

Dear Friends,

Conduct your affairs with humility. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Today's readings focus on humility. Humility is the virtue that acknowledges God as the author of all good. It helps us avoid inordinate pride or ambition.

Humility is not having no pride or passively accepting all humiliations that come your way as if you deserved it. That is a stereotype society projects because it does not value humility. At the time Jesus is speaking the dominant cultures are the Greek and Roman ones. Both emphasized personal achievement, and the reception of acclaim for those achievements. The acclaim was the more important of the two. The goal was to be the most famous you could be and obtain as much power and status as you could. Self-promotion was the expectation. The modern world is the same.

The desire for celebrity is the antithesis of humility. That is why the virtue of true humility is so opposed in the modern world. But humility is just recognizing the truth. The truth about our place relative to one another and especially our place relative to God. Thus relativism, the desire to make our own truth, goes hand in hand with a lack of humility.

God knows the value of all we do. God will reward each according to their deeds at the last judgement when only truth remains. Celebrity fades. If you have truly made a difference in the world that difference will remain even after you are gone. If you do good that no one acknowledges the good still remains. If that does not seem enough for you then you have to ask yourself if you do good to get praise or to do good. Which is it for you?

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



The World Apostolate of Fatima-Archdiocese of Washington Division invites you to participate in Rosary and Mass celebrated by Msgr. Balbago in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in honor of Our Lady of Fatima's apparition to the children, Friday, September 13th at 1:00pm, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, DC.

<u>Stewardship Report</u>	
August 25 th Collection	\$2,272.00



Weekend Ministries
September 7th & 8th

Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: L. Muir
EMs: L. Muir
Altar Servers: G. Muir, P. Moore, H. Ryan

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: G. Prior
EMs: J. Dominic, D. Kayser, J. Kayser
Altar Servers: I. Prior, M. Wise, M. Wood

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: S. Hall
Reader: F. Hall
EMs: C. Smith, J. Smith, S. Hall
Altar Servers: A. Gonzalez-Rivera, E. Gonzalez-Rivera, C. Coon

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 | 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 | Bill Sento |
| Nicole Shreve | Tim Urban |
| Elizabeth Woodburn | |

Mass Intentions
September 2nd-8th

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| Monday | 9:00am | A Special Intention |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | Fr. Msgr. Maurice O'Connell |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | Harrison Robrecht |
| Thursday | 9:00am | St. Michael's School |
| Friday | 9:00am | Mary Jane Buckner |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | St. Michael's Parishioners |
| Sunday | 8:15am | Judy Raley |
| Sunday | 10:30am | Jay Barickman |
| Sunday | 6:00pm | George Tennyson |

Catechetical Corner

Monday is Labor Day. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. (US Department of Labor)

Labor and all things economic are human actions that impact human beings therefore they have a moral aspect. As we honor all the ways that people contribute to the building up of society, we need to remember to build justly. Charity and the corporal works of mercy have always been part of the practice of the Church. As societies have become more complex so have issues of economic justice.

Beginning with Pope Leo XIII in the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891, several Popes have issued teachings on these matters the most recent being Saint Pope John Paul II in 1991 in *Centesimus Annus*. The aim is not to offer specific answers to issues, that is a task for the different fields of human knowledge and activity to arrive at, but to call us to keep in mind the principles of God's teaching and to always respect the God given dignity and value of every person.

Commemorative Mass--On Saturday, September 7th at 4:00pm a Commemorative Mass in honor of Father William Corby will be said on the Gettysburg battlefield. Father gave general absolution at Gettysburg during the Battle of Gettysburg; he was president of Notre Dame University on two different occasions. Sponsored by The Workers of St. Joseph. For more information please call 301-399-2480 or e-mail tony_s1@verizon.net.

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!

Knights of Columbus

--Chicken Dinner will be Sunday, September 8th from 11:30am-5:00pm. \$12 a dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridge. Baked goods available!
--Bingo will be Saturday, September 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm and games start at 6:30pm. Concessions available. For more information call 301-872-4641.

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



5K & Fun Run--St. Michael's School is planning a 5K & Fun Run on October 5th. Fun for the Entire Family! There will be prizes, food, games, face painting, vendors and so much more! Registration forms will be in the back of the church or register on line at www.active.com. Special guest appearance by Robbie Boothe! Come out and enjoy the fun and support St. Michael's School!

Immediate job opening: St. Michael's School is in search of an experienced evening custodian to work from 3:00-9:00pm Monday-Friday. Please apply on Schoolspring.com or submit your resume to the school or rectory.

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 backdoor. Thank you for all you do to keep our amazing thrift store a success!



Mark Your Calendar:

September 2--Labor Day, no school
September 5-8--Ridge Carnival
September 12-15-Ridge Carnival
September 17--Spirit Day/Night MOD Pizza