June 9, 2019

**The Catechism and the Holy Spirit**

The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit." (CCC 737)

Thus the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity (CCC 738)

*“All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us, . . . and makes all appear as one in him. For just as the power of Christ's sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, I think that in the same way the one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity.” (St. Cyril of Alexandria)*

Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body. (CCC 739)

These "mighty works of God," offered to believers in the sacraments of the Church, bear their fruit in the new life in Christ, according to the Spirit. (This will be the topic of Part Three.) (CCC 740)

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with sighs too deep for words." The Holy Spirit, the artisan of God's works, is the master of prayer. (CCC 741)

***Pentecost Sunday***

Dear friends in Christ,

You may have noticed when you enter the church of St. Michael that there is a new image of the Holy Spirit above the high altar where the tabernacle rests.

The image is a gift from a friend of the parish and it is fitting that we have installed it for the Solemnity of Pentecost. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the pillars of the Church, the Apostles, our Lady and other men and women (see Acts 1:13-14), who were all gathered together. The Holy Spirit who filled them with various gifts was equipping them for their life together as the Church which the Son of God had established. Jesus had called them by name and had given them various roles for which the Holy Spirit blessed them when He rested upon them.

The image above the altar reminds us that the Church gathers in the name of God to worship God in “Spirit and in Truth.” The worship that we offer to God as the Church is inspired by the same God. We do not come together in our own name or with our own form of worship. While personal prayer can be a beautiful way of encountering the Lord, our public worship takes its form from what is already happening in heaven. Jesus eternally offers Himself to the Father and the Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit on mission among us to raise us up into divine worship. The Mass is a divine activity which we have the privilege of joining by the work of the Holy Spirit.

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Over the last several months the question has often come up, “When are you going to become pastor?” The title given to me when I arrived here at St. Michael and St Dominic was “Administrator” which is the usual title for a priest who takes up the role of pastor for the first time. After a trial period, the bishop decides whether to name the Administrator with the canonical title of Pastor.

This week our new Archbishop called me to his office to appoint me as Pastor of St. Michael Parish and St. Dominic Mission effective July 10, 2019. I willingly accepted the change of responsibility which is not so much a change in my day-to-day activities as a change in the permanence of the assignment and some additional authority over pastoral matters.

One of the formalities of becoming Pastor is quite beautiful. After accepting the responsibility and a letter from the Archbishop, Canon Law requires that I make a profession of Faith and In all things, I remain a servant of the Church and give my obedience to Archbishop Wilton Gregory in whose name I serve as pastor.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us,

**Fr. Martin Flum**

**ST. MICHAEL’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Saturday, 06/15/19 5pm**

**Rosary Leader:** Alice Williams **Lector**: Arlene Bloom

**Server**: Kathy Fisher **EMHC:** TBD

Sunday 06/16/19 **8am**

**Rosary Leader:** Betty Lindsey **Lector**: James Holly

**Server:** Julissa & Jesseca Holly **EMHC:** Joseph Sobnosky

**Sunday, 06/16/19** 11:30am

**Rosary Leader**: Kevin Mondorff **Lector:** Chris Patterson

**Server:** Taylor Nickens  **EMHC:** Maureen Ingle

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday,      06/08/19     5pm  Carol Walbert ****

Sunday,         06/09/19         8am     Parishioners & their families

Sunday,         06/09/19       10am   Leslie Tucker Connick ****

Sunday,         06/09/19   11:30am  special intention

Monday, 06/10/19 8am Larry Cooke

Tuesday, 06/11/19 8am Liz Cooke

Wed., 06/12/19 8am special intention

Thursday,     06/13/19        8am      special intention

Friday, 06/14/19 8am special intention

**Readings for the week of June 9, 2019**

Sunday:           Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Monday:          Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-

7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:          Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

[cf. 2b]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:   2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday:        2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-

14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [17a]/

Mt 5:27-32

Saturday:         2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/

Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:  Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/

Jn 16:12-15

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**St. Michael’s**

Offertory Collection for June 1st & 2nd $ 5,225.00

**St. Dominic’s**

Offertory Collection for June 2nd $ 699.25

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness especially, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Carol Carter, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, Brianna Daniels, Kathy Fisher, Pat Hammond, Tommy Jenkins, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Adam Lumpkins, Rachel Makle, Louis Miller, Regina Nasatka, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, George Thomas, and Belinda Windsor, may they not grow weary under their burden but be strengthened by the love God has for them.

**FATHER’S DAY CARD**

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET REMEMBRANCE FORM**

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 16th! Our parish is providing a special Spiritual Bouquet Father’s Day card and a Mass contribution envelope, with which to remember your father on Father’s Day. Please fill out the Father’s Day enrollment form ***CLEARLY*** with the names of those whom you wish to have remembered, (living or deceased). Please return the form in the Mass contribution envelope to the rectory no later than Thursday, June 13th, so that these fathers’ names may be included in the Father’s Day Honor Roll.

**We need LECTORS and Altar servers!**

A workshop for lectors will be offered here at St. Michael Church in Brandywine. This workshop will instruct lectors on how to be effective proclaimers of the Word at Mass. Date and time is TBD. Please encourage the youth in the parish to serve at the altar as our crew is getting older.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School will be held Mon – Fri, July 15th – July 19th from 9am to noon. We need volunteers that will be able to help make props, teach the lessons, work in the kitchen and who love to work with Jesus and our children. (All volunteers must have completed the Archdiocesan “Protecting Gods Children” requirements including a completed background clearance.) Our theme is “Life is Wild \* God is Good”. For more information, contact Vicky Hayden by leaving a message at the parish office 240-681-3551. You can also register or donate online through the parish website ***https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com***

Volunteer for the

ST. MICHAEL AND ST. DOMINIC PARISH DINNER!

We need volunteers for our Parish dinner – JULY 13, 2019 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.! The volunteers really made the event a spectacular success last year. If you are interested in being a part of the team this year, please contact, CC Meinhardt at 301-440-4295 or Yvette Parker at 301-274-0910.

This year, with an enhanced menu, one can Dine In or Carry Out at $23 for an advance sale ticket or $25 at the door. Children (ages 7-12) are $10.00; (ages 6 and under are FREE)! We will have Crafts, a Bake Sale and a raffle @ $5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20 which will yield a $1000 and a $500 prize. A special quilt, handmade for this occasion, and a Kay Jeweler’s pendant will also be raffled off to some lucky winners.