



Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Catholic Church.

We celebrate Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m. at, **Luther Chapel, 1634 Jefferson Pike, Petersville, MD 21758**. Children’s Church School begins at 11:45 a.m. If you are unable to join us in person, please don’t worry, we continue to live stream our worship services online. The sign in information remains the same as we have been using, please see sign-in information below.

**All are encouraged and welcome to join us by:**

- \* **Telephone: 301-715-8592 (use code ID 2430380079)(password 987910)**
- \* **Videophone via laptop or smartphone: www. Zoom.us (ID 2430380079) (password 987910)**
- \* **Facebook live: Stmichaelacc**

**Please MUTE your phone or computer during the Mass so that everyone can clearly hear and understand Father Pothin and the Lay Reader.**

***Thank you.***

These features can be found on our website and will remain on our website indefinitely.

Please email the names of those who you wish to include on the Intercession Prayer List to Jeanne Coderre at [bluwines@startmail.com](mailto:bluwines@startmail.com) by 8:00 p.m. on Saturday so we can include them in Sunday’s Mass. The headings/categories for the Prayers of Intercession are: **Prayers for Those Experiencing Adversities and/or Sickness; Prayers of Thanksgiving and God’s Protection and Blessings; and Prayers for the Departed.**

Saint Michael the Archangel is leading a community based daily prayer (12:00-12:10 pm) to ask God favor. We are praying for the community, its needs and all those who keep the community safe and strong. You are all encouraged to join that prayer by calling and sharing your prayers: **Telephone: 301-715-8592 (use code ID 2430380079) (password 987910).**



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Petersville, MD 21758**

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❖ **Good Shepherd Sunday** ❖

*The Second Sunday After Easter*

14 April 2024

Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Daily Prayer call at 12:00 noon – 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday Mass TBD.

Wednesday evening Bible Study (*via Zoom*) – 7:00 p.m.



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### FATHER POTHIN'S REFLECTION

#### *The Lord is my Shepherd*

With their richness and depth the images of *Psalms 23* have accompanied the history and religious experience of the People of Israel and accompanied Christians. The figure of the shepherd, in particular, calls to mind the original time of the Exodus, the long journey through the desert, as a flock under the guidance of the divine Shepherd. And in the Promised Land, the king had the task of tending the Lord's flock, like David, the shepherd chosen by God and a figure of the Messiah. Then after the Babylonian Exile, as it were in a new *Exodus* (cf. *Is 40:3-5, 9-11; 43:16-21*), Israel was brought back to its homeland like a lost sheep found and led by God to luxuriant pastures and resting places.

However, it is in the Lord Jesus that all the evocative power of our Psalm reaches completeness, finds the fullness of its meaning: *Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" who goes in search of lost sheep, who knows his sheep and lays down his life for them. He is the way, the right path that leads us to life, the light that illuminates the dark valley and overcomes all our fears. He is the generous host who welcomes us and rescues us from our enemies, preparing for us the table of his body and his blood and the definitive table of the messianic banquet in Heaven. He is the Royal Shepherd, king in docility and in forgiveness, enthroned on the glorious wood of the cross.*

*Psalms 23* invites us to renew our trust in God, abandoning ourselves totally in his hands. *Let us therefore ask with faith that the Lord also grant that we always walk on his paths as a docile and obedient flock, and that He welcome us to his house, to His table, and lead us to "still waters" so that, in accepting the gift of His Spirit, we may quench our thirst at his sources, springs of the living water "welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:14; cf. 7:37-39). Amen.*



*Hymns for Good Shepherd Sunday (The Second Sunday After Easter)*

Processional - Hymn # 311 (*All things bright and beautiful,*)

Offertory - Hymn # 241 (*Jesus, tender shepherd hear me,*)

Communion - Hymn # 197 (*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,*)

Recessional - Hymn # 245 (*The King of love my shepherd is*)

*A special invitation to those not quite ready or prepared to receive the Holy Eucharist. We welcome you to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply kneel (or stand) with the others and cross your arms over your chest. The priest will give you a blessing. This is referred to as a "spiritual" communion.*

