



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

We celebrate Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m. at **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 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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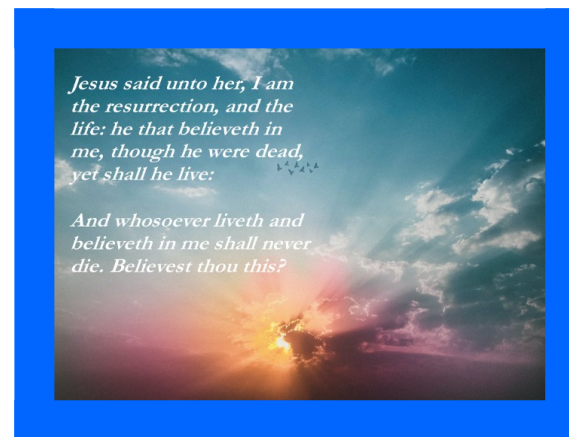
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❖ The Fourth Sunday After Easter ❖
Remembrance Mass for the Soul of Mollie Stock
(Comm. St. Paul of the Cross, C.

28 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 WEEKLY REFLECTION

“Ecclesia.” What is the church? Who makes its rules?

Last Sunday, confused, anxious and troubled by the news of Jesus' departure, the disciples asked what that meant. What will we do without Him?

In the Gospel today, Jesus answers, saying that *“The Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything.”* In other words, *they need not worry, but trust that Jesus' physical absence gives place to the Real Presence of the Holy Spirit.*

The understanding of the physical absence of Jesus as the Real Presence of the Holy Spirit has been both a gift and a challenge to the early Christian community. It is a gift because Jesus' presence continues through that of the Holy Spirit. It is a challenge because the disciples did not fully understand this kind of language that defined their Lord's physical absence by the Real Presence of the one He sends, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

This means that God, not the apostles or their successors, is the head of the church. Church authorities are simply deputies or representatives of Jesus Christ. It took time and prayers for the disciples to understand this theology and ecclesiology. Two thousand twenty-four (2024) years after, we; continue to experience the same difficulties in understanding the true nature and meaning of the *“ecclesia” (church)*. What is the church? Who makes its rules?

Saint James responds directly by saying that *the Church is not a human-made organization, even though it is visibly run by humans. “Ecclesia” means called together from somewhere, put “aside.”* But called by whom? Put aside by whom? By the great I AM Who called Abraham our Father to leave his nation and to go form a new nation of believers...put aside by the same God who for centuries pulled prophets out of their surroundings and ordained them to shepherd His flocks. Ecclesia's members are called by the same Almighty who sent Moses to Pharaoh with a command to free his people.

As you see, we are all called by the same vineyard owner, Christ, the chief Cornerstone. The Archbishop/Metropolitan is called, the College of Bishops is called, the Bishop Ordinary is called, the Rector is called, the Vestry is called, each member of the congregation is individually called. As the Church Fathers said, “In the house of the Lord, the Church, there is only one Boss; His physical absence is a true testimony of His Real Presence.”



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), 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.

Please keep Bishop-elect Rosales and his family in your prayers this week. Bishop-elect Rosales was consecrated as the Bishop of the Philippines on Tuesday, 23 April 2024.

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.*



Hymns for Easter 4 – Remembrance Mass for the Soul of Mollie Stock

Processional - Hymn # 465 *(Nearer my God to thee)*

Offertory - Hymn # 439 *(My soul with patience waits)*
Communion - Hymn # 197 *(Let all mortal flesh keep silence)*
Recessional - Hymn # 289 *(O God, our help in ages past)*

Collects and Readings for The Third Sunday After Easter

The Collect *(PAM pgs C19, C15, S31, H1, H4, H5/BCP pg 1743/see bulletin)*

The Old Testament *(KJV Bible/see bulletin)*
(II Esdras 2:41-47)

The Epistle *(PAM pg H4/KJV Bible/see bulletin)*
(2 Maccabees 12:42-45)

