshead@verizon.net. St. Michael School children will receive the chalice during March. *March 6-9am School Mass-7 grade-Mrs. Laur* *March 13-9am School Mass-7grade-Mrs. Harrison* *March 20-9am School Mass-8 grade-Mrs. Scherr* Please pray with these children for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious Life.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults-RCIA

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 evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm (except holidays). The topic for Monday, March 4, is *The Way of the Cross*.

We commit **Baylie Connelly, William Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Tyler Sullivan, Salaya 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 Preparation

In the second week of preparation the children will talk with their parents about the importance of family gatherings and relate that to the gathering that we as the family of God share when we come to Mass. They will learn about the opening rite of the Mass and how we joyfully participate in it. Please keep these families in your prayer.

God's Little People Pre-School

We are looking for donations of small age appropriate educational toys. They can be new or used in good shape. Toys can be dropped off in the parish office Monday–Thursday before 3 pm. If you are not sure if we can use your donations, call Mrs. Jo Ann Livingston at 410 665-1054.

Service and Justice

Maryland March for Life-March 11

Maryland has the 4th highest abortion rate in the nation. Join Archbishop Lori and hundreds of pro-life Marylanders for a powerful, public witness of our commitment to building a culture of life. The Maryland March for Life will be Monday, March 11, starting at 5:15pm in Annapolis for Mass, March, Rally at Lawyer's Mall, and Chick-fil-A and fellowship at St. Mary's. Bus will depart at 4 pm and return at 10 pm from Immaculate Conception, 200 Ware Ave., in Towson. Cost: \$15 adults & \$5 students. For reservations contact Marcie Towle at marci@mediadimensions.com. To learn more visit www.marylandmarchforlife.org

St. Michaels 5th Annual Health Fair-April 19

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

Be Part of the Solution for Homelessness

The Resource Exchange (TRE), a program of St. Vincent de Paul Church, provides tangible resources to individuals placed in stable, but empty housing by agencies providing support services. You can help TRE by donating usable furniture and household items necessary in a small apartment. For more information and a list of needed items, visit www.stvchurch.org under Quick Links or call Peggy Cronyn at 410-707-3659.

Stewardship

Feb. 24, 2013

Envelopes	\$6,803.23
Loose Offerings	\$1,360.23
*Total.....	\$8,163.46
Poor Box (<i>Sisters Academy</i>)	\$321.80
2 nd Collection (<i>Easter Flowers</i>)	\$2,492.81

Year to Date Offertory (34 weeks)

Envelopes	\$283,269.37
Loose Offerings	\$47,327.71
Total.....	\$330,597.08
*Average Weekly Offertory.....	\$9,723.44
Weekly Shortfall	\$1,413.56
<i>*Our budget is based on weekly income of \$11,137 (envelopes + loose). Thank you for your generous support.</i>	

Second Collection

This Weekend: Maintenance & Repair Your donation assists the parish in meeting the expenses associated with the ordinary repair and maintenance of our parish buildings. **Next Weekend: Catholic Relief Services** This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world.

March Poor Box Donations

Poor box donations received during March will benefit our St. Michael's food pantry.

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

Memorial & Honorary Donations

A generous donation to St. Michael the Archangel School was recently made in loving memory of **Sean Prosser**, grandson of **Joe & Margaret Lorber**. Please keep his family in your prayers.

What Are You Doing With Your Life?



ALL PARISHONERS of ANY AGE are invited to the CYG's next event, where Mr. Ben has gathered a group of experts (Priests, Married Couples, Nuns) and will not let them off the hook until we get answers! Bring questions of your own*, or just come and enjoy the show!

*An anonymous Question method will be available.

Why Can't Priests get married?
How do I know if my boyfriend is "the one"?
Why do nuns wear habits?
How do I discern Priesthood/Marriage?
How do I know if I'm really in Love?
Did Priests or Nuns date in high school?
How do I propose to my girlfriend?

6:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday, March 16
Our Lady of Hope Church
1727 Lynch Road
Baltimore, MD 21222