

March 31, 2013 – The Resurrection of the Lord

Happy Easter!

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,

A blessed and happy Easter to you and your families!

It can be hard to believe the Good News. Even the apostles and disciples who followed and lived with Jesus day in and day out, and who even confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, and who witnessed him perform other powerful signs and miracles, including raising people from the dead—even they had great difficulty believing. The idea of the Resurrection was just too much for them to accept. It was not just the resuscitation of the corpse of Jesus. This was something completely new and different. The conquering of death itself! The Good News was *too good!*

All that changed however when they found themselves face-to-face with the risen and glorified Lord. He was the same Jesus of Nazareth in the flesh (even bearing the wounds of his crucifixion), but he was mysteriously Other—the glorified Son of God! Actually seeing and touching the Risen Jesus convinced them. It filled them with faith and gave them the boldness to proclaim the Good News, and to build the Church. The Resurrection became the focal point of all life and reality.

So here we are celebrating Easter over two thousand years later. But unlike the apostles, most of us have not seen Jesus, or put our fingers in the holes in hands or sides, or experienced the Resurrection as they did. We have to trust in him based on the work of the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts, and the proclamation and witness of the Church in her sacred teachings and in her Scriptures. But we do have one advantage that the first apostles and disciples did not have: the witness of their lives!

We know how fully they devoted themselves to Jesus. He was clearly and truly “risen” to them. We have accounts of their sacrifices for the Church, the persecutions and hardships they endured, and the martyrdom that many of them suffered. Would they really go through all of this just to keep a “myth” alive?

That is why we call the Church the “Mystical Body of Christ.” In the Church, in her witness, and especially in her Sacraments—we have access to the Risen Jesus—who can change us just as surely as he changed those first disciples. And even though we may still walk in valley of darkness, we are not afraid. Because Jesus is alive! And we have the possibility to share in the Resurrection, even now, if we have the courage to walk through the door of faith... and to become the next witnesses and apostles to a world who still lives in death’s dark vale.

I want to congratulate in a special way, those who were baptized on the Easter Vigil and received the Easter Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation: **Baylie Connelly, William Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Tyler Sullivan, Salaya Corbin, and Nashir Corbin.** We welcome you with great joy into full communion

with the risen and mystical body of Christ, the Church! We know you will be wonderful disciples of Jesus, and we pray you continue to grow and deepen in God’s gifts of faith, hope, and love. Welcome to the family, and know we are here to serve you and to call you to serve others, as Christ taught us!

I want to extend a special welcome to any of you who have been away from the practice of your Catholic faith, or from your parish, for whatever reason. I want to hear from you. And I want to make special invitation to you to come to our **Parish Ministry Retreat** on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 10 am. This retreat is how we are kicking off our 100th Anniversary as a parish. But we really, really want all the members of the community to have a voice in how we will move forward into the next 100 years of history—whether you have been active or not. And if you’ve been away, or feel alienated from the Church or the faith or the parish, or are simply curious about us, I want to tell you that you are most welcome to join us. Your voice is among the most important in our community. So please come to the retreat. We simply ask that you call to confirm so we can have enough food for lunch.

A quick commercial: The parish play is back! Thanks to the efforts of our Contemporary Music Director, Jim Kraus, and the talents of the play’s director, Melissa Moloney, I want to invite you to the musical production of ***Suessical!*** They and the talented cast of actors and musicians, most of whom you probably know, have been working very hard to put on a quality musical, and I am sure they will not disappoint. So please get your tickets and enjoy an entertaining and family-friendly evening out, while supporting the parish and building community.

Finally, I want to thank all of the Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Boy Scouts, hospitality ministers, decorators, choirs, musicians, and all other volunteers who helped to make our Triduum and Easter celebrations so beautiful and meaningful. Most of all thank you to Kevin Clemens, our Director of Music and Liturgy, for all of his hard work, organization, leadership, and performance to make this all happen.

Alleluia! He is truly Risen!

Peace and prayers,



Community Life

Mass Attendance—March 23 & 24

4pm–219, 6pm–93, 7:30am–120, 9:30am–217, 11:30 am (Church)–230, 11:30am (Chapel)–270. Total: 1,149.

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 be-

come 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, Phillip Breece, Susan Kasper, William Critcher, Wilfredo Feliciano, Jr., Chris Workman, Gavin Sparzk, 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 Richter, 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 **Chase Mayer Coady**, who was baptized last Sunday, March 24. May the Lord watch over you and bless you.

