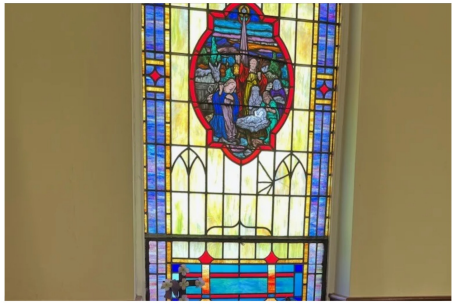
All Souls Day

ALL SOULS' DAY: LOVE DOES NOT END AT THE GRAVE

We pray for the dead because love does not know how to stop loving simply because someone has died.

There are some people we bury, but we never stop loving.We may put their bodies in the ground. We may close the coffin. We may return home from the cemetery. We may eventually put their photographs back on the shelf. Life continues. We go back to work. We cook dinner. We go shopping. We laugh again.But something remains.Because when somebody we love dies, death changes the relationship, but it does not erase the relationship.That is why we remember our dead.



Not simply because the Church tells us to remember the departed, but because love itself teaches us to remember.All Souls' Day gives us permission to bring all of that to God.There is another beautiful reason to remember the dead.One day, we will become the people someone else remembers.One day, someone may stand beside our grave.Someone may say our name.Someone may tell a story about us.Someone may remember something we said.Someone may remember how we made them laugh.Someone may remember that we were there when they needed us.And perhaps someone will come to church and light a candle for us.So today we remember them because tomorrow, we too will need to be remembered.

Readings & Hymns

Hymns for This day

Processional :465, Nearer my God to Thee
Offertory: 471, Rock of ages
Communion : 468,day of wrath
Recessional :363,Lord of all hopefulness
Readings
Old Testament: 2 Kg 17,6-18
The Epistle: 1Cor 15,51-57
H.G : Jn 5,25-29

CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE
Sundays : Mass at 11:30 am
Wednesday:Bible Study at 7:00 pm
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



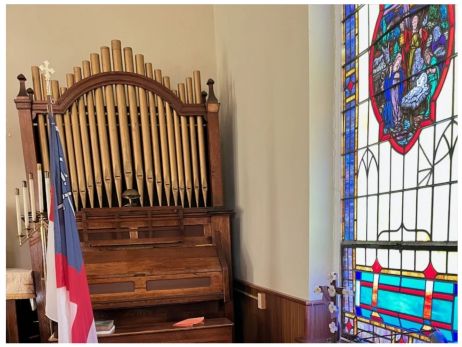
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Trinity Time

Easter Sunday begins the Easter season. The 50-day ,Eastertide, running to Pentecost, is the longest season on the Church calendar. Everything starts with the joyous celebrations of Easter Sunday.The first eight days, beginning with Easter Sunday, is the octave of Easter. Each octave day is a solemnity, the highest ranking feast in the church, and we hear those vivid accounts of that first Easter. During the 50 days, the church helps us to unlock the mysteries and miracles of Easter.

Earlier in church history, the first week after Easter was known as "white week" because those baptized on Easter would attend daily Mass wearing their white baptismal garments. In our time, for those who received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, these days are commonly used to continue their understanding of the sacraments and the paschal mysteries.The last Sunday of the octave was, for centuries, called Low Sunday to differentiate it from the glories of Easter Sunday.



The sacrament of Communion and Confirmation are also often connected to Eastertide. From Holy Saturday through the Saturday after Pentecost, the church honors the Blessed Mother with the "Regina Coeli" (Queen of Heaven) instead of the Angelus. We recite the Regina Coeli while standing during prayers at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.Forty days into the season, the church commemorates the feast of the Ascension. Jesus returns to the Father and thus offers a foretaste of what is in store for us. St. Leo said, "Christ's ascension is our own ascension; our body has the hope of one day being where its glorious head has preceded it."

After the Ascension is another period of preparation, praying, readying our hearts for the great feast of Pentecost. This day commemorates Jesus sending the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, just as he said he would. With the celebration of Pentecost, a ceremony ranked by the church only behind Easter and Christmas, we will return to Ordinary Time. What we call the Easter season is over but Easter never ends.

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We often hear that without belief in the Resurrection, the Christian faith has no basis, no foundation. Indeed, St. Paul tells us in his First Letter to the Corinthians that “if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith” (15:14).
The crux of the matter is that Christ died for us; Christ rose from the dead; Christ is alive. Hundreds saw the resurrected Lord; the four Gospel writers separately confirm this miracle through their beautiful and detailed recounting of the Resurrection story. The Mass readings on Easter Sunday transform us back to that first Easter. We experience the roller-coaster emotions of the women who arrive at the empty tomb and hear the angelic message, “He is not here, but he has been raised” (Lk 24:6).



For 40 days, standing near the elevated pulpit, the paschal candle illuminates the Gospel. On the day of the Ascension, it is extinguished but remains perpetually visible near the baptismal font in every Catholic church. The candle is lit at baptisms and funerals, reflecting back on the Resurrection.

Mt 9,1-6.

“ *Take heart son* ”

Study Topic
Spiritual Awareness

Study Topic
Understand our church's history

Study Topic
Emotional support in time of Crisis

Ministries Update

VESTRY MEMBERS:
Amanda Miller, Sr. Warden
Immaculee Ayetan, Jr. Warden
Rick Frye, Secretary
Lynne Brisbane, Treasurer

Upcoming Church Events

- Adoration service: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month at 11:00 am
  Mass : 11:30 am
- The bishop annual visitation will be on May 31.
  Please plan to attend.
- May’s potluck will be on Sunday 10

Highlights

Our Church is our Families' family







