August 4, 2019

**The Order of Preachers and the Rosary**

It has been long held that St. Dominic was the originator of the prayer of the Holy Rosary. While scholars can debate the details, there is no disputing the great devotion St. Dominic had to the Mother of Jesus. He is reputed to have entrusted his whole ministry and all of the challenges of his vocation to her powerful intercession.

St. Louis de Montfort relates to us: “Near Carcassonne, where St. Dominic was preaching the Rosary, there was an unfortunate heretic who was possessed by a multitude of devils. These evil spirits to their confusion were compelled at the command of our Lady to confess many great and consoling truths concerning devotion to her. They did this so clearly and forcibly that, however weak our devotion to our Lady may be, we cannot read this authentic story containing such an unwilling tribute paid by the devils to devotion to our Lady without shedding tears of joy.” (*True Devotion to Mary*, #42.2)

Speaking specifically of the *Hail Mary,* he says, “Those who accept this devotion should have a great love for the Hail Mary, or, as it is called, the Angelic Salutation. Few Christians, however enlightened, understand the value, merit, excellence and necessity of the Hail Mary. Our Blessed Lady herself had to appear on several occasions to men of great holiness and insight, such as St. Dominic, St. John Capistran and Blessed Alan de Rupe, to convince them of the richness of this prayer. They composed whole books on the wonders it had worked and its efficacy in converting sinners.

They earnestly proclaimed and publicly preached that just as the salvation of the world began with the Hail Mary, so the salvation of each individual is bound up with it. This prayer, they said, brought to a dry and barren world the Fruit of Life, and if well said, will cause the Word of God to take root in the soul and bring forth Jesus, the Fruit of Life. They also tell us that the Hail Mary is a heavenly dew which waters the earth of our soul and makes it bear fruit in due season. The soul which is not watered by this heavenly dew bears no fruit but only thorns and briars, and merits only God's condemnation.” *(True Devotion to Mary, #249)*

The Rosary is prayed 25 minutes before every Mass at St. Michael and St. Dominic. What a flood of grace is poured out upon us and upon our efforts to live as worthy children of so noble a Mother! If you are not already, please join with us to pray the Rosary before Mass. You will be very happy to experience the powerful effect of the Blessed Virgin’s intercession. This beautiful Mother fondly hopes that we will turn to her in every trial and need, so that she can show us the love of her maternal heart for each of her children. No mother could exceed her devotion and solicitude toward those for whom Her Son gave his life.

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

 As members of the household of God, we honor those who have given great witness to the Faith and now enjoy in heaven the reward that we hope to obtain by the grace of God. While the full number of those in heaven is unknown to us, throughout the history of the Church the Lord has given evidence of many individual’s glorification.

These “saints”, as we call them, continue to make an impact in the life of the Church thru their intercession and thru the mission God gives them for the good of the Church on earth which is still striving.

We read in the “Brief History of St. Dominic’s Roman Catholic Church in Aquasco, MD” that a wooden church was built in 1879 on land donated by the members of the Colonel John Dominic Bowling family. Later, that church was enclosed in brick, as you see it today. The land was originally a part of Villa de Sales in the town that was then called “Woodville”.

The Colonel lived all of his life there without a Catholic Church nearby. His wife, Elizabeth Gill, was Episcopalian. When Mr. Bowling died in 1875, he left $1000 to his son for the building of a Catholic church on his land. The land and the building were donated to the Catholic Church. In 1879, St. Dominic Church and Cemetery were dedicated by James Cardinal Gibbons, the Archbishop of Baltimore (the Archdiocese of Washington did not yet exist).

The site for the church was chosen so that the original burial site of the donor, Col. John Dominic Bowling, would be included in the church cemetery.

This Sunday, at the Mission of St. Dominic, we are celebrating our feast day since our patron, St. Dominic Guzman, has his feast day on August 8th. He was a descendant of Spanish nobility, whose mother, Joanna of Aza, was beatified by Pope [Leo XII](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CFatherMartinFlum%5CDownloads%5CNew%20Advent%5Cnewadvent%5Ccathen%5C09167a.htm). St. Dominic is the founder of the religious order that we call the “Order of Preachers” or simply “Dominicans.” This Sunday will be observed in a special way in honor of him.

