June 30, 2019

**How to acquire a greater love for Jesus**

from “*The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus”* ch. 4, by Fr. John Croiset, SJ:

*The third means to acquire the perfect love of God is to often visit the Blessed Sacrament.*

*Friendship is kept up and increased among men by visits and frequent conversations. It is by this means, also, that we shall continually increase in an ardent love for Jesus Christ. As He dwells on our Altars in order that He may be constantly with us, what must be His sentiments regarding those whom He rarely sees in His presence. It seems as if nothing gained His Heart more completely than these frequent adorations and visits. It is at these times that He usually bestows His gifts in greater abundance, and it may be said, that of all the favours He then grants, the most ordinary is the grace of His love.*

*… But the visits that are made at certain hours of the day, at which Jesus Christ is not generally visited, but, on the contrary, forgotten by the greater number, are visits of friendship. It is at this time, more than any other, that Jesus Christ converses familiarly, so to speak, with His favorites, and He showers upon them the treasures of His graces and inflames them with His love.*

*Whether it be that the indifference of those who then forget Him, renders the fidelity of those who visit Him more precious, all the Saints have experienced that there is no more infallible means of soon obtaining a great love of Jesus Christ, than frequently to visit Him in the Churches, particularly at certain hours of the day when He is so little honoured and so rarely visited.*

*… We will here only observe, that when we make them in such a manner as if we really believed that it is Jesus Christ Whom we are visiting, they are an infallible means of obtaining, in a short time, a perfect love for Jesus Christ.*

***Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Dear friends in Christ,

This past two weeks has been a whirlwind of events in the parish. We have had two weddings (Dean/Adams and Normandin/Rankin), two First Holy Communions and Bishop Michael Fisher came for Confirmation.

This week we also offered a funeral Mass for Pat Hammond, a long time parishioner and Aquasco native. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

We are so happy to see our children grow in the Faith and receive those necessary Sacraments that the Lord instituted during his public ministry to help us live in imitation of Him and for the building up of the Church.

Congratulations to our First Communicants:

1. Izayah Randall
2. Mackenzie Williams
3. Lenny Patterson

And to our newly Confirmed (Confirmation names are in **bold**):

1. Angel **Kateri** Savoy
2. Collin **Longinus** Dixon
3. Conor **Francis** Orsillo-Null

Classes will begin again in the Fall and now is time to begin registering your children for CCD. Please call the office and speak with the parish secretary to register your children.

We have had some inquiries from those who would like to enter the Church. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or if you want to receive those Sacraments that you missed in your youth, please call us. Instruction in the Faith through Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in the Fall with the Sacraments to be received in the Spring.

Perhaps you know someone who has expressed interest in the teaching of the Church or who has attended Mass sporadically. You may be the support they need to take the journey through RCIA and into the blessings that Jesus intends for them. Share the gift of your Faith! To share openly the teaching of the Church is one of the ways that our Faith grows and our understanding of it deepens.

Imagine the joy you will find and the friendship to be gained by taking the risk of sharing the Truth with someone who discovers the riches to be found in the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Our Faith is a gift from the good God who wants to show his love for each person through our loving concern for their salvation.

In the mystery of God’s plan, your initiative will be assisted and enhanced by the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord and our Lady are smiling on you.

Our Lady of the New Evangelization, pray for us,

**Fr. Martin Flum**

**Readings for the week of June 30, 2019**

Sunday:           1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday:          Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/

 Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:          Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]/

 Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:    Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/

 Jn 20:24-29
Thursday:        Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:         Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]/

 Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:  Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/

 Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Vacation Bible School** will be held Mon – Fri, July 15th – July 19th from 9am to noon. 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 your child or donate online through the parish website at h***ttps://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com***

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

**Saturday, 07/06/19 5pm**

**Rosary Leader:** Joseph Sobnosky **Lector**: Claude Boswell

**Server**: April Luzano **EMHC:** Irene Goldsmith

Sunday 07/07/19 **8am**

**Rosary Leader:** Ron Smith **Lector**: Jeanine Wilson

**Server:** Dan Wilson **EMHC:** James Holly

**Sunday, 07/07/19** 11:30am

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

**Server:** Kory Aure  **EMHC:** Maureen Ingle

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday,      06/29/19     5pm  Parishioners & their families

Sunday,         06/30/19         8am     Lorraine Evans ****

Sunday,         06/30/19       10am   Rev. Paul-Stephen Holt ****

Sunday,         06/30/19   11:30am  Georgia Connick Bentley ****

Monday, 07/01/19 8am Louis Miller

Tuesday, 07/02/19 8am Megan Anderson

Wed., 07/03/19 8am Kevin and Krista Wells

Thursday,     07/04/19        8am      Chester Ulman ****

Friday, 07/05/19 8am Rev. Paul-Stephen Holt ****

Saturday, 07/06/19 8am Abarca family

**ST. MICHAEL AND ST. DOMINIC PARISH DINNER!**

The sign-up for volunteers for our Parish dinner is going slowly. 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 ($25 at the door). Children (ages 7-12) are $10.00; (ages 6 and under are FREE)!

This year we have a special quilt - handmade for this occasion to be raffled off! It will be displayed over the weekend in the St. Michael church entranceway. We will also raffle a Kay Jeweler’s necklace.

You may also purchase dinner tickets on-line: ***https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com***

**CLOTHES CLOSET**

There is a serious need for Volunteers for the parish Clothes Closet. There is lots of indoor, work-at-your-own pace, The hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 1pm and on the second Saturday of every month from 9am to 1pm. If you are able to help keep the doors open and staff the clothes closet, please contact Kathy Fisher at 301-466-5253. As always, donations are welcomed!

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry will be open every month on the 2nd Saturday. This month: **July 13th** from **9am - 11am**. The pantry is in need of pancake mixes, pancake syrups, applesauce’s, fruit cocktails. Jello’s and muffin mixes, as well as the usual staples.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**St. Michael’s**

Offertory Collection for June 15th & 16th $ 3,793.00

Offertory Collection for June 22nd & 23rd $ 3,125.00

**St. Dominic’s**

Offertory Collection for June 15th & 16th $ 1,158.00

Offertory Collection for June 22nd & 23rd $ 995.00

**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, 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 grow weary under their burden but be strengthened by the love God has for them.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Currently each morning around 6:30am the Holy Eucharist is brought from the tabernacle and exposed on the altar for the faithful of the parish to adore. To adore the Lord in the Holy Eucharist is an act of Faith in his promise to remain with us always and to believe that what He instituted on the night before He died remains a sacramental mystery in the Church. **It is my firm hope that as a parish and mission, we will come together to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on a regular, even continuous, basis.** Perpetual adoration is a special gift from the Lord Jesus who by the mission of the Holy Spirit raises up from among his close friends those whom He grants the grace to seek Him in the silence of adoration. Do you want to develop a closer relationship with the Lord? He awaits here in our parish church for you to come visit Him. Do you ever feel the tug at your heart to stop in and visit the hidden Jesus?