

Dear Friends,

Will only a few people be saved? This question has been asked in different ways throughout history and is still being asked today. People are always looking for advanced knowledge of the end times. Jesus doesn't say whether it will be a few or many. This hasn't kept people since then from coming to a conclusion about how many are going to be saved. Some interpret Jesus as saying the number will be small, some say large, and some say everyone. Since Jesus talks about being cast out in today's gospel the idea that everyone is saved is out. The question as to whether the number saved is small or large is what Jesus answers. The question Jesus answers is about what we need to know to be saved.

Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Being saved is a choice. Salvation is a gift from God offered to us out His love for all of us. Before we are even created God has already chosen to offer us a way to salvation. God also intends to give us free will. Jesus opens the way and goes before us. The Holy Spirit has come upon us to guide us. Our part is still to be done. Will we accept God's offer? Will we truly accept it by putting our answer into action?

We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets. Yes God has come among us. Jesus is still among us especially in the Eucharist. God is great. God isn't the one who needs to be saved. Do you want to be saved enough to be known to God now? To you want to start living in God's kingdom now?

Will many be saved? Jesus says that people from all over will be saved. It is possible for anyone to be saved. It is also possible not to be saved. Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Do I follow God's will to point where it makes a difference in my life? Do I pick my actions to follow God's ways and to reject other ways the world offers? Does your life, as the prophet Isaiah describes, proclaim the glory of God?

Fr. Peter Giovanoni

Memorial Mass for Fr. Peter's brother, Rick Giovanoni, will be on Thursday, August 29th at noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The address is 17630 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740. Thank you for all of your condolences and prayers.

Stewardship Report	
August 18 th Collection	\$2,288.00



Weekend Ministries
August 31st & September 1st

Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: J. Orr
EMs: J. Orr
Altar Servers: G. Simmons, A. Simmons, M. Owens

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: P. Woodburn
EMs: J. Dominic, D. Kayser, J. Kayser
Altar Servers: C. Cameron, J. Dameron, L. Salazar

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: T. Ingmire
Reader: M. Padukiewicz
EMs: L. LeDonne, J. LeDonne, J. Graham
Altar Servers: C. Greenwell, J. Greenwell, P. Gaydar

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: N. Abell
EMs: N. Abell
Altar Server: I. Sullivan

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 | 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 | George Tennyson |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | Judy Raley |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | Special Intentions |
| Thursday | 9:00am | Harrison Robrecht |
| Friday | 9:00am | St. Michael's School |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | Shirley Kovich |
| Sunday | 8:15am | Blaise Dennis Buckner |
| Sunday | 10:30am | Marcell Guidry |
| Sunday | 6:00pm | St. Michael's Parishioners |

Catechetical Corner

Today Jesus tells us to enter through the narrow gate. One thing that can make it hard to pass through the narrow gate is our own sinful inclinations which we call concupiscence. (CCC 2514-5) We also face temptations from outside ourselves. We can also be pushed away by scandal caused by others. (CCC 2284-5) When the scandal is given by leaders of the Church like the recent crisis in the Church about sexual abuse and the handling of those claims it can be especially damaging to people's faith.

Despite all these things we are still free. Even if it takes effort on our part we can still choose to follow the teachings of God. Nothing on earth can close the gate Jesus has opened for 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

St. Francis Xavier --THAT MAN IS YOU! — TMIY — is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. It is designed to help men become the best husbands and fathers they can be, after the heart of God. We meet Saturday mornings, starting September 14th, 6:00 - 7:30am at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. For more info, email or call Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net, 610-368-2900.

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!

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 Religious Education--The Faith Formation for children classes will begin on Sunday, September 8th. Classes will be held in St. Michael's School from 9:15am-10:15am. All children attending public school in grades K-8 are required to attend. Registration form and the full schedule of classes are available on the St. Michael's parish website. For more information please contact Deacon Jim at james.dominic1957@gmail.com.



St. Michael's School News



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.rhythmndriches.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 26--Mass at the Basilica

August 27--First day of School

early dismissal, 12:30pm