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The congregation meeting previously scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until a later date. Details to come.

St. Michael's Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at Middletown Park, Pavilion #1, Middletown, MD.

St. Michael's is again participating in the Frederick Rescue Mission's annual blanket drive to help the many homeless people in this area. Please bring your donations of <u>washable</u>, <u>single-bed-sized blankets</u> to church before the end of October. Doris Frye will deliver them to the Rescue Mission.

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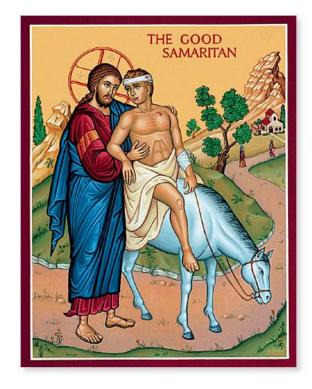
St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Catholic Church 5843 Manor Woods Road, Frederick – (240) 397-9782 (Old Historic St. Joseph Church building) Mailing address: PO Box 315, Buckeystown, MD 21717 Church: <u>www.stmichaelacc.org.</u> ACC: <u>www.anglicancatholic.org</u> Sunday services at 9:30 (starting September 24) and 10:30am; Wednesday service at 11:00am **To listen to our masses live, call 605-475-6700, code 9945004#.** Fr. Pothin Ngyele, Rector – (301) 514-3478 Fr. Arthur Woolley, Rector Emeritus Organist: Roberta Windle *The Vestry* Brice Verdier (301) 644-1995 Lynne Brisbane (301) 788-7035 David Thrower (863) 934-6564

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*Cover art: Icon of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan is depicted as Christ Himself.* 

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Frederick, Maryland A Parish of the Anglican Catholic Church Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States



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Show me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths. (*Ps.25*)

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### FATHER POTHIN'S REFLECTION

**The Good Samaritan** *Fleeing from God: Our daily dread* 

This Sunday's Gospel is about the Good Samaritan. The priest and the Levite passed by the half dead man on the road. They did not want to get involved. They ignored the voice, the face of God in the beaten man. They fled from God.

You can flee from God, being Christian, being Catholic, being a priest, bishop, Pope-- we all are able to flee from God. It is a daily temptation. To not listen to God, not listen to his voice, not hear in one's heart his proposal, his invitation. These priest and the Levite's effort to escape God were direct and born of a desire to not be bothered.

In contrast to these, one only had the capacity to understand the voice of God, one who habitually flees from God: a sinner, the Samaritan. This Samaritan is "far from God," yet "he heard the voice of God and drew near." He was not habituated to religious practices, to the moral life. Even theologically he was wrong, because Samaritans worshiped God in a place where God did not will to be worshiped. Despite all this, the Samaritan understood that God was calling him, and he did not flee. His heart was open; he was human. And humanity drew him near to God.

The important thing to do in our effort of salvation is to be attached to God Himself, not to the things of God or to good acts. The Samaritan let God write his life. He changed everything that night, because the Lord had drawn near in the person of this poor wounded man.

Do you have the capacity to find the Word of God in the story of each day? Or are your ideas the ones that you hold up, and you do not let the surprises of the Lord speak to you? I say to myself, and I say to you: Do we let God write our lives? Or do we want to do the writing ourselves? **Fr Pothin** 

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## **Readings and Music**

You can follow the entire Mass in the spiral-bound Missalette found in the pews, pages 6-23, except the readings and the hymns. Below are listed page numbers for the readings in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the numbers of the hymns and liturgical music in the hymnal. For those who prefer to use the BCP, the liturgy for the Mass starts on page 67.

Processional hymn	(St. Petersburg) <b>Hymn 499, v. 1 &amp; 2</b>
Kyrie Eleison (threefold)	(Merbecke) Hymn 702
Gloria in excelsis	(old Scottish chant) Hymn 739, or BCP p. 84
The Collect	BCP, p. 207
The Epistle	BCP, p. 207
The Holy Gospel	BCP, p. 208

#### THE HOMILY Father Thierry

Offertory Hymn(Lyons) Hymn 260DoxologyHymn 139 or Missalette p. 10Sanctus/Benedictus qui venitHymn 797 or Misallette p. 16Agnus DeiHymn 706 or Missalette p. 20

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion hymn	(St. Agnes) Hymn 213
Recessional hymn	(National Hymn) Hymn 143
The Holy Gospel (John 1)	p. 97

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Thank you for worshiping with us at St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Catholic Church. Please join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

The early mass on Sunday will resume on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Adult Education on Sunday is as usual, from 9:45-10:15.

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