

Dear Friends,

Do you have your wedding garment? That final question is addressed to all people not just the man in the parable. The parables about the kingdom of God address several questions and issues. One of the main questions is to whom is the offer of entry into the kingdom given. The answer Jesus has repeatedly given is that a chance to enter the kingdom of God is offered to everyone; even to the sinners, the poor, the leper, and everyone else that the world treats as an outcast.

Even though everyone receives the offer, it does not mean that everyone goes to heaven. Everyone receives the offer, but not everyone accepts the offer. God has given us the freedom to say no to Him. This no has real meaning, and if we do not change our answer before we leave this life that no becomes an eternal no.

The wedding garment question is directed though at those who say yes to the offer. To say yes to God, but to have that yes have no effect on how you live, is not a true acceptance of God's offer. The sanctifying grace that God offers is not something that has an effect only at the end of time, but is meant to allow us to be transformed more and more into the image and likeness of God even now. To truly say yes to God is to cooperate with what God wants to do in your life even now.

The central mystery of our faith is the Eucharist. In the Eucharist ordinary bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. God does that not for the sake of the bread and the wine, but for our sake. The Eucharist is meant to begin our transformation. A transformation that is completed at the end of time, but that is meant to begin now. We are called to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, the Body of Christ, the light of the world, etc. We called to be those things now. To truly say yes to God is to let Him make us those things even now.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni

**Sacred Heart Church** in Bushwood, MD is sponsoring its annual Fall dinner on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon until the food is gone. Menu includes fried oysters, stuffed ham, turkey with stuffing & gravy, sweet and parsley potatoes, cole slaw, green beans and rolls. All you can eat, served buffet style. Adults \$26, children 12 and under \$6.00. Drive-thru carry-outs \$16. Country store, cake stand, and raffle.

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
October 8 <sup>th</sup> Collection	\$4,295.00



**Weekend Ministries**  
**October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Saturday--5:00pm**

**Lector:** L. Lancaster  
**EMs:** L. Muir  
**Altar Servers:** L. Sullivan, L. Sullivan, C. Lancaster, M. Lancaster

**Sunday--8:15am**

**Lector:** G. Dameron  
**EMs:** J. Dominic, J. Kayser, D. Kayser  
**Altar Servers:** I. Prior, M. Wise, B. Krause

**Sunday--10:30am**

**Lector:** S. Hall  
**Reader:** F. Hall  
**EMs:** S. Hall, C. Smith, J. Smith  
**Altar Servers:** A. Seskar, A. Gonzalez-Rivera, E. Gonzalez-Rivera

**Sunday--6:00pm**

**Lector:** T. Rossi  
**EMs:** T. Rossi

**Pray for the Sick**



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| Joyce Ack         | Grace Angela       |
| Emma Aparicio     | Charles Aud        |
| Vivian Barnes     | Timothy Binder     |
| Pam Bohmann       | Robert Bradburn    |
| Lisa Carpenter    | Jack Cullison      |
| Catherine Dean    | Erica Dingle       |
| Jane Dougherty    | Fritz Feltman      |
| Jack Greenwell    | Pam Hayden         |
| Mary Agnes Hill   | Norma Hofmeister   |
| Cameron Kalen     | Jane Kenyon        |
| Paul Mackie       | Addie McBride      |
| Ann McDonough     | Diane Miller       |
| William Morris    | Gerry Mueller      |
| Fr. O'Connell     | Kay Owens          |
| Robert Lee Owens  | Lin Perry          |
| Lawrence Potter   | Peggy Raley        |
| Patty Raley       | Janet Sanders      |
| Gabriel Santos    | Nicole Shreve      |
| Gertrude Sullivan | Wise Tennyson      |
| Hilda Trossbach   | Susanna Wolf       |
| Janice Wood       | Elizabeth Woodburn |