The Holy Gospel *(PAM pg H6/KJV Bible/see bulletin)*
(St. John 6:51-54)



Collect for The Fourth Sunday After Easter

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men : grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commadest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Són. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever óne God, world without end. *Amen.*
(PAM pg C19/BCP pg 174)

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 C-15)

Seasonal Collect for the Church

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers óf 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 C-15)

Collect for St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who for the preaching of the mystery of the Cross, didst endue thy blessed Confessor Saint Paul with singular gifts of charity, and didst likewise through him cause a new household of thy servants to flourish in thy Church : we beseech thee, that at his intercession we may learn so stedfastly to remember thy passion in this our life on earth, that we may be found worthy to attain to the benefits of the same in heaven. Who liveth and reigneth with

Father. *Amen.*
pg S31)

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Collect for the First Mass of the Dead

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all them that believe : grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaidens the remission of all their sins; that as they have ever desired thy merciful pardon, so by the supplications of their brethren they may receive the same. Who liveth and reigneth with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God.

Amen. (PAM pg H1)

Collect for the Second Mass of the Dead

O GOD, to whom alone belongeth the forgiveness of sins : grant, we pray thee, to the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, whose burial we now commemorate, to find a place of refreshing, and the blessedness of thy rest, and to enjoy the glory of everlasting light. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our L^ôrd. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever \hat{o} ne God, world without end. *Amen. (PAM pg H4)*

Collect for the Third Mass of the Dead

O GOD, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that all mankind should be saved : we beseech thee mercifully to grant that thy servants and handmaidens, who have passed out of this world, may by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all thy Saints come to enjoy with them everlasting blessedness. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our L^ôrd. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever \hat{o} ne God, world without end. *Amen. (PAM pg H5)*

Old Testament Readings for The Fourth Sunday After Easter

II Esdras 2:42-47

(KJV Bible)

42 I Esdras saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs.

43 And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly.

44 So I asked the angel, and said, Sir, what are these?

45 He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms.

46 Then said I unto the angel, What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands?

47 So he answered and said unto me, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord.

Epistle reading for Second Mass of the Dead

2 Maccabees 12:42-45

(PAM pg H4/KJV Bible)

42 Betook themselves unto prayer, and besought him that the sin committed might wholly be put out of remembrance. Besides, that noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves from sin, forso much as they saw before their eyes the things that came to pass for the sins of those that were slain.

43 And when he had made a gathering throughout the company to the sum of two thousand drachms of silver, he sent it to Jerusalem to offer a sin offering, doing therein very well and honestly, in that he was mindful of the resurrection:

44 For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should have risen again, it had been superfluous and vain to pray for the dead.

45 And also in that he perceived that there was great favour laid up for those that died godly, it was an holy and good thought. Whereupon he made a reconciliation for the dead, that they might be delivered from sin.

Holy Gospel reading for Third Mass of the Dead

St. John 6:51-54

(PAM pg H6/KJV Bible)

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

The WHY Series

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That question needs to ring continually in our ears because we Christians are usually highly motivated self-starters. If we weren't, we probably wouldn't have gotten past all the obstacles there are to involvement in evangelism. Because we're highly motivated we look ahead. We try to see the "*bigger picture*" and we try to achieve long lists of objectives.

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In the light of the post resurrection appearances, that's getting things a bit backward, isn't it? Isn't looking to God for power and wisdom and direction the first thing we're supposed to be doing? Why would we dare attempt to do anything until He has made good on His promise of "*power from on high*"?

What great imagery the phrase "*clothed with power*" gives us. We wouldn't walk outside on an extremely cold day without winter clothing. We wouldn't walk into a high-paying job interview without giving thought to what we should be wearing. So, why would we dare attempt to do ministry without being "*clothed with power from on high*"?

These waiting days were necessary to enable the disciples to realize their need, their nothingness, their failure and their dependence upon the Master. They had to get emptied first before they would get filled.

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