

March 17, 2013 – 5th 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,

"Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus Papam!"
(translated: I announce to you a great joy: We have a Pope!).

With these words spoken from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome this past Wednesday, we began a new and exciting time in our Church and indeed in the history of the world as the former Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, slipped into the shoes of the Fisherman and became our new Holy Father, Pope Francis.

He impressed us all immediately by his humility when he bowed down and asked the people of the city and the world to enter into silent prayer and to bless him before he extended his first papal blessing upon the city and the world. The fact that he chose the name of Francis as his first papal act further bespeaks of his humility, spiritual poverty, and love for Christ in the poor as well as his embrace of the Beatitudes, after the heart of St. Francis of Assisi. He is a Jesuit, and so is a son of St. Ignatius of Loyola and has been formed in his particular brand of dynamic contemplative and evangelical spirituality. He will no doubt carry on the Church's call to the New Evangelization. He is known to be a simple man, a compassionate man, and a man of the people. He is a brilliant theologian, and is committed to upholding the goodness, beauty, and truth of the teachings of Christ transmitted to us by His Mystical Body, the Church. And he is from the Americas!

By all accounts, God has blessed the Church and the whole world with this man!

As we rejoice in this gift, let's continue to pray that God might continue to guide, strengthen, and abundantly bless Pope Francis as the newest Successor of St. Peter, our Holy Father, and the Servant of the Servants of God, as he takes on the role of our universal pastor helping us to live the Gospel as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who leads us in the ways of truth, love, and salvation.

As Lent begins to draw now to a close with Holy Week beginning next week, I'd like to encourage you all to continue to persevere in the difficult task of turning more fervently towards the Lord in your prayer, penances, and almsgiving. Persevere also in the work of repentance by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you have not yet had a chance to do so. And I'd also like to thank all who have helped enrich our Lenten observance, especially the Girl Scouts and Scout Leaders of Troop 419, who provided our parish community with Simple Lenten Meals before Stations of the Cross on the Friday evenings of Lent—continuing a wonderful tradition that marries the nourishment of the body and soul. A note of thanks also to all of our volunteers who helped to put on another successful and delicious Italian Dinner last weekend to benefit St.

Michael's School (with special thanks to the chef, Cesare Ciccanti!).

As we enter into Holy Week next week, let's enter deeply into the mystery of our salvation as we meditate upon and celebrate the suffering, cross, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And as we celebrate the hospitality and compassion of Christ for us so profoundly on display in the liturgies of Holy Week, let's be sure to extend that same hospitality and compassion to all of the visitors who will be coming to share in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so that they might also hopefully in some way tap into the amazing love and mercy of our God.

Peace and prayers,



Community Life

Mass Attendance—March 9 & 10

4pm–212, 6pm–131, 7:30am–66, 9:30am–180, 11:30am (Church)—207, 11:30am (Chapel)—190. Total: 986.

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., 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, 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 Misiora, 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 Cad-den, 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 **John Lotz, Daniel Winiecki, Frank J. Novotny, Marie Crusse**, and all those who have died. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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 17

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

Monday, March 18

7 pm RCIA (PMR)

Tuesday, March 19

6 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)
7 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (Chapel)
7 pm Living Stations of the Cross Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, March 20

3 pm Brownie Meeting (CMR)
3 pm Girl Scout Daisy 620 Troop (YR)
3:15 pm Children Choir Rehearsal (Church)
6 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting (CMR)
6 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)
7 pm Meeting Christ in Prayer (PMR)
7 pm Living Stations of the Cross Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, March 21

12 Noon *Meeting Christ in Prayer* Group 2 (CR2)
3 pm Brownie Meeting (CMR)
6 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)
6 pm Cub Scouts (Scout Room)
6:30 pm Adult Education for Eucharist (PMR)
7 pm Hispanic Community (Chapel)
7:30 pm Traditional Choir (Choir Loft)

Friday, March 22

11:30 am Stations of the Cross & Benediction (Chapel)
5 pm Hispanic Stations of the Cross (Chapel)
6 pm Simple Lenten Supper (Gym)
6:30 pm Girl Scout Cadette Troop 1881 Meeting (YR)
6:30 pm Hispanic Holy Name (Chapel)
7 pm Living Stations of the Cross (Church)
7 pm Hispanic Committee (CR2)

Saturday, March 23

1 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

Sunday, March 24

1 pm Baptism *English* (Church)
6 pm Boy Scout Troop 419 Meeting (Scout Room)

Hispanic Community

Todos los martes a las 7 pm Grupo de Oración en Español (Capilla). Todos los domingos a las 10 am Grupo de Reflexión en Español (CMR). 5 pm Viacrucis en Español (Iglesia) todos los viernes hasta que la cuaresma termine. El 7 de abril se hará el curso para completar el STAND. Las personas interesadas, por favor, comunicarse con la señora María Santini.

