October 27, 2019

**Consecration Prayer to the Holy Family**

***Here is another consecration prayer that you may cut out and use for your daily family prayers:***

“O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who, having come to enlighten the world with your teaching and example, willed to pass the greater part of your life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to you this day. Defend us, guard us and establish among us your holy reverence, true peace and harmony in Christian love: in order that by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of your Family we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

Holy Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, by your kind intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus and obtain for us his graces and blessings.

Saint Joseph, most holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all our spiritual and temporal needs; that we may be able to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and you, for all eternity.”

***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past week I was away on retreat. Retreats give us an opportunity to set aside the demands of daily life and rest in God. Somewhat like a vacation, it has even greater potential to rejuvenate the mind, body and spirit. “Rejuvenate” takes its meaning from the root Latin cognate **iuventus** meaning “youth”, so to re-juvenate means to become young again. When we feel rejuvenated, we have fresh energy, the alertness of mind that has been worn down by our regular routine and hard work.

I encourage you to consider taking a retreat even if it is simply a prayer breakfast on a Saturday morning (check out the Bread of Life Center for Peace website) or a Catholic weekend retreat (check out Fr. Dan Leary’s *Anima Christi Retreats* website). These times of encounter with God provide space to reflect on your life and your relationship with the good Lord under conditions that are conducive to self-knowledge and renewal.

Once again, I wish to note and give thanks for the volunteer efforts of so many in the parish and mission who are building up the kingdom of God by sharing their talents where needed. Most recently we are blessed to have parishioners move an oil tank over to the parish hall so that we can have some temporary heat in place while the whole heating and air conditioning systems are replaced.

This is a project that the building committee identified 18 months ago as a priority. We were not sure that the boilers would make it through last winter! After obtaining four competitive bids, SMO Energy has been chosen to install the new system which will begin soon.

We also give thanks to the family that recently offered to pay for the exterior painting of St. Michael church. The building committee had already identified that as one of our upcoming priorities when the parishioner remarked that the church needed to be painted. That work was completed about two weeks ago and looks very nice. How grateful we are for their generosity!

Two weeks ago we consecrated the parish and mission to the Holy Family. That formal expression of our Faith now becomes a family activity as you add this wonderful entrustment to your regular prayers together. In this bulletin is another form of the consecration prayer for your family’s use. Please include some prayer of entrustment to the Holy Family in your nightly prayers together. We are confident that as we open our hearts to the Jesus, Mary and Joseph specifically as a family, powerful graces will ripple through our daily lives together.

*Holy Family,* ***Jesus, Mary and Joseph****, save souls!*

Fr. Martin Flum

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2019**

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/ Ps 19/ Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/ Ps 126/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/ Ps 13/ Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31B-39/ Ps 109/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ Ps 24/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/ Ps 23/ Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/ Ps 145/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10

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

**Saturday, 11/2/19 5pm**

**Rosary Leader:** Arlene Bloom **Lector**: Irene Goldsmith

**Server:** Kathy Fisher EMHC: Joan Royal

Sunday 11/3/19 **8am**

**Rosary Leader:** Betty Lindsey **Lector**: Jeanine Wilson

**Server:** Dan Wilson **EMHC:** TBD

**Sunday, 11/3/19** 11:30am

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

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

**SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND**

The second collection for November 2 and 3, 2019 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. This helps to provide care and housing for our retired priests.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness especially, Martha Adams, Joe Aviles, 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.

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**St. Michael’s**

Offertory Collection for Oct. 12th & 13th $ 3,114

for Oct. 19th & 20th $ 3,498

**St. Dominic’s**

Offertory Collection for Oct. 13th $ 851

for Oct. 20th $ 1,415

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday,      10/26/19   5pm  Our Parishioners

Sunday, 10/27/19 8am Gloria Swanson

Sunday, 10/27/19 10am Kathleen Lohman

Sunday, 10/27/19   11:30am Carlo Schiazzi

Monday, 10/28/19 8am Fr. Stanley Ulman

Tuesday, 10/29/19 8am David and Lynne Mason

Wednesday, 10/30/19 8am Jim Kuzma

Thursday, 10/31/19       8am Geary Deptula

Friday, 11/01/19 8am Tom and Charlene Cardwell

7pm Rebekah Mateo

***Entering Canaan* - Days of Prayer and Healing**

Project Rachel Ministry is offering two upcoming *Entering Canaan* Days of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing from abortion. The event in English will take place on Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and the event in Spanish will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. If you or someone working with you would like more information, please call the helpline at 301-982-2008. For the English event, please speak with Sr. Priscilla, and for the Spanish event, please speak with Maria Tirado.

**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.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS**

Nov. 2nd is All Souls Day as well as First Saturday. All are encouraged to join us for Mass and devotions. Confessions will begin at 7:30 followed by Mass at 8 AM. At the conclusion of Mass, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, a brief reflection given by Fr. Flum on the mysteries of the rosary, and benediction. Confessions will be available during our holy hour. Respond to the plea of our Blessed Mother at Fatima and come to pray for the salvation of the world.

Following these devotions, our second **Blue Army** Prayer gathering will take place in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining the group or finding out more, please contact Joanna Mason by calling the parish office or emailing evangelization.stmichaelbaden@gmail.com.

**ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 1st**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day of rest. Our Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 7pm on Friday, Nov. 1st at St. Michael’s Church. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. All other saints' feast observances tend to focus on individual canonized saints --that is those formally recognized as saints by the Catholic Church.

**MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

During November we will be offering Masses for the repose of the souls of our beloved dead. The deceased for whom we will be offering Mass are those whose names were submitted to us with the “All Souls Day” envelope offering. In accord with Archdiocesan policy, these “collective intentions” will be offered twice each week. *May the souls of the Faithful departed thru the mercy of God rest in peace*.

**TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY**

This is a life changing 33 day devotion to bring you closer to Jesus!  We encourage you to participate in a series of talks given by Fr. Martin Flum beginning on **Friday, November 1 at 8 pm**, St. Michael's Church.

The talks will continue consecutive **Fridays at 7:30 pm**, on November 8, 15, 22, and 29.  You can complete your 33 Day preparation for Total Consecration on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, December 8, during a holy hour at 4 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Church teaching on why devotion to the Mother of God is so important.  You can obtain the preparation book at the talks or stop by Heavenly Presents Catholic store in Leonardtown for a half price discount (or download the App or a pdf file). Register to attend by going to [www.connectstmarys.com](http://www.connectstmarys.com/).  Your registration is free.