

May 5, 2013 – 6th 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,

Two weeks ago, 70 members and leaders of our parish organizations, commissions, and committees gathered in retreat to reflect and pray around our identity and call as individuals and as a parish community. We were reaffirmed in the intentional love and mercy of God who called us into being, and in an even greater revelation of mercy and love gave us his Son who died for our salvation and rose so that we could share in the divine life of the Holy Trinity. We looked anew upon our identity that we share with Jesus, as beloved sons and daughters of God—a relationship and dignity we received at baptism. Also, we discerned once more the accompanying call of baptism to be the Mystical Body of Christ, who empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Sacraments, are to go and make disciples of all nations, teaching all that Christ has commanded us. In gratitude, we reflected upon how that baptismal call has been concretely lived out in St. Michael's parish for 99 years. And finally, we were challenged and reinvigorated to move outward in faith into the future as a dynamic community of disciples who proclaim the Good News to the lost, the fallen-away, and to the suffering in the spirit of the New Evangelization.

It is clear that our future and our holy calling from God must move in this direction. We will not survive as a parish very long beyond our 100 years if we do not embrace this new outward call and trajectory. The old way of "doing" Church is no longer feasible. As individual Christians and Catholic parishioners we must abandon any consumerist attitude we have to being Church—the attitude that measures and evaluates our membership and belonging in terms of "what-I-get-out-of-it", or what is most convenient and pleasing to my personal tastes. We must abandon the fearful approach of worship as an obligation I pay to God by showing up to Mass—which I begrudgingly attend and tolerate but do not sing, pray, or actively participate. We must be purified of any mind-set that views Mass as entertainment rather than as a participation in the Holy Sacrifice of Christ where we place our lives upon the same altar of Sacrifice along with Jesus as a holy oblation in love of God and service to neighbor. In the end, we must move from maintenance to mission. "Go make disciples!" says the Lord.

This will not be a smooth process. Change and transformation never is. Our path to growth will be through attrition. We must first be willing to lose so that we can grow. We may even lose parishioners (at least those who were really just consumers in the first place) and long-cherished, but now ineffective ministries, as part of the pruning process that precedes new growth. But we cannot flinch from the task of the New Evangelization. As Jesus says in the Gospel this Sunday, when we keep his word, he and the Father will make their dwelling with us, so "[d]o not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

There is no formal plan on how we will do this at St. Michael's. At least not yet. But it will happen. For now, we continue to pray, to celebrate, and to discern around this privilege and holy calling of the New Evangelization. But even now, we need to take some necessary actions in this direction. The first thing we need to do is to take a look at our Mass Schedule. It is clear that to have a more dynamic worshipping community we have to cut down on the number of Masses. Consolidating the number of Masses makes sense because a fuller church more closely approximates, expresses, and is conducive to the "full and active participation" envisioned by the reform of the Liturgy called for by Vatican II. Moreover, this is necessary because St. Michael's has only one full-time priest assigned, and the availability of priests to help in the future will only become more tenuous moving forward.

So as a first step, after the Memorial Day Weekend, **beginning the weekend of June 1 & 2, St. Michael's will have ONLY ONE Saturday Vigil Mass, at 5:00 p.m.** We will combine the 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Mass into the one 5:00 p.m. Mass, and we will schedule **Saturday Confessions from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.** Again, I want to reiterate that even though this may cause great inconvenience to some parishioners who are very attached to the current schedule (and who knows? It may even anger some to the point of leaving the parish—i.e. consumers), this is a necessary action. I ask those of you effected by this change to pray for charity and to try to embrace the change as part of the birth pangs of the New Evangelization being lived out in our midst.

Peace and prayers,



Fr. Jim

Community Life

Mass Attendance—April

4pm-143, 6pm-68, 7:30am-114, 9:30am-186, 11:30 am (Church)-204, 11:30am (Chapel)-187. Total: 902.

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

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, Colleen 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 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 soul of **Ronald Donnelly**, and all those who have died. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Our parish rejoices with **Zoenna Elizabeth Conley, Evan Joseph Navarro & Mason Alexander Greeff** who was baptized last Sunday, April 28th. May the Lord watch over you and bless you.

Upcoming Events at St. Michael the Archangel

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.

Holy Name Society News

The Holy Name Mass will be Sunday, May 12 at the 9:30 am Mass. All members and their families are invited to pray the rosary starting at 9 am 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 for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All parishioners are invited to join them in saying the rosary. The regular May meeting will be Monday, May 13 in the CMR at 7 pm. All men of the Parish are invited.

