

April 21, 2013 – 4th Sunday of 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,

Congratulations once again to the Archangel Players, cast, crew, musicians, and numerous volunteers who put on an enjoyable, entertaining and quality production of *Suessical the Musical* last weekend! Special thanks goes to Melissa Moloney, the play's director, for her vision, passion and leadership, and to Jim Kraus, the play's musical director, for giving his musical leadership and talent to the production. I was very impressed, and proud that our parish community could put on and support an event of this kind and caliber. Bravo to all!

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel readings emphasize the image of Jesus as the "good shepherd" and the people who follow him as the sheep of his flock. However, we often idealize this image of a shepherd and sheep—picturing something like a scene from a bucolic painting of cute, white, fluffy sheep lazily grazing on a verdant hillside pasture, with a groomed, handsome shepherd happily playing a flute as he leans back in the green grass beneath a sunny sky. The reality is that flocks were always vulnerable constantly facing danger, winters, rain, disease, bandits, predators, and wolves; and shepherds were unappreciated, poor, hard-working folk at the bottom of the social ladder whose identities and livelihoods (and odors) were inextricably linked to the flock.

In the same way we can mistakenly idealize the flock of Jesus that is the Church. The flock of Jesus Christ is not an abstraction or an idyllic community that exists somewhere "out there." The flock of Jesus Christ is something very real. It has size, numbers, institutional history, and a location. It is found in the local church, in the parish. It is in the parish community—imperfect, vulnerable, messy, and not-always-attractive community—where the flock of Christ is concrete and specific. The parish is where we concretely and specifically live out our commitment to follow Christ. It is in the parish where grace becomes tangible and sure in the liturgy. It is in the parish where the commandments to love God and neighbor are taught and lived out—in fits and in starts, but lived out nevertheless. It is in the parish where we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd (through our bishop, pastors, lay leaders, and parish family) call us very specifically each Sunday to live as the person we were created and baptized to be. The parish is where our faith meets the real world. It is the parish and the personalities in it that test the depth of our following Christ. You will not find the flock of the Good Shepherd elsewhere.

So it serves us well to reflect upon our connection to the flock of Christ in the parish. Is belonging to the flock a kind of option for us? Is it a spiritual luxury, an unnecessary add-on to my faith and relationship to God? Or is it absolutely essential for spiritual survival and encounter with Truth? We follow the Good Shepherd by joining the flock of Christ in our midst, not a flock somewhere in our minds. We belong to a parish, register there, come to Mass there, receive the Sacra-

ments there, serve God and neighbor there, support its activities and mission there, have our Catholic faith nourished and refreshed there, and share that faith with others there. Even though it can be a messy reality, a community that is surely imperfect and wounded, with leaders that can be weak and scarred by scandal, it is still the place that Jesus promises will be spiritually life-giving, spiritually strengthening, and spiritually safe—where Jesus will ultimately give us eternal life.

Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and no one will snatch them out of my hand." Still though, there are hundreds of voices that try to lure us away, making a claim for our soul. And though they can't snatch us out of the Lord's hands, we know for sure that the sheep themselves can wander off on their own separating themselves from the fold and getting lost following those other voices. It behooves us then as the specific, concrete flock of the Good Shepherd to go after those members of the flock. This is our mission. This is why St. Michael the Archangel exists. This is the meaning of the New Evangelization. We recognize that we are the mystical body of Christ in the world. We say that St. Michael's exists to "joyfully proclaim the presence of Christ to the total community" because in a very real way, this parish community is the voice of the Good Shepherd that leads the sheep to eternal life.

Is your voice joined to the voice of His flock?

Peace and prayers,



Community Life

Mass Attendance—April 13 & 14

4pm-196, 6pm-113, 7:30am-113, 9:30am-208, 11:30 am (Church)-212, 11:30am (Chapel)-195. Total: 1,037.

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, 18 and over, 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

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

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 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 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

To have a name added to the list contact the Parish Office. 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 Capt. H. Vern Jenkins, 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 soul of **Mary Granruth**, and all those who have died. May her soul and the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

We welcome **Matthew Reed**, 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.

Upcoming Events at St. Michael the Archangel

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 player 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.

15th Annual French Organ Music Marathon

You are invited to the 15th Annual French Organ Music Marathon on Sunday, April 28, beginning at 2 pm at Grace United Methodist Church located at the corner of North Charles Street and Northern Parkway in Baltimore City. Fourteen area organists will play the organ works of the French masters. Each organist will play approximately 20 minutes. Kevin M. Clemens, our director of music and liturgy, will play at 4:10 pm. Plan to arrive any time before 4 pm to hear Kevin and you have the option of remaining to hear other organists until 7 pm when the marathon ends. No admission is charged, but there is a free will offering.

