November 10, 2019

**To remind us of St. Joseph’s role in our lives**

*The special motives for which St. Joseph has been proclaimed Patron of the Church, and from which the Church looks for singular benefit from his patronage and protection, are that Joseph was the spouse of Mary and that he was reputed the Father of Jesus Christ. From these sources have sprung his dignity, his holiness, his glory. In truth, the dignity of the Mother of God is so lofty that naught created can rank above it. But as Joseph has been united to the Blessed Virgin by the ties of marriage, it may not be doubted that he approached nearer than any to the eminent dignity by which the Mother of God surpasses so nobly all created natures. For marriage is the most intimate of all unions which from its essence imparts a community of gifts between those that by it are joined.*

*Thus, in giving to Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties. He set himself to protect with a mighty love and a daily solicitude his spouse and the Divine Infant; regularly by his work he earned what was necessary for the one and the other for nourishment and clothing; he guarded from death the Child threatened by a monarch's jealousy, and found for Him a refuge; in the miseries of the journey and in the bitterness of exile he was ever the companion, the assistance, and the upholder of the Virgin and of Jesus.* (Pope Leo XIII, *Quamquam Pluries* #3)

***Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are at the end of Vocations Awareness Week among the dioceses of the United States. So, lets reflect on vocations and what that means for us.

When God creates, He has a purpose. We find in the elements of creation that each thing has unique characteristics which fit into the larger design of creation. Much wonder comes to mind and heart when we examine WHAT a thing is and HOW it came to be and the PURPOSE that is serves.

Something as simple as the hardness of a rock and the fluidity of liquids is obvious to us and comes to be expected. But then there is always more to examine and consider. That fluid water, which can take any shape and is so tumultuous on the sea, seems to take on the hardness of a rock if you do a belly flop!

Acknowledging the beauty and goodness and unity of creation comes from our ability to sum up in our mind the diversity that we see and discover anew each day.

And so, we consider the human person and the purpose for which God made each one. Speaking of all human beings, we confess that they were made to know God personally, to love Him as our Father and to serve Him in his plan for creation. That is our common purpose.

Jesus, the only Son of God, became man to reveal to us what had been lost in the fall of Man. Man no longer knew God with the intimacy he had in the beginning. Sin is man’s failure to love God as is due to the One who loves us and made us like Himself. Selfishness is the refusal to serve God in accord with the divine plan for man’s happiness. So, Jesus revealed once again who God is, how we are to love Him and the purpose we can have in serving Him.

The purpose for which each of us was created is to give glory to God by reflecting *His glory*, that is, to imitate God who made us in his image and likeness.

The Lord Jesus shares with the Church the mission that He came to accomplish. Each of us who have been called into communion with Him in the Church has a role to play in the salvation of souls. That role takes on a very personal expression in what we call a vocation. From the verb “vocare,” to call, we personally receive an invitation from the Master of the harvest to serve Him in various capacities so that every human being whom God intends to create has the opportunity to encounter the grace of Salvation. The life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus was a fountain of grace for the salvation of souls. He intends that the grace of His salvific work will pour out into the world thru those whom He calls disciples.

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

Fr. Martin Flum

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

**Saturday, 11/17/19 5pm**

**Rosary Leader:** Cheryl Kerwin **Lector**: Claude Boswell

**Server:** April Luzano EMHC: Joan Royal

Sunday 11/17/19 **8am**

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

**Server:** Dan Wilson **EMHC:** Joe Sobnosky

**Sunday, 11/17/19** 11:30am

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

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

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**St. Michael’s**

Offertory Collection for Nov 3rd $ 3,989

**St. Dominic’s**

Offertory Collection for Nov 3rd $ 879

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

To the Jesus the Healer, especially for Martha Adams, Joe Aviles, Madison Brady, Miguel Cabrera, 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, Michael McConnell, Mike Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Ann Proctor, Betty Proctor, 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,      11/09/19   5pm  All Souls Intentions

Sunday, 11/10/19 8am Our Parishioners

Sunday, 11/10/19 10am Doris Riess +

Sunday, 11/10/19   11:30am Willis Frantz +

Monday, 11/11/19 8am Fr. Martin Flum

Tuesday, 11/12/19 8am All Souls Intentions

Wednesday, 11/13/19 8am Doris Riess +

Thursday, 11/14/19       8am Helga Castro +

Friday, 11/15/19 8am Tressa Frantz +

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

During November we will be offering Masses for those whose names were submitted to us with the “All Souls Day” envelopes. In accord with Archdiocesan policy, these “collective intentions” will be offered twice each week.

***Heavenly Morning* Prayer Breakfast** -- will be held at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 16 at St. Aloysius’s new Parish Hall at 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD (Mass at 7:30 am).  The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer.  We are so blessed to have Rose Folsom who will be sharing with us "How to Harvest the Garden of your Soul!"  Rose Folsom founded Virtue Connection in 2014; she has curated a Smithsonian exhibit, showed her artwork around the globe, wrote a dictionary, and served a stint in the White House. To register, call the Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents in Leonardtown.  You can also go online at: [www.breadoflifecenterfor](http://www.breadoflifecenterfor/)[peace.org](http://peace.org/).  If you register by Tuesday, November 12, the cost is $15, price increases to $17 after the 12th.  You do not want to miss this opportunity!  All are welcome - men and women!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

Monday: Wis 1: 1-7/ Ps 139/ Lk 17: 1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2: 23 – 3: 9/ Ps 34/ Lk 17: 7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6: 1-11/ Ps 82/ Lk 17: 11-19

Thursday: Wis 7: 22b – 8: 1/ Ps 119/ Lk 17: 20-25

Friday: Wis 13: 1-9/ Ps 19/ Lk 17: 26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19: 6-9/ Ps 105/ Lk 18: 1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/ Ps 98/2 Thes 3:7-12/ Lk 21:5-19

**COURAGE TO SPEAK – Men’s Pre-Advent Retreat**

On Saturday, November 23rd, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kensington, Maryland will be hosting a Men’s Pre-Advent Retreat.  Fr. Dan Leary, Pastor of St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church, Silver Spring and Kevin Wells Catholic author of “The Priests We Need to Save the Church” will be the speakers.

The retreat will take place from 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. It will begin with Mass, followed by a light breakfast then the speakers.  Adoration and Confession will be available immediately after the retreat.  Cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit Fr. Bill Ryan and the Togo Mission.  Advance registration is required.  To register visit:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/3528>

***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.

***Live the Gospel - Challenge of the Week***

On November 1st, we celebrated the solemnity of All Saints Day. **Do you know who your confirmation saint is**? Maybe you know him/her by name, or even a quick synopsis of his life, but do you really know him and have a relationship with him? If not, it’s not too late to begin! This week, try to get to know your confirmation saint better. Maybe your saint has writings which you could read, or perhaps there is a book written about your saint you could pick up. There may even be a movie about your saint: check out ignatius.com to find out!

**WINGS Young Adults**

Young adults, check our website to see what we have planned for this month: www.stmwings.wixsite.com/1234. We hope to see you soon!

**SERIES: CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY**

The series of talks on Fridays at 7:30pm continues with:

* on November 15 **Knowledge of Self**
* on November 22 **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
* on November 29 **Jesus Christ, Divine Wisdom**

For those who are intent on growing in their faith, this series helps us learn the wisdom of the saints. Each talk will be given within the context of a holy hour. So, you will have the opportunity to spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, listen to the teaching of our Lord, and receive Benediction.