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.

Traveling Chalice

Looking for families who would like to sign up for the chalice? If you would like to sign up your 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 office or Mary Hollingshead 410-661-1449 or mhollingshead@verizon.net.

The Traveling Chalice will visit and bless the following families: May 11, 4:00pm Church-The Sibiski Family
May 19, 11:30am Chapel-The Zayas Family
May 26, 11:30am Chapel- Rojas Pinson Family
Prayer Card Contest for Vocations... Reminder that the deadline for all entries is May 25th. This contest is for K–8th grade students of parish and school. For more information go to the website or call Mary Hollingshead at 410 661-1449 or mhollingshead@verizon.net.

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, May 5

9:30 am Children's Faith Formation (Classrooms)
6 pm BS Troop #419 (Gym)

Monday, May 6

7 pm pm RCIA (PMR)
7 pm PIC Meeting (CR2)

Tuesday, May 7

7 pm Pastoral Council (CR2)
7 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (Chapel)

Wednesday, May 8

10 am Ladies of Charity (CMR & Gym)
3 pm GS Daisy Troop # 620 (CMR)
3:15 Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7 pm Adult Faith Formation (PMR)

Thursday, May 9

12 Noon Adult Prayer Group (CR2)
3 pm GS Brownies (CMR)
6 pm Cub Pack #419 (Scout Rm)
7 pm Hispanic Community (Chapel)
7:30 pm Traditional Choir (Choir Loft)

Friday, May 10

8 am H & SA Plant Sale (Gym)
6 pm GS Junior Troop #270 (CMR)
7 pm Hispanic Community (CR2)
8 pm Hispanic Holy Name (CMR)

Saturday, May 11

8 am Hispanic Retreat (Gym)
12 Noon BS Plant Sale

Sunday, May 12

12 Noon BS Plant Sale
1 pm Baptisms English (Church)
6 pm BS Troop #419 (Scout RM)

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Saturday Vigil, May 4 Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

4 pm ✠Mary Brocato
6 pm ✠William Hoffman

Sunday, May 5 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

7:30 am ✠Frank Scandalio
9:30 am ✠Richard Baker & Jacinita Lollar
11:30 am (Church) ✠Carroll Pfaff
11:30 am (Chapel) All Parish Members

Monday, May 6 Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a

9 am ✠Lynn Marie Gawens

Tuesday, May 7 Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

9 am ✠Frank Novotny

Wednesday, May 8 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

9 am All Parish Members

Thursday, May 9 Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

9 am ✠Sean Prossen

Friday, May 10 Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

9 am ✠Bernard & Helen Sigwart

Saturday, May 11 Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

8:30 am ✠Carol Ann Schoenborn

Sat. Vigil, May 11

4 pm ✠Rose Marie P. John
6 pm All Parish Members

Sunday, April 12 Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

7:30 am ✠Josephine Smyth
9:30 am ✠Mother's Day
11:30 am (Church) ✠Zelinda Ubaldini
11:30am (Chapel) ✠Bonnie Carmen

Confession Schedule for Saturday, May 11

Saturday: 3 pm - Fr. Sorra

Please note this schedule is subject to change.

May Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Helen & Herman Lenzenweger** (56 year), who are being honored at the 4 pm Mass this weekend as they celebrate their wedding anniversary in May. 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.

Catholic Faith Formation

School News

Testing will take place on Monday, May 6 for our incoming pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. Grades pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 will not attend school on Monday, May 6.

The annual Plant Sale sponsored by the Home and School Association will be held on Friday, May 10 in the Gym. Students and their parents have the opportunity to purchase flowering plants in celebration of Mother's Day and Spring.

The School's May Procession will take place on Wednesday, May 8th after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. Students in each homeroom bring in flowers to place at the out-door statue of Mary. Please join us if you are available.

1st in Math: St. Michael the Archangel School continues in 3rd place of all the schools participating with an average of 2366 stickers per student in the state of Maryland and moved up to 66th in the national rankings. Jirsa Kendzlerski, Grade 1 is ranked at 13th in the state of Maryland and Andrew Heffernan is ranked at 52nd and Tyler Makowiecki is ranked at 85th. For the week of April 28, the player of the week was Emily Gruebl in Grade 6 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 64^h and Mrs. Hanley Grade 4 is ranked 86th in the state of Maryland. The students of St. Michael's have solved 1,334,799 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*.

Enrollment for the School Year 2013-2014 is now open. Have you considered 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. Call the 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 pre-school program for your child, consider God's Little People. There are programs for 3 year old children 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.