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.

Hispanic Community

Todos los martes a las 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración en Español (Capilla).

Todos los domingos a las 10:00 AM Grupo de Reflexión en Español (CMR).

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 \$12.00 adulto y \$10.00 para estudiantes por adelantado. Contacte a la oficina de desarrollo al 410-665-1054 para más información sobre los boletos.

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, April 21

9:45 am Children's Faith Formation (Classrooms)
10 am Pinewood Derby (Gym)
1 pm Baptism Spanish (Church)
6 pm BS Troop 419 Meeting (Scout Room)

Monday, April 22

7 pm RCIA (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 23

8 am Parent Focus Group for Strategic Planning (PMR)

7 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (Chapel)

8 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, April 24

1:30 pm Parent Focus Group for Strategic Planning (PMR)

3:15 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting (CMR)

7 pm Discerning God's Spirit in Daily Life (PMR)

Thursday, April 25

12 Noon Meeting Christ in Prayer (CR2)

3 pm GS Brownie Troop 806 (CRM)

6 pm Parent Focus Group for Strategic Planning (GYM)

6 pm 1st Eucharist Practice (Church)

6 pm Cub Scout Pack 419 (Scout Room)

7 pm Hispanic Community (Chapel)

7:30 pm Traditional Choir (Choir Loft)

Friday, April 26

8 am Grandparents Day & Book Fair (Gym & CR2)

5:30 pm Basket Bingo (Gym)

6 pm Cadette Troop 590 (CRM)

6 pm GS Jr. Troop 275 (YR)

Saturday, April 27

10 am Celebration of 1st Eucharist (Church / Chapel)

12:30 pm BS Eagle Scout Ceremony (Gym)

Sunday, April 28

9:45 am Children's Faith Formation (Classrooms)

6 pm BS Troop 419 Court of Honor (Scout Room)

Acts 14:21b-27; Rv 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

7:30 am ✕Cecilia Cimino

9:30 am ✕Helen Napelitano

11:30 am (Church) ✕Leo Orvis

11:30am (Chapel) All Parish Members

Confession Schedule for Saturday, April 27

Saturday: 3 pm - Fr. Jim Sorra

Please note this schedule is subject to change.

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: \$50,134

Rebate Amount: \$(25%) \$12,533.50

May Wedding Anniversaries

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

Hispanic Community

Confesiones en Español todos los domingos de 11:00 am a 11:25 am. Misa en Español: 11:30 AM (Capilla)

Catholic Faith Formation

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, 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 have a demonstration of the sacraments of Baptism & Marriage in the Chapel.

First Eucharist Preparation

Next weekend, thirty-three children from the St. Michael the Archangel Parish community will celebrate Eucharist for the first time. We rejoice that they will enter more fully into their Catholic Faith and join us around the table of the Lord. In these final days, please keep them in your prayers.

Vacation Bible Camp - "Kingdom Rock!

Where Kids Stand Strong for God-June 24th - 28th

St. Michael's, St. Clement's and Annunciation are joining together to plan a "rockin" VBC experience for your child. Watch here for more information, but in the meantime, fill out the attached registration form to get registered early! If you are an adult and would like to help during that week, give us a call and let us know you want to help then get STAND strained if you are not already!

Liturgy

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Saturday, Vigil April 20

4 pm ✕Tony Brocato

6 pm ✕John Zunt

Sunday, April 21

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

7:30 am ✕Carol Ann Schoenborn

9:30 am ✕Joyce Edwards

11:30 am (Church) ✕Jessica O'Shaughnessy

11:30 am (Chapel) ✕Jesus Barbosa

Monday, April 22

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

9 am ✕Cecilia Cimino

Tuesday, April 23

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

9 am ✕Thomas Heinlein-CBM

Wednesday, April 24

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50

9 am All Parish Members

Thursday, April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

9 am ✕Anne Tewes Moyer- CBM

Friday, April 26

Acts 13:16-33; John 14:1-6

9 am ✕Marie Torgerson

Saturday, April 27

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

8:30 am ✕Ann Johnson

Saturday, Vigil April 27

4 pm ✕Janis Worthington

6 pm ✕Fred Spangler

Sunday, April 28

Even if you can't help during the Bible Camp week, we could use your help in the preparation. If you have artistic skills, we need you to help turn the gym into a medieval castle. If you bake, we will need heart shaped cookies for snack.