Liturgy

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sat. Vigil, March 16

4 pm ✠Joseph Cataldo
6 pm ✠Elsie Chabalko

Sunday, March 17-5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; John 8: 1-11

7:30 am ✠Marie C. Foreman
9:30 am ✠Mary Catherine White
11:30am (Church) ✠George H. Wakefield, Sr.
11:30am (Chapel) All Parish Members

Monday, March 18-St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20
9 am ✠Robert DeRosa & Julia Gugliuzza

Tuesday, March 19-Feast of Saint Joseph

2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

9 am ✠Josephine Grotto

Wednesday, March 20

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
9 am All Parish Members

Thursday, March 21

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

9 am ✠Tony Brocato, Sr.

Friday, March 22

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 9 am

✠Christina Price & Roy Haslup

Saturday, March 23-St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

8:30 am ✠Marie Anna Shaffer

Sat. Vigil, March 23

4 pm ✠Jessie & Frank Slomba

6 pm ✠Shirley Hild **Sun., March 24-Palm**

Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

7:30 am	*Robert DeRosa & Julia Gugliuzza
9:30 am	*James L. Johnson
11:30am (Church)	*Beverly Brandt
11:30am (Chapel)	All Parish Members

Confession Schedule for Saturday, March 23

Saturday: 3 pm –Msgr. Tewes

Please note this schedule is subject to change.

Feast of Saint Joseph, Tuesday, March 19

Matthew's gospel describes Joseph as "a just man." In Biblical times, the most beautiful compliment one person could give another was to call him or her a *tzaddik*, a person of justice and virtue. Mary and Joseph were engaged to be married. Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant, and he knew he was not the father of the baby. But an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The child is from the Holy Spirit." The angel told Joseph to name the baby "Jesus, "that means "God saves." After Jesus was born, Joseph had another dream. He was warned of King Herod's plea to kill Jesus. That very night Joseph and Mary and Jesus fled to Egypt to hide from Herod's soldiers. People in many countries honor St. Joseph. He is considered the patron saint of the poor. Many Sicilian people combine all three Lenten disciplines-Prayer, fasting and almsgiving-by inviting the poor to a special banquet called a "St. Joseph's table." Lenten dishes such as meatless pastas are served, along with wine and fruit. Italian and sometimes Polish tables in the United States sponsor St. Joseph's tables. The custom includes prayers and songs for St. Joseph and for Lent. Joseph is the patron saint of Mexico, Canada, Bohemia (in the Czech Republic), and Belgium. He has become known as the patron saint of the church, of fathers, of a happy death, and of prayer.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

In the dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church on the Fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

Holy Week and the Beginning of the Triduum

Holy Week begins on **Sunday, March 24** with the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The Passion Gospel of Saint Luke will be proclaimed at all the Masses. Palm (branches of a tree of the palm family) are blessed and distributed to the faithful. Most palm in the United States comes from the Florida Everglades. **Tenebrae** is the Latin term for darkness. **Tenebrae** refers to the evening setting for a service of the Word, song, and the progressive extinguishing of the church lights and candles during them. The main focus during Tenebrae is on Christ's suffering, death and descent among the dead. **Tenebrae** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, March 27 at 7pm in the church.**

Morning Prayer during Holy Week will be celebrated at 9 am in the chapel beginning on Thursday, March 28.

Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, will be celebrated on Thursday, March 28, at 7 pm in the Church. As we begin this Sacred Triduum, we carry the holy oils blessed by our archbishop at the Monday, March 25, Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our

Queen. Washing feet is a sign of the humble service to which Christians are called. We celebrate Eucharist on this sacred night. Following the sharing of communion, the sacred Body of Christ is taken, in solemn procession, to its place of repose. Night Prayer begins at 11pm in the Chapel.

Good Friday, Morning Prayer will be offered in the chapel at 9am. **Stations of the Cross** will be offered at 3 pm in the church. We walk in Christ's footsteps on his way to Calvary. **Stations of the Cross** will also be offered at 5 pm in the chapel in Spanish. **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion** will be offered in the church at 7 pm. The Sacred Triduum continues as God gathers us once again before the cross. In simple fashion, we kneel, in an act of humble reverence at the power of this sacred moment. We hear about God's suffering servant and Jesus, our great high priest. These scriptures open us to the proclamation of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by John. After recalling Christ's triumphant death, we remember those who are in need of God's Presence and power. In a holy moment of grace, we are called to venerate the wood of the cross. Finally, we are called to come forward to receive the Body of Christ. With the Church throughout the world, we await the light of Christ, the light that will dispel the darkness of our hearts.

Holy Saturday, Morning Prayer will be offered in the chapel at 9 am. **Blessing of Food** will be offered in the chapel at 12:00 Noon.

The Easter Vigil at 8pm in the church is the night when Christians everywhere celebrate the passage of Jesus Christ from death to life. As the Sacred Triduum continues, we first gather in the darkness to kindle a new fire, in anticipation that we will be inflamed with new hope. Christ our Light is proclaimed as the Easter light spreads throughout the assembly.