**Mass Intentions**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**

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|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Monday    | 9:00am  | Edna Long                        |
| Tuesday   | 9:00am  | Special Intentions               |
| Wednesday | 9:00am  | Special Intentions               |
| Thursday  | 9:00am  | Phil Carroll                     |
| Friday    | 9:00am  | St. Michael's School             |
| Saturday  | 5:00pm  | Joanne and John Romer            |
| Sunday    | 8:15am  | Special Intentions               |
| Sunday    | 10:30am | For the Intentions of Sarah Muir |
| Sunday    | 6:00pm  | St. Michael's Parishioners       |

## Catechetical Corner

Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive children, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life. (CCC 1996) In today's parable the king initiates events by sending out the invitations. That invitation is a grace. Grace is a participation in the life of God. By Baptism the Christian participates in the grace of Christ, he is introduced into the intimacy of the Trinitarian life. (CCC 1997) Among the graces God gives is sanctifying or deifying grace. Sanctifying grace is an habitual gift, a stable and supernatural disposition that perfects the soul itself to enable it to live with God, to act by God's love. It is distinguished from actual graces which refer to God's interventions, whether at the beginning of conversion or in the course of the work of sanctification. (CCC 2000) How do we arrive at the wedding feast in our wedding garment? By cooperating with grace to be someone transformed to be ready to share the Trinitarian life.

**eGiving with Faith Direct**--We are introducing a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* enables parishioners to make contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. Please join me in enrolling by responding to the mailing you will receive or visit <http://saintmichaelscatholicchurch.org/donate.html> to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **MD862**.

**The American Heritage Girls Troop 2014** are requesting donations for their Operation Christmas Child shoebox service project. There will be a collection box and flyers in the back of the church through November 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

**Southern Maryland Mass** with Healing Prayers will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Confessions will start at 6:30pm and the mass will start at 7:00pm. All are welcome, hope to see you there!

**St. Peter Claver Catholic Church Revival** beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 6:00pm-6:45pm. Praise and Preaching at 7:00pm.

**The Knights of Columbus** will have a soccer skills competition on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> from noon - 2:00pm. Children ages 6-18 are invited to participate. Competition in kick, throw and shots on goal. Contact Deacon Jim by email [james.dominic1957@gmail.com](mailto:james.dominic1957@gmail.com).

**Loyola on the Potomac Retreat**--Give a weekend to God! Ignatian Weekend Retreat, "Come, Follow Me!" at the Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Our Ignatian weekend silence includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to everyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. The retreat begins on Friday evening, October 27<sup>th</sup> and concludes with lunch on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to make reservations contact Charlie Tennyson at 301-872-5498. A deposit of \$115.00 and a registration form are required to secure your room. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$245.00 (\$195.00 for first time retreatants and/or young adults up to age 30). You can also reserve online at [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com). "Come away and rest awhile".

**Brown Bag Auction** by the American Legion Auxiliary Ridge Unit, 255 will be held at the Post home on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Bidding will start at 6:00pm and items will be awarded at 7:00pm. This is an inexpensive, fun filled evening to support our veterans.



## **St. Michael's School News**



### **Angel Wings and Things Thrift Store**

The store is open from 9:00am-4:00pm on Saturdays and from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Sundays. Items can be dropped off on Saturdays between 10:00am-2:00pm.



### **The Archangel Scholarship Foundation,**

supporting St. Michael's School, will again be sponsoring the Rhythm & Riches event. It will be held on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hollywood Fire Department and doors open at 5:00pm. Music, games, cash prizes and much more. Tickets and additional information are available at [www.rhythmandriches.com](http://www.rhythmandriches.com) or by calling 240-587-7111. Buy two tickets by October 15<sup>th</sup> and receive 1 Raffle ticket free.

### **Queen of Hearts**

Every Friday night at the American Legion in Ridge. Tickets will be on sale from 4:00pm-7:00pm and food will be available starting at 5:00pm. Drawing at 7:00pm. Come out and support St. Michael's School for a fun night of chance! **There will be no drawing on October 20<sup>th</sup> because of the Rhythm & Riches event**



**at the Hollywood Fire Department.**

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

October 15--SMS Breakfast, 8:30am-11:00am

October 20--Rhythm & Riches, 5:00pm

October 26--Pumpkin Carving & Chili, 5:30-7:00pm

October 27--Professional Development, no school

October 28--Haunted Halls