School News

Congratulations to the actors and their families, the back stage crew, the musicians, Ms. Moloney, Mr. Kraus and their assistants on their theatrical success of *Seussical the Musical*. We are so very proud of your accomplishments.

1st in Math: St. Michael the Archangel School continues in 3rd place of all the schools participating with an average of 2279 stickers per student in the state of Maryland and moved up to 68th in the national rankings. Jirsa Kendzler-ski, Grade 1 is ranked at 13th in the state of Maryland and Andrew Heffernan is ranked at 62nd. For the week of April 14, the player of the week was Jaiden Richardson 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 67th and Mrs. Hanley Grade 4 is ranked 89th in the state of Maryland. In order to be ranked in the state, the team has to have 15 members, so Mrs. Grauer's class and Mrs. Dover's class are not ranked state wide. The students of St. Michael's have solved 1,286,706 math problems. Students in pre-Kindergarten are now participating in *First in Math*. Congratulations to the 188 students who are participating.

The students in grades pre-Kindergarten through 2nd Grade participated in a program on Thursday, April 11th with students from the Neuro-science Department of Johns Hopkins University titled Making Neuro-Science Fun. On Thursday, April 18th students in Grades 3 through 5 will participate in the Making Neuro-Science Fun program.

Enrollment for the School Year 2013-2014 is now open. Have you considered St. Michael's for the education of your child. The school starts with a full-day program in pre-K [4 year old program] and Kindergarten then continues until 8th grade. Call Mrs. Dossa in the School Office at 410-668-8797 to arrange a tour of St. Michael of the Archangel School and receive an information packet. If you are interested in a part-time 1/2 day pre-school program for your child, consider God's Little People. There are programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. Please call Mrs. Livingston 410-665-1054 or Mrs. Doss at 410-668-8797 for more information about days and times.

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

Are you looking for a great idea for a gift? St. Michael's School offers a gift card program [Script Program formerly the Manna Program]. Purchase your gift cards from the school and you are helping to support St. Michael's School. Call Mrs. Dossa in the school office for a complete list of gift cards. [410-668-8797]

Traveling Chalice

We are looking for families who would like to sign up for the chalice? If you would family including individuals, and couples 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, then please call the parish office or Mary Hollingshead at 410-661-1449 or email her at mhollingshead@verizon.net. The Traveling Chalice will visit and bless the following families:

- April 21st 11:30am Chapel- Maria Santini & family
- April 28th 9:30am - Amy Unverzagt
- May 5th 11:30am Chapel - The Ruiz Family
- May 11th 4:00pm - The Sibiski Family
- May 19th 11:30am Chapel - The Zayas Family

Hispanic Community

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 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

April 14, 2013

Envelopes	\$8,400.83
Loose Offerings.....	\$1,270.28
*Total.....	\$9,671.11
Poor Box (<i>Beans & Bread</i>)	\$343.70
2 nd Collection (<i>Maintenance & Repair</i>)	\$2,241.01
Year to Date Offertory (41weeks)	
Envelopes	\$340,980.48
Loose Offerings.....	\$58,410.83
Total	\$399,391.31
*Average Weekly Offertory	\$9,741.25
Weekly Shortfall	\$1,395.75
*Our budget is based on weekly income of \$11,137 (envelopes + loose). Thank you for your generous support.	

Second Collection

This Weekend: Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Envelopes are available for those who wish to enroll individuals in our novena of Masses that will begin on Mother's Day. Submit the envelopes with names (*please print clearly*) to the Parish Office or through the collection by April 28.

Next Weekend: Utility & Energy Cost Your donation assists the parish in meeting the expenses associated with the ordinary repairs and maintenance of our parish buildings.

**Parish Cluster
at St. Michael the Archangel
Vacation Bible Camp**



**June 24th – June 28th
9:00 a.m. – NOON**

Registration Form

For children entering Pre-K4 thru Grade 6

Fee \$35.00 per child

ABSOLUTE LAST DATE TO REGISTER JUNE 3rd

****Please use one form per child****

Child's Name: _____

Child's Current Age: _____ **Grade completed June 2013:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone# _____ **Cell #** _____

Adult email address if used: _____

Who will pick up child each day? _____

Relationship to child

Parish you currently attend _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one) Youth S (6/8) Youth M (10/12) Youth L (14/16)
Adult S (34/36) Adult M (38/40) Adult L (42/44)

*****We have permission to take & publish pictures of your child from the week of VBC. YES / NO**

In Case of Emergency during VBC time:

Name: _____

Relationship to

Child: _____

Phone # _____

Please list any allergies (including food), learning disabilities, handicaps, etc. of which we should be aware of:

