

Dear Friends,

Do you have what it takes to be Jesus' disciple? Jesus has been telling those listening to Him what it takes to be a disciple. This week tells us plainly it will mean loving God above family, possessions, even your own self. Can you do that? What if I cannot?

Jesus always wants us to live in the truth. He tells those who would be disciples that it will not be easy and even that they will face persecution. He also tells us the reward is eternal life with God. Jesus offers this path to everyone. If it is so difficult how can everyone answer?

In the middle of today's gospel Jesus says if we cannot do it on our own, we need to take measures to address that. The truth is all of us need help to stay on the path of discipleship. We have to realize that there are things beyond our ability. We also need to recognize where we need to go for help. God offers us the help we need. It is an offer that has to be accepted after we recognize we need the help.

That help is especially found in the Sacraments which confer grace. Jesus establishes the Church so that the help offered by Word and Sacrament will always be available to the people. God already is pouring out His grace we just need to be open to it. We also need to be asking for the right help. To able to truly be Jesus' disciple what do we need? We need to be transformed. We need to be that person Jesus described in today's gospel, the one who can love God above all else. We are not born that way. The world does not seek to be that way. We must seek it , and live it if we would be Christ's disciples.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni



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.

RCIA/Adult Faith Formation Study--Beginning on Wednesday, September 18th in the sacristy at 6:00pm. Focus will be on prayer and preparation for Sacraments. Anyone interested in attending are welcome.



Weekend Ministries
September 14th & 15th

Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: E. McCarthy

EMs: J. Orr

Altar Servers: M. Owens, D. Cervantes

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: J. Kellam

EMs: J. Dominic, A. Bishop, N. Abell

Altar Servers: K. Kovich, D. Sperlin-Wood, C. Wood

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: H. Miller

Reader: C. Miller

EMs: J. Graham, H. Miller, C. Miller

Altar Servers: A. Ojeda-Galindo, F. Ojeda-Galindo, J. Ojeda-Galindo, M. Ojeda-Galindo

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: T. Igmire

EMs:

Altar Server:

Pray for the Sick



Emma Aparicio
Barbara Bayne
Jeanette Biscoe
Robert Bradburn
Terry Carroll
Paul Clements
Jack Cullison
Erica Dingle
Fritz Feltman
Joan Gisriel
Mary Agnes Hill
Cameron Kalen
Paul Mackie
Liz Marcus
Diane Miller
Karen Owens
Robert Lee Owens
Kelly Preston
Joel Rivera
Janet Sanders
Bill Sento
Tim Urban

Vivian Barnes
Tommy Bayne
Pam Bohmann
Peggy Bradburn
Harry Clarke
Sue Colon
Catherine Dean
Joanne Dyson
Marian Foote
Pam Hayden
Jason Hoyer
Jane Kenyon
Sid Marcus
Ann McDonough
William Morris
Leroy Owens, Sr.
Emma Pajak
Peggy Raley
Ann Robrecht
Gabriel Santos
Nicole Shreve
Elizabeth Woodburn

Mass Intentions
September 9th-15th

Monday	9:00am	Special Intentions
Tuesday	9:00am	Lucille Sivak
Wednesday	9:00am	Rey Bald
Thursday	9:00am	Judy Raley
Friday	9:00am	St. Michael's School
Saturday	5:00pm	Harrison Robrecht
Sunday	8:15am	George Tennyson
Sunday	10:30am	St. Michael's Parishioners
Sunday	6:00pm	Special Intentions

Catechetical Corner

School is back in session now and it is time to learn. We learn for ourselves and to pass that knowledge to others. Jesus calls on us to correct those who go astray, but to do it out of love, and to reject hatred of any person. You can hate the evil deeds done but not the person. (CCC 1825, 1933) Because many people today define themselves by their choices, they maintain that rejecting their way of life is a rejection of them. You are responsible for your acts, but you are not your acts.

We are called to oppose evil. Opposing evil is correct, but that does not mean everything done to oppose evil is correct. The ends do not justify the means in Catholic theology. Since hatred is contrary to charity (CCC 2303), charity and in particular the theological virtue of charity (CCC 1822) is the best counter to hatred. Sin damages the world while charity done in union with God's Will heals the world.

To act in this way is an act of faith. To allow an enemy to act in certain ways without responding in kind appears to the world to give the enemy an advantage that they will exploit to do me more harm. To trust that love will win out over hatred when we witness the power of hatred in the world, requires us to remember God's power. The book of Revelation in the Bible is given to us to assure people of all generations that in the end God will be victorious no matter how terrible the enemy seems.

Knights of Columbus

--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.

The 177 Project--On Sunday, September 22, the 177 Project will be returning to St. Aloysius Church. The 177 Project is a nationwide tour designed to help bring more people into Eucharistic Adoration. The night begins with an acoustic concert at 7:00pm before moving into a Holy Hour. Confession will be available. Doors open at 6:15pm, and no tickets are necessary. The event is free to attend. A love offering will be taken. Lee Roessler will be the artist traveling for this event. For more information, please visit the177project.com.

Stewardship Report

September 1 st Collection	\$3,429.00
1 st Dist. Catholic Aid Society	\$875.00

Camp Maria Retreat Center and St. Mary's Ryken present a concert, "Disciples of Hope" and retreat, "Here I Am Lord" with special guest Dan Schutte. Concert will be Friday, September 13th at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Ryken, Auditorium. Retreat on Saturday, September 14th 9:00am-noon at Camp Maria Retreat Center. Concert ticket is \$10 students/\$20 adults. Retreat only ticket is \$35.



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



Mark Your Calendar:

September 12-15-Ridge Carnival
September 17--Spirit Day/Night MOD Pizza
September 15--All You Can Eat Breakfast, 8:30am-11:00am, SMS