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). On Monday evening we are celebrating those who have joined our parish community at the Easter Vigil. The topic for this night is: "Your Prayer Life."

Spring Fling Raffle Winners

The following folks have won money prizes the Faith Formation Spring Fling Raffle: Day 19 - Gayle C. Martin, Day 20 - Deacon Henry Davis, Day 21 - Teresa Cocravitch, Day 22 - Toni Parry, Day 23 - Edda Rosskopf, Day 24 - Dorothy Ortt, Day 25 - Phyllis Kepner, Day 26 - John Hradsky, Day 27 - Andy & Gerry Makowiecki, Day 28 - Julie Beasman, Day 29 - Marie Kwiatkowski, and Day 30 - Deborah Mendel. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for your support! See you in October for "Octoberfest."

Children's Faith Formation

Our Sunday classes have ended today. Children took home a packet of re-registration materials. Please take advantage of the early registration discount and register before August 1st. If you have questions, please feel free to email nlux@smoverlea.org or call the parish office.

Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues

The Thursday Lunchtime Scripture Group will begin to meet again on May 16th at 12 noon in the Parish Center. Our topic will be a video guided discussion of the Seven deadly sins and the seven lively virtues. If you are interested in taking part in the discussion please call the parish office so we can be prepared for you. Bring your lunch . . . drinks will be provided.

Hispanic Community

Habr  un retiro Arquidiocesano, el 11 de mayo, de 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM en San Miguel Arc ngel. El tema es "La FE como don del Esp ritu Santo. Costo \$10.00 con almuerzo incluido. Reg strese con la se ora Lizzette Vargas o Ligia Pappas.

Procesi n del 5 de mayo, despu s de la misa de 9:30 AM, para la procesi n y coronaci n de nuestra Sant sima Madre. Los ni os de las clases de educaci n religiosa de nuestra parroquia y la Hermandad de la Sant sima Madre caminaran desde la Iglesia con los feligreses, hacia la estatua de nuestra Sant sima Madre localizada al frente de la rector a.

Ladies of Charity

Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 11 am in the Chapel Meeting Room. This is a Brown Bag lunch. Don't forget "our Crazy Hat Contest". Hope to see you there!

Markey Day

Internet orders must be in by 11:00 p.m. Monday, May 13, 2013. Market Day Top Sellers - ChicNSteakes, Seasoned Salmon, Broccoli Florets, French Toast Sticks. Market Day has something for everyone. Family and individual meals, precooked or ready to cook. Entrees, appetizers, vegetables, snacks, drinks, desserts and some household items. Check out the flyer or go online to www.MarketDay.com. Try something to see what it is about! Current Market Day flyers have been placed in rear of the church & chapel & outside the parish office. Orders can also be placed online at www.MarketDay.Com. St. Michael's account number is 21661. May pick-up date is Saturday, May 18, 2013, from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Need assistance with your order or have questions? Need someone to place order online for you? Want to volunteer? Please contact either Julie Marousek at 410-258-8896 or Marie Macek at 410-456-1926.

Stewardship

April 28, 2013

Envelopes	\$7,037.94
Loose Offerings	\$1,344.10
*Total	\$8,382.04
Poor Box (<i>Pregnancy Ctr</i>)	\$352.32
2 nd Collection (<i>Utility & Energy</i>)	\$2,162.65

Year to Date Offertory (43 weeks)

Envelopes	\$355,694.78
Loose Offerings	\$61,087.01
Total	\$416,781.79
*Average Weekly Offertory	\$9,692.60
Weekly Shortfall	\$1,444.40
<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 Fund Your donation assists the parish in meeting the expenses associated with ordinary repairs and maintenance of our parish buildings.

Next Weekend: Seminary Offering

All money collected goes directly to educational costs related to seminary formation. Each seminarian is formed to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Announcements

A Thank You Note from Seminarian Edgar

I would like to express my profound gratitude for the graciousness of the members of this parish who helped me fulfill the final requirement for my Diaconate Practicum class. Your presence and the evaluation you provided made this event not only a valuable experience for me but most especially a grace-filled one. You gave me a glimpse and affirmed the blessed vocation the good Lord called me into. Thank You and God Bless you all. -- Edgar A. Madarang

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

BOY SCOUT TROOP 419 MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

ASSORTED HANGING BASKETS



ANNUALS

BAKED GOODS



**SALE TAKES PLACE IN THE YOUTH ROOM
AFTER ALL MASSES**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013
AND
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2013**



Thank you for supporting our troop!

Mother's Day