*We encourage everyone to continue to support the operation of the church by sending your offerings (collection) to the treasurer. This can be done via our website ([www.stmichaelacc.org](http://www.stmichaelacc.org)), mailing a check to our post office box (P.O. Box 315, Buckeystown, MD 21717), by mailing your check directly to Lynne Brisbane at 3500 Basford Rd., Frederick, MD 21703, or of course, by placing your donation in the alms plate during the Offertory at Mass on Sundays.*

***REMEMBER: Please do not bring food into the church proper. All food should stay in the meeting room. Thank you.***

Those celebrating birthdays in *April* are Izzy Brisbane, John Ngyele, Gina Ngyele, Evelyn Knowles and José Miller. There are no wedding anniversaries during *April*. Please keep them all in your prayers.

***RE: St. Michaels' 2024 Stewardship Campaign - "Taking the Next Faithful Step":*** If you have not yet filled out a pledge card and sent it directly to Lynne Brisbane or placed the pledge card in the offertory collection plate please take a moment and do so. This will provide important information to Lynne in preparing and monitoring St. Michaels' 2024 operating budget.

***Bible Study*** is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to join us. The access information is the same as it is to join us on Sunday mornings via Zoom. We are currently studying King Solomon and his writings.

***Today, Sunday, 14 April 2024,*** we will be ***celebrating a special Mass in which Bishop-elect Rosales will reaffirm his marriage vow,*** which is the step next before his consecration as Bishop of the Philippines. Immediately following this very special Mass, there will be a reception. ***Please plan to join us in supporting and celebrating Bishop-elect Rosales and his family.***

Also, ***today, Sunday, 14 April 2024,*** we are baptizing ***Ariel Akakpo.*** Join us in welcoming little Ariel and his family. Immediately following the Mass there will be a reception.

**Regina Caeli**  
**Queen of Heaven**

*(Recited at Noon from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost)*  
*(English)*

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. *For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.*

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. *Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. *For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Regina Caeli**  
**Queen of Heaven**

*(Recited at Noon from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost)*  
*(Latin)*

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

R. *Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.*

V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

R. *Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

R. *Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.*

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*



*Collects and Readings for Good Shepherd Sunday-The Second Sunday After Easter*

Baptism of Ariel Akakpo *(BCP pgs 273-281)*

The Benediction of union/vows renewal of Jenita & Arthur Rosales *(insert)*

The Collect *(PAM pgs C16, C15, E47/BCP pgs 171-172/ see bulletin)*

The Old Testament *(KJV Bible/ see bulletin)*

*(Baruch 4:21-30)*

The Epistle *(KJV Bible/ see bulletin)*

*(Romans 8:31b-35)*

The Holy Gospel *(KJV Bible/ see bulletin)*

*(St. Matthew 19:3-6)*



*Collect for The Second Sunday After Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)*

**ALMIGHTY GOD**, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensamplè of godly life : give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. Through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lôrd. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever ône God, world without end. *Amen.* *(PAM pg C16/ BCP pgs 171-172)*

*Seasonal Collect of St. Mary*

**O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY**, we beseech thee to keep us thy servants both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls : that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, we may be delivered from our present heaviness, and attain in the end to everlasting gladness. Through same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.* *(PAM pg C15)*

*Seasonal Collect for the Church*

**WE** beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers ôf thy people : that, being delivered from all adversities and all false doctrines, thy Church may serve thee in freedom and quietness. Through same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.* *(PAM pg C15)*

*Collect for St. Justin, Martyr*

**O GOD**, who by the foolishness of the Cross didst wondrously teach thy blessed Martyr Saint Justin an excellent knowlêdge of Christ Jesus : grant that by his intercession, we being delivered from the deceitfulness of all false doctrine, may be firmly grounded in thy true religion. Through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lôrd. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever ône God, world without end. *Amen.* *(PAM pg E47)*