This is the night when we attune our ears to the power of God's Word. This is the night when those who have traveled the long road of initiation open themselves to the abundant grace poured out in the sacraments. This is the night when we who have traveled the Lenten journey once again remember the moment when we were baptized into Christ. This is the night when, having shared in the paschal mystery once again, we renew our commitment to go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

Hispanic Community

Confesiones en Español todos los domingos de 11 am a 11:25 am. Misa en Español: 11:30 am (Capilla). Las misas de Semana Santa serán bilingües: Jueves Santo: 7pm (Iglesia), Viernes Santo: 7pm (Iglesia), Sábado Santo: Vigilia pascual, 8pm (Iglesia), Domingo de Pascua, 12:45 pm en la capilla.

Catholic Faith Formation

School News

Thanks to all of the parish members who joined us for a *Taste of Italy-Pasta Dinner* on Saturday, March 9, in the Gym. A special thanks to Cecare Ciccantti and his kitchen staff and to Corinna Sibiski and her many helpers who organized the event.

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. Please join the students in the Stations of the Cross if you are available.

Enrollment for the School Year 2013-2014: 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 olds 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.

1st in Math: St. Michael the Archangel School continues in 3rd place of all the schools participating in Maryland and moved up to 73rd in the national rankings. Jirsa Kendzlerski, Grade 1 is ranked at 13th in Maryland. For the week of March 11, the player of the week was Selena Haupt in Grade 4 and Team of the Week was Mrs. Dover's homeroom. Player of the month is Andrew Heffernan in Grade 2 and the team of the month is Mrs. Dover's Grade 2 homeroom. Mrs. Conti's Grade 3 team is ranked 77th and Mrs. Hanley Grade 4 is ranked 92nd in Maryland. The St. Michael's students have solved 1,156,923 math problems. 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 March is Forgiveness. Students recite the 13 values each morning.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults-RCIA

Are you or someone you know interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? 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 18, is *The Lord's Prayer*. We commit **Baylie Connelly, William Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Tyler Sullivan, Salaya Corbin and Nashir Corbin** to your prayers as they prepare to receive the Easter Sacraments. They are in need of our community's prayer and good example as they continue on their journey to the Resurrection.

First Eucharist Preparation

In the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, we hear reading from Sacred Scripture. In the readings, God is present to us and make God's Word our own. This week we will read the parable of the Sower and the Seeds and learn how it teaches us to listen to God's Word. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Pequeñas Comunidades

Continúan las reuniones todos los viernes a las 7pm en diferentes Casas. Reflexionamos sobre la Palabra de Dios en este tiempo de Cuaresma. Si desea participar en algún grupo, contactarse con Jeanette Estrada, Sandra Abarca, Madeline Cortes, María Teresa Luque y Sandra Martinez al 443-315-3867. **Rito de iniciación Cristiana de adultos (RICA):** si estas interesado en conocer más sobre la fe Católica y no has hecho los sacramentos, favor de comunicarse a la oficina para

más información. Se estarán ofreciendo las clases en español. **Matrimonios:** si usted está planeando casarse, por favor, contáctese con el padre o el diácono por lo menos seis meses antes. Todas las parejas deben tomar un curso de preparación para el matrimonio que es requerido por la Arquidiócesis. Este curso lo estamos dando ahora en español. No reserve la fecha ni un salón para la recepción, sin antes haber hablado con el sacerdote o diácono. **Bautismo:** Se ofrecen las clases para bautismo en español. Para mayor información comuníquese con la oficina.

Service and Justice

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. You can help TRE by donating usable furniture and household items needed in a small apartment. For more information or a list of needed items, visit www.stvchurch.org under Quick Links or call Peggy Cronyn at 410-707-3659.

Stewardship

March 10, 2013

Envelopes	\$8,671.66
Loose Offerings	\$1,350.04
*Total	\$10,021.70
Poor Box (St. Michael's food pantry)	\$293.54
2 nd Collection (Catholic Relief Services)	\$2,010.01

Year to Date Offertory (36 weeks)

Envelopes	\$300,858.32
Loose Offerings	\$49,998.05
Total	\$350,856.37
*Average Weekly Offertory	\$9,746.01
Weekly Shortfall	\$1,390.99
*Our budget is based on weekly income of \$11,137 (envelopes + loose). Thank you for your generous support.	

Second Collection

This Weekend: Utility and Energy. Your contributions help us meet the rising costs of electricity and heating fuel. **Next Weekend: Lenten Sacrifice** This special collection assists the parish in working towards a balanced budget this year. Each family is asked to prayerfully consider a special Lenten sacrificial gift equal to one week's offertory.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Pledge Report

The monthly pledge billings for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal pledges have been mailed. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal. Please keep in mind that our parish receives 25% of all cash received until our goal is reached. Then, we receive 50% of all cash received. This year we will be using our rebate to fund tuition assistance in our Parish School and Religious Education program.

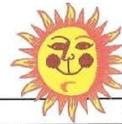
Parish Goal: \$52,600 Amount Pledged: \$42,621
 Rebate Amount: \$10,655.25

Support the bi-annual Faith Formation Fundraiser!

Help keep our Faith Formation Programs active in St. Michael's. Buy a subscription to "Spring Fling – 2013" and

win a cash prize . . . maybe even the big one on April 30th!

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