Upcoming Events at St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel Players present **Seussical** on Friday, April 12, 8 pm; Saturday, April 13, 1 pm & 8 pm and Sunday, April 14, 3 pm, in the gym. Tickets: Adults \$12, Children 10 & under/seniors \$10 in advance. For tickets or to place an ad in the program, call the parish office at 410-665-1054. Our School will sponsor **Bingo** on Friday, April 26, in the gym, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students in advance. Contact the Development Office at 410-665-1054 for ticket information. St. Michael the Archangel School will sponsor the **16th Annual Golf Outing** at Rocky Point Golf Course in Essex, on Thursday, May 16, 8 am Shotgun Start. Cost per foursome is \$420 (includes 1 complimentary mulligan per players valued at \$20). Format is four person teams, best ball (adults 18 years and older only). Continental breakfast, mid play snacks, and dinner are included. Contact the Development Office at 410-665-1054 to register your team.

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 31—Easter

Parish Office Closed

Monday, April 1

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2

3 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

7 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (Chapel)

Wednesday, April 3

3 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

6 pm Sodality of the B. V. M. Meeting (CR2)

7 pm Meeting Christ in Prayer (Parish Center)

Thursday, April 4

12 Noon Meeting Christ in Prayer (Parish Center)

3 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

Friday, April 5

3 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

Saturday, April 6

9 am *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

Sunday, April 7

9 am Hispanic Community STAND Training (CR2)

12:30 pm *Seussical* Rehearsal (Gym)

1 pm Baptisms *English* (Church)

St. Michael's Needs Your Help!

Plans are currently underway for St. Michael's 100th Anniversary Celebration and we need your help. The parish is looking for a number of volunteers to help with over 20 different events to be held between September 2013–September 2014. The events are as varied as our parishioners—Alumni Homecoming Dance,

Pilgrimage Trip to DC, Parish Crab Feast, Parish Service Project, Men's/Women's Retreat, just to name a few. We are looking for event planners, bakers, home cooks. We're looking for people skilled in organization, creativity, and/or planning. We're looking for new parishioners and long-time members. We need people to help on various committees, but we also need people to help with one-time events—no long term commitment! Call Corinna Sibiski in the Parish Office or email Carolyn Marinari at CarolynMarinari@gmail.com if you are interested.

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, at 6 pm in Conference Room 2. The next Sodality Mass will be Sunday, April 7, at the 9:30 am Mass. The front pews will be reserved for Sodality members and their families.

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. Los actores de San Miguel Arcángel presentan **Seussical**, el viernes, 12 de abril, 8 pm; sábado, 13 de abril, 1 PM Y 8 PM; y el domingo, 14 de abril a las 3 pm, en el gimnasio de la escuela. Adultos \$12, niños menores de 10 años/ancianos \$10 por anticipado. Para comprar los boletos, o separar un lugar, contáctese con la oficina parroquial al 410-665-1054. La parroquia de San Miguel y la escuela patrocinan **La 5º Feria Anual de la Salud**, el viernes, 19 de abril en el gimnasio de la escuela, de 9 am-3 pm. Habrá banco de sangre, una presentación del departamento de bomberos, como también proyecciones sobre salud, nutrición, prevención y cese del tabaco y muchas otras actividades. La escuela de San Miguel patrocinará el **Bingo**, el viernes, 26 de abril, en el gimnasio de la escuela, a las 7:30 pm. Los boletos son a \$12 adulto y \$10 para estudiantes por adelantado. Contacte a la oficina de desarrollo al 410-665-1054 para más información sobre los boletos.

Thank You

Girl Scout Troop 1881 would like to thank all parishioners who attended our Simple Lenten Meals. We would also like to thank Fenwick Bakery for their generous donations of desserts for our meals. We encourage all to patronize Fenwick Bakery. Thanks to all for your generosity and support.

Liturgy

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Saturday Vigil, March 30—Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12
8 pm ✽Sophie Remeikis

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

7:30 am (Church) ✽Janis Worthington

9:30 am (Church) ✽Fulda Family

9:30 am (Chapel) ✽Joyce Edwards

11:30am (Church) ✽Patsy McNew

12:45pm (Chapel) ✽Floriberto Vences Sanchez

Monday, April 1

Acts 2:14, 22-32; Matthew 28:8-15

9 am ✽Mary Catherine White

Tuesday, April 2

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

9 am ✽James L. Johnson

Wednesday, April 3

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

9 am ✽James L. Johnson

Thursday, April 4

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

9 am Bill & Anna Fader

Friday, April 5

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

9 am ✽Scholz Family

Saturday, April 6

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

8:30 am Wilmer Employees

Sat. Vigil, April 6

4 pm ✽Rose Marie P. Jahn

6 pm All Parish Members

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19; John 20:19-31

7:30 am ✽George H. Wakefield, Sr.

9:30 am ✽Cecilia Radziminski

11:30 am (Church) ✽Mary Schanberger

11:30am (Chapel) ✽Juan Jose Cortes

Confession Schedule for Saturday, April 6

Saturday: 3 pm –Fr. Sal Livigni

Please note this schedule is subject to change.

Divine Mercy Sunday—April 7

"The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1846*). The title of Divine Mercy was given to the 2nd Sunday of Easter, by Pope John Paul in 2000 when he canonized Blessed Faustina Koalska. Next Sunday, April 7, at the conclusion of the 11:30 am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited, and we will celebrate Benediction. Plan to join us as we reflect on the mercy and compassion of our God, manifested through the heart of Jesus.

