October 6, 2019

**Preparation for Consecration to the Holy Family**

* + May each family pray together daily for the week before the consecration. Ideally, this will become a regular practice, at least on a weekly basis, after the consecration.
  + May each family intentionally fast from something ahead of the consecration. This fast should last a week leading up to the consecration. It is strongly encouraged to fast from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God.
  + May each member go to sacramental confession before the consecration.

*Consecration to the Holy Family*

coming October 13th  at all Masses!

***Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Michael’s feast day Mass and festival was a great time with our parish family. We owe a great big “Thank you” to all of you who made it possible by organizing, setting up, serving, grilling, cleaning up and by contributing various items for our enjoyment. We all look forward to next year’s celebration of our heavenly angelic patron, the great St. Michael!

May St. Michael’s place in our prayers become more and more familiar. Archangel St. Michael, defend all of us as we strive to serve God and man!

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Next weekend we will invite all of the families in the parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family as we entrust St. Michael parish and St. Dominic mission to Jesus, Mary and Joseph by a public act of devotion. In preparation for this momentous event, please read the contents of the box in the next column! The Knights of Columbus, who are assisting us in this spiritual work, have provided simple and effective steps for families to prepare their hearts for the act of consecration.

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October is Respect Life Month. We are encouraged to reflect on how we can help restore the dignity of every human person in our walk with Christ. The issues that affect the culture certainly also affect us in our daily walk.

For example, the Second Collection next week gives us an opportunity to give alms for the poor in Mission territories. Many are financially poor and many others are in great need of the Gospel. Our alms to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith support both their basic material needs and the needs of the missionaries who persevere in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the farthest corners of the world.

In this bulletin you will see that the issue of Domestic Violence is also being addressed in this month. Domestic violence is an open wound in our families which does great harm to the dignity of spouses and children.

40 Days for Life provides a spiritual and practical approach to restoring our respect for the life of the unborn child. The dignity and health of a culture is reflected in how they treat the most vulnerable. As followers of Christ we see all maternity as a gift from God and a source of blossoming life even in the darkest circumstances. It is our privilege to support those who find life burdensome and see no way to move forward. How exhilarating it is to see the joy and hope that fill the lives of those who find the help they need when they are in crisis. This month, our light will shine as we reflect on the gift of human life.

*Our Father, hallowed be thy Name!*

Fr. Martin Flum

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2019**

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]

/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]

/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/

Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/

2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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

**Saturday, 10/12/19 5pm**

**Rosary Leader:** Joseph Sobnosky **Lector**: Arlene Bloom

**Server:** James Aviles EMHC: Joseph Sobnosky

Sunday 10/13/19 **8am**

**Rosary Leader:** Ron Smith **Lector**: Irene Goldsmith

**Server:** James Holly **EMHC:** Flossie Brown

**Sunday, 10/13/19** 11:30am

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

**Server:** Kayla Aure  **EMHC:** TBD

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness especially, Martha Adams, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, Brianna Daniels, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Rachel Makle, Mike Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Ann Proctor, Betty Proctor, Doris Riess, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, George Thomas, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday,      10/05/19   5pm  Beth Garcia Family

Sunday,         10/06/19     8am     Lee Bogart Family

Sunday,         10/06/19     10am   Parishioners & their families

Sunday,         10/06/19   11:30am   Mary Margaret Queen ****

Monday, 10/07/19 8am Stacey Bogart Family

Tuesday, 10/08/19 8am Deacon Alfredo Hidalgo ****

Wed., 10/09/19 8am Paige Shlater Family

Thursday,     10/10/19      8am      Wilma & Hugo D’Alarcao ****

Friday, 10/11/19 8am Deacon Alfredo Hidalgo ****

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**St. Michael’s**

Offertory Collection for Sept. 28th & 29th $ 4,303

**St. Dominic’s**

Offertory Collection for September 29th $ 702



Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to take part in the international *40 Days for Life* effort from September 25 through November 3, 2019. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray at one of our three *40 Days for Life* locations, College Park, MD, Bethesda, MD, and Washington, D.C. For more information please visit 40daysforlife.com, or contact: Tom Trunk - 240-593-6982 - College Park, MD / Jill Gadwood - Jill.gadwood@gmail.com - Bethesda, MD or Michael New - 205-657-6943 - Washington, D.C.

**SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND**

Next week is World Mission Sunday, in an extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts, by prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations and material aid. Remembering that we were baptized and sent as the Body of Christ on mission in the world, we can… PRAY for the Church’s worldwide missionary work, OFFER financial assistance and exercise CHARITY through *The Society for the Propagation of the Faith* in vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

**FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET**

The food pantry needs rice and the following canned items: soups, cranberry sauces, beet, potatoes and vegetables. Thank you again for your generosity! The food pantry will be open next Saturday 10/12 from 9am to 11am. The clothes closet will be open from 9am to 1pm also.

***WINGS – A NEW* YOUNG ADULT GROUP!**

St. Michael's young adults in their 20s and 30s met for the first time last Thursday evening for fun, fellowship and prayer. New friendships are being built on the solid rock of the Catholic Faith. The new group will be referred to as St. Michael's **WINGS**, which stands for Worship - Intercession - Nourishment of Mind, Body, and Soul - Great Friendships - and Service. This group is not just for parishioners of St. Michael's and St. Dominic's. Invite your friends! Check out our new website and RSVP:  <https://stmwings.wixsite.com/1234>

**PRAYER ON THE SQUARE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019**

Thousands of Rosary Rallies are be organized across America to pray for our Country on Saturday, October 12, 2019!  Join us "on the Square" in Leonardtown from 11:30 am to 1 pm for "Prayer on the Square - Rosary Rally."  We will pray the Rosary and beautiful hymns will be performed by members of the John Paul II Seminarian Choir and the St. Aloysius Hand Bell Choir!  At Fatima, in 1917, Our Lady made it very clear that the Rosary is the supernatural solution to our earthy problems.  St. Louis de Montfort stated that "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer...."   As Christians, it is our responsibility to pray for our Nation.  *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."*  Psalm 33:12

**The 27th International Week of Prayer and Fasting**

This coalition, in collaboration with the Marian Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life and others are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from **November 2-10, 2019**. **The Opening International Day of Prayer** will be held on **Saturday November 2nd**, from **8:30am to 4:30pm** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.** The day will include speakers, music, all-day Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at noon, and the four mysteries of the Rosary recited in native languages.

**ENCOUNTER GRACE WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

A day with you in mind… Join us Saturday, October 26, 2019 for our annual women’s conference on the campus of St. Mary’s Ryken High School in historic Leonardtown Maryland. It is a day filled with inspirational talks, engaging break-out sessions, time for prayer, reflection, Adoration and confession - all designed with you in mind so that no matter where you are on your faith journey, you can recharge and refocus, getting back to the basics of the faith, ready to **BEGIN AGAIN**. Please visit <https://www.encountergrace.co>m for information about the conference.

**CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

As Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Plata, Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP will give a presentation on the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary: ***The Holy Rosary – the Gospel prayed and the Power of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary***. The talk will be in the church on October 21st. at 7pm. This will be an opening of the mind to Sacred Scripture and to the use of the Spiritual Senses.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

All are invited to attend a free event addressing "How to Help End Domestic Violence in Catholic Families," from 2:30 - 4:00pm Sat. Oct. 5th at The Catholic University of America's Conway School of Nursing (Gowan Hall, directly across from Brookland/CUA Metro station). For more information, contact Dr. Sharon O'Brien or [obriensa@cua.edu](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=79061219&msgid=641471&act=0ECA&c=686612&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fobriensa%40cua.edu%2F) or 301-651-8190. Mass follows in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at 5:15PM.