

Dear Friends,

I have not come to bring peace, but division. Those words seem strange coming from Jesus, especially if we have an image of Jesus as a super nice guy who wanted everyone to just be nice and get along. Jesus came to give His life as a ransom for many, and to show us the way to heaven. He came to call us to repent and be converted. God loves the world and all in it, and because of that He wants it to be saved and transformed. Jesus came to light a blazing fire on the earth. A fire that is meant to destroy what is not oriented towards God and to bring about new life.

Because truly responding to God's call will mean we are being transformed is what brings division. Since responding to God's call is an act of our free will, not everyone responds at the same time. If you are changed those closest to you may not be responding and so are not changing. This is one way that the division arises.

When someone allows themselves to be transformed by God in thought, word, and deed it will be noticeable. Others may ignore it. They may seek out God also. They may take offense, because even if you say nothing against anyone by choosing to live God's way you will be rejecting certain ways of living that the world around us accepts. There are behaviors that people excuse in themselves or others by saying everyone does it, or this is how life is, or there is no other way, or a similar reason. Someone living another way puts a lie to all these excuses. Given a choice between reexamining their own assumptions and lives, or tearing down those who respond differently, people often choose to tear down others.

Jesus has come and offered eternal life to all people. It is a life that involves the whole person. It is a life that is more than this world. It is an offer to which we have to respond to receive. To start living as a member of the kingdom of heaven now, means to stop living as a member of the kingdom of the world. Jesus is a dividing line. While we live in this world there are now two paths to follow. Which will you follow?

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



The Ladies of Charity will have a Mass said for Father O'Connell on Saturday, August 24th, at the 5:00 Mass. August 23rd is Father O's birthday.



Weekend Ministries
August 24th & 25th

Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: E. McCarthy
EMs: J. Orr
Altar Servers: P. Moore, D. Cervantes, A. McCarthy

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: C. Tennyson
EMs: J. Dominic, D. Kayser, J. Kayser
Altar Servers: M. Wood, K. Kovich, M. Wise

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: C. Miller
Reader: H. Miller
EMs: C. Smith, J. Smith, C. Miller
Altar Servers: M. Brelage, R. Brelage, J. Siebert

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: A. Bishop
EMs: A. Bishop
Altar Server:



Pray for the Sick

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| Emma Aparicio | Vivian Barnes |
| Barbara Bayne | Tommy Bayne |
| Pam Bohmann | Robert Bradburn |
| Peggy Bradburn | Terry Carroll |
| Harry Clarke | Paul Clements |
| Sue Colon | Carol Ann Coombs |
| Jack Cullison | Catherine Dean |
| Erica Dingle | Fritz Feltman |
| Marian Foote | Rick Giovanoni |
| Joan Gisriel | Pam Hayden |
| Mary Agnes Hill | Jason Hoyer |
| Cameron Kalen | Jane Kenyon |
| Paul Mackie | Sid Marcus |
| Liz Marcus | Ann McDonough |
| Diane Miller | William Morris |
| Karen Owens | Leroy Owens, Sr. |
| Robert Lee Owens | Emma Pajak |
| Kelly Preston | Peggy Raley |
| Joel Rivera | Ann Robrecht |
| Janet Sanders | Gabriel Santos |
| Nicole Shreve | Wise Tennyson |
| Tim Urban | Janice Wood |
| Elizabeth Woodburn | |

Mass Intentions
August 19th-25th

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| Monday | 9:00am | Karen Scott |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | Judy Raley |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | George Tennyson |
| Thursday | 9:00am | Nioma Farrah |
| Friday | 9:00am | John Dellaquila |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | Fr. Maurice O'Connell |
| Sunday | 8:15am | Ellen Wright |
| Sunday | 10:30am | Carl A. Polvinale, Sr. |
| Sunday | 6:00pm | St. Michael's Parishioners |

Catechetical Corner

Last Thursday we celebrated the Assumption. Declared infallibly by Pope Pius XII in *Munificentissimus Deus* that; "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." (CCC 966)

Her Assumption is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. What Jesus did for Mary is unique, but also foreshadows what God is offering all of us.



Little Flower School Patriot 5K Little Flower School will be hosting the fourth annual "LFS Patriot Day 5K" on September 7th. Each year, this event is held to honor our local 'patriots'; our military, firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians. Participants in the 5K can run or walk, and children 10 & under are invited to participate in our 1-mile Kids' Run on the school grounds. In addition to the 5K and Kids' Run, members of the community are invited to nominate a "Patriot of the Year," who will be selected by our Little Flower students and recognized at the opening ceremony. Ten percent of the event's proceeds will be donated to the service organization of the Patriot of the Year's choice. For more information, check out the race website in the bulletin. www.patriotday5k.org

Holy Angels Church--Seafood Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 8th from 11:30am-4:00pm. The address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD. Adults \$28.00; advance tickets (until 8/31/19) \$26.00; children 6-12 \$8.00; children 5 and under are Free; carry outs \$26.00. There will be a bake sale and craft tables. \$1500 raffle, 1st prize \$100 and 2nd prize \$500. For more information or to purchase advance tickets call 301-769-3332.

The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department 2019 Carnival dates have been changed. The new dates are: Thursday, September 5th thru Sunday, September 8th and Thursday, September 12th thru Sunday, September 15th. Please come out and support our local fire department and have a fun time!

Stewardship Report

August 11 th Collection	\$2,779.00
Catholic Comm. & Human Dev.	\$112,00

The Ridge Lions Club--will be hosting a pitch card game on Friday, September 6th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridge. Doors open at 6:30pm and the games begin at 7:30pm. Beginners are welcome. Join us for a night of fun playing pitch. Entrance fee is \$10 per person which includes a sandwich, chips, soda, coffee, tea and dessert. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle. For information call Bobbie Bell at 301-872-5114 or Terri Kaftan at 240-538-2818.



St. Michael's School News



August 500 Club Winners

Phillip Morgan \$50
Tobie Pulliam \$50
Bobby & Marion McKay \$100
Sonny & Nikki Trossbach \$100
Alan Sivak \$200

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The Archangel Scholarship Foundation will present **Rhythm & Riches 2019** on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the Hollywood Fire House. There will be live music, featuring **Robbie Boothe** and **The Amish Outlaws**. Also, food, drinks for sale and raffles for **\$25,000 in cash prizes**. For info and/or tickets: www.rhythmandriches.com or 240-587-7111. Tickets also available at St. Michael's Rectory, St. Michael's School, Angel Wings & Things Thrift Store and Ridge Hardware.



Queen of Hearts--Queen of Hearts is being held every Friday at the Brass Rail Sports Bar in Great Mills. Tickets will be on sale from 4:00pm-6:50pm and drawing at 7:00pm. Thanks in advance for your support!



Angel Wings and Things Thrift Store--

Our normal hours are from 9:00am-4:00pm on Saturdays and from 10:00am-1:00pm on Sundays. Items can be dropped off on Saturday between 10:00am-2:00pm at the back door. Thank you for all you do to keep our amazing thrift store a success!



Mark Your Calendar:

August 19--Teachers return
August 26--Mass at the Basilica
August 27--First day of School
early dismissal, 12:30pm