We are very pleased to welcome Fr. Basil Cole, a Dominican priest and professor of Moral and Spiritual Theology from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He will be offering Mass and preaching about St. Dominic.

After the Mass, we will be gathering at St. Michael’s hall to enjoy a picnic lunch as a family devoted to our saintly patron. Thanks to those who have organized and setup our picnic!

St. Dominic, pray for us,

Fr. Martin Flum**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 4, 2019**

Monday:         Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:         Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday:   Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35

 /Ps 106/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:        Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95/ Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:         2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112/Jn12:24-26
Next Sunday:  Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48

**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, Mike Mohun, Regina Nasatka, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Doris Riess, 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 God’s love for them.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday,      08/03/19     5pm  Patricia Hammond ****

Sunday,         08/04/19         8am     Parishioners & their families

Sunday,         08/04/19       10am   Louis Miller, Jr. ****

Sunday,         08/04/19   11:30am  Louis Miller, Jr. ****

Monday, 08/05/19 8am Louis Miller, Jr. ****

Tuesday, 08/06/19 8am Louis Miller, Jr. **** ****

Wed., 08/07/19 8am John Williams **** Thursday,     08/08/19        8am      Louis Miller, Jr. ****

Friday, 08/09/19 8am Louis Miller, Jr. ****

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

**Saturday, 08/10/19 5pm**

**Rosary Leader:** Joseph Sobnosky  **Lector**:

**Server:** Claude Boswell EMHC: Arlene Bloom

Sunday 08/11/19 **8am**

**Rosary Leader:** Ron Smith **Lector**: James Holly

**Server:** Jesseca & Julissa Holly **EMHC:** James Holly

**Sunday, 08/11/19** 11:30am

**Rosary Leader**: Kevin Mondorff **Lector:** Maureen Ingle

**Server:** Kayla Aure  **EMHC:** Maureen Ingle

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**St. Michael’s**

Offertory Collection for July 27th & 28th $ 3,765.00

**St. Dominic’s**

Offertory Collection for July 28th $ 913.00

**Holy Day of Obligation:**

August 15th is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady*. On this day we recall the constant teaching of the Church that the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life on earth. Catholics are required to attend Mass on this feast day.

From the Catechism #2185, on “Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body.”

 **Join us for... Family Movie Night!**

Admission is free and all are welcome! St. Michael’s and St. Dominic's Family Movie Night is a new initiative of our parish and mission; we will be showing good Christian films on a frequent basis for the benefit of our community. This will be a fun night for parishioners, friends and neighbors to spend time together, enjoy an enriching and entertaining film, and build up our Catholic faith and community.

This month: ***The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima***

What's showing: A classic film similar in style to the *Song of Bernadette, The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima* (1952) is a moving and enjoyable film based on the true events of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to three shepherd children in Fatima, 1917. This film has the potential to make you laugh and smile and to touch your heart.

When: 6:30 PM, Saturday, August 17th

Where: At St. Michael's Parish Hall

Who: **You!**All are welcome!

What to Bring: Popcorn and beverages will be provided, but if you’re able to, please bring along a snack or dessert, along with any disposable utensils needed to eat it. :) *for questions contact: Joanna Mason at:* *evangelization.stmichaelbaden@gmail.com**.*

**PLEASE LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMING:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-movie-night-tickets-67484248203?aff=utm_source%3Deb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text.>

**CCD REGISTRATION**

CCD Registration is now open! If your children or grandchildren are of school age and not in Catholic school, please register them for religious instruction. Classes are starting on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:45 PM. You can register the children at the parish office or register online at: <https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com/CCD-Registration-Form> If the child was not baptized at St. Michael’s or St. Dominic’s, please mail a copy of the child’s sacramental certificate(s) to the parish office. Tuition is $30 per child. Any questions, please call 240-681-3551.

**Singers Needed!**

St. Michael Parish needs volunteers to lead the singing as a cantor on Saturday evenings at the 5 PM Mass and at the 11:30 am Mass. We hope to have a few cantors who will rotate thru the month. These volunteer cantors will be provided with basic training and music selections will be made for you; all you must do is come and sing! Previous experience is not required. Please contact Joanna: evangelization.stmichaelbaden@gmail.com.

**Jesus said, “Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich,
one’s life does not consist of possessions.”**

***(Luke 12:15)***