April Wedding Anniversaries

If your wedding anniversary is in April, plan to join us at the Anniversary Mass on Saturday, April 6, at 4 pm. Call the Parish Office at 410-665-1054 to register.

Choir Opportunities

With the 50 Days of the Easter Season there is plenty of opportunity to join the traditional choir and/or the handbell choir. The Traditional Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday evening, April 11, at 7:30 pm in the choir loft of the church. The choir is a great group of people and you will enjoy singing choral literature with people who love to sing. The traditional choir sings for the Sunday 9:30am Mass. The Handbell Choir resumes rehearsals on Tuesday, April 9, at 8 pm in the church. This great group of ringers have developed

handbell ringing skills since October and now are ringing handbell literature for three octaves of bells. We are always looking for more people to ring handbells. Rehearsals last exactly one hour and the handbell choir rings once a month at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. For information contact our director of music and liturgy, Kevin M. Clemens at the parish office or klemens@smoverlea.org.

Chapel Jeanette Estrada-Cardona & family, and April 21 11:30 am Chapel Maria Santini & family.

Catholic Faith Formation

School News

Rejoice for He has risen. On behalf of the students and faculty of St. Michael the Archangel School, I would like to wish you and your family a Blessed Easter Season. St. Michael the Archangel School is celebrating Easter Holiday until Monday, April 8. School will re-open at 8 am. Enjoy this time with your family.

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). There will be no gathering this Monday; the office is closed for the Easter holiday.

First Eucharist Preparation

The word Eucharist means "thanksgiving". In the Eucharist the Church expresses gratitude to God for all his blessings and all he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification of the world. But it also makes present the sacrifice Christ offered once and for all on the cross. We believe that Jesus is fully present in the form of bread and wine . . . Body and Blood; soul and divinity; God and man.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who comes to Mass regularly, but missed the Sacrament of Confirmation when you were younger? If you would like to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church then we have a program for you. Beginning in April, we will have 5 meetings on Sunday mornings that will give you the necessary understanding for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 19 at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen. If you would like more information, call the parish office and speak to Nikki.

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. The traveling chalice will visit and bless the following families: March 31 11:30 am Chapel Zayas family, April 7 11:30 am Chapel Montufar family, April 14 11:30 am

Theology of the Body

Have you ever wondered what God has planned for your happiness in this life and the next? Are you curious to know exactly HOW you were made in the image and likeness of God? John Paul II's Theology of the Body holds the answers. We would like to invite you to participate in an eight week 'Introduction to the Theology of the Body' study at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Hunt Valley beginning April 16 at 7pm for 8 weeks, discussion will be facilitated by Fr. Frank Brauer and Fr. Michael Deascanis. For more info or to register contact Rob Bart at rbart46@gmail.com or 410-963-2001.

Service and Justice

St. Michaels 5th Annual Health Fair-April 19

St Michael the Archangel School and Parish would like to invite you to attend our 5th Annual Health Fair on Friday, April 19, from 10am-3pm in the gym. All ages are welcome. If you have questions or want to volunteer email us at BMaher@smoverlea.org. -Barb Maher RN and Jane Oakjones RN

Pregnant, Need Help: 1-800-ANGEL-OK
Suffering Post-Abortion Stress: 410-625-8491 or
rvbaltimore@archbalt.org

Stewardship

March 24, 2013

Envelopes	\$9,011.51
Loose Offerings	\$1,652.68
*Total	\$10,664.19
Poor Box (St. Michael's food pantry)	\$280.54
2 nd Collection (Lenten Sacrifice)	\$3,216.20

Year to Date Offertory (38 weeks)

Envelopes	\$316,357.68
Loose Offerings	\$53,161.44
Total	\$369,519.12
*Average Weekly Offertory	\$9,724.19
Weekly Shortfall	\$1,412.81

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

Second Collection

Next Weekend: School Support Your generosity helps to support Catholic education through our parish school.

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: \$53,600 Amount Pledged: \$44,789
Rebate Amount: \$11,197

Here I am , Lord! . . . now what?

Discerning God's Spirit in Daily Life



**Does God feel distant or disconnected from
your everyday concerns?**

Have you wondered what God is calling you to do in your life?

Do you wonder whether God is speaking to you at all?

**Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with the Lord?
then**

Join us for the next Wednesday night Adult Faith Formation Series

Using the Rules of Spiritual Discernment given to the church by St. Ignatius Loyola, Fr. Jim will lead a series of talks and discussions that will enable you to clearly recognize, know, and understand how God speaks to you . . . everyday . . . all the time . . . in great love.

All materials will be provided
No prerequisite courses required
Just a desire and hunger for God!

**Sessions begin April 17th at 7 p.m. in the
Parish Meeting Room.**