*Old Testament reading for Good Shepherd Sunday-The Second Sunday After Easter*

**Baruch 4:21-30** (KJV Bible)

- 21 Be of good cheer, O my children, cry unto the Lord, and he will deliver you from the power and hand of the enemies.
- 22 For my hope is in the Everlasting, that he will save you; and joy is come unto me from the Holy One, because of the mercy which shall soon come unto you from the Everlasting our Saviour.
- 23 For I sent you out with mourning and weeping: but God will give you to me again with joy and gladness for ever.
- 24 Like as now the neighbours of Sion have seen your captivity: so shall they see shortly your salvation from our God which shall come upon you with great glory, and brightness of the Everlasting.
- 25 My children, suffer patiently the wrath that is come upon you from God: for thine enemy hath persecuted thee; but shortly thou shalt see his destruction, and shalt tread upon his neck.
- 26 My delicate ones have gone rough ways, and were taken away as a flock caught of the enemies.
- 27 Be of good comfort, O my children, and cry unto God: for ye shall be remembered of him that brought these things upon you.
- 28 For as it was your mind to go astray from God: so, being returned, seek him ten times more.
- 29 For he that hath brought these plagues upon you shall bring you everlasting joy with your salvation.
- 30 Take a good heart, O Jerusalem: for he that gave thee that name will comfort thee.

*Epistle reading for The Benediction of union/ vows renewal of Jenita and Arthur Rosales*

**Romans 8:31b-35** (KJV Bible)

Brothers and sisters:  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He did not spare his own Son  
but handed him over for us all,  
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?  
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?  
It is God who acquits us.  
Who will condemn?  
It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,  
who also is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed intercedes for us.  
What will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?  
No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly  
through him who loved us.  
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor present things, nor future things,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Holy Gospel reading for The Benediction of union/ vows renewal of Jenita and Arthur Rosales*

**St. Matthew 19:3-6** (KJV Bible)

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying,  
"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?"  
He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning  
the Creator made them male and female and said,  
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?  
So they are no longer two, but one flesh.  
Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate."

## The WHY Series

### *Why celebrate beyond Easter day?*

There's plenty to love about eggs, bunnies, and chocolates, but Easter Sunday holds a much deeper meaning. Yes, this highly anticipated holiday offers an opportunity to gather with family, but it can be so much more. *On Easter, we remember the love Christ showed mankind when he gave the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. He is risen from the dead, so we truly have reason to celebrate!*

*While this special day offers a valuable reminder and reason to celebrate, it should by no means be the only day on which we show our gratitude.* After all, this holiday regularly changes dates in our modern calendar, reminding us that the essence of Easter is not exclusive to one single day. Below, we explain why the spirit of Easter is worth celebrating year-round — and we offer tips for incorporating the holiday's message into your daily life.

### *Finding Meaning Beyond Easter Day*

The resurrection story can be told throughout the year, for it is always imbued with a deeper meaning. This story forms the essence of our faith; we know that, in Christ, death can be defeated and give way to everlasting life. By remembering this throughout the year, we can find relief from the burden of sin as well as greater joy in the blessings of everyday life. *Christ's resurrection gives us a reason to live not only for today, but to sustain hope in our future, no matter how difficult the circumstances we currently face.*

### *How We Can Honor Christ's Sacrifice Every Day*

While Easter calls our attention to Christ's remarkable sacrifice, *we should never lose sight of His willingness to give His life for our sake.* While it is important to honor Him on Easter, our efforts should continue throughout the year. *We can do so by regularly reading the Bible, gathering with other Christians for fellowship and showing gratitude for the myriad of blessings in our lives.*

Top examples of paying homage to — and building a stronger relationship with — Christ include the following:

- *Show compassion and grace for others, just as Jesus has done for us.*

*He loves us even though we continue to sin — and through His love, we are transformed.* While it's impossible for any mere human to achieve this level of unconditional love, we can do our best to emulate His example, even when this proves challenging.

- *Commit to regular prayer.*

Think of Easter as your faith-based New Year's resolution. This is your opportunity to fully embrace the power of prayer. *Strive to incorporate prayer into your daily life. Short prayers throughout the day will keep you grounded in your faith as you establish a closer connection with God.*