

Dear Friends,

What do I owe to God? The prophet Isaiah and Jesus are both using the image of the landowner's vineyard as the world we live in. This world was here before we were born. All we have, we have received. It is true that we than make use of what we are given to make changes to what we are given. We are given freedom to act on these things as we wish. The tenants believe because they have worked the vineyard and have control over it that it should be theirs, and not only that but that they should be able to do whatever they want with it.

God is criticizing both their lack to give God His due, and the use they have made of the land by producing bad fruit. Not only have they failed to recognize that God is the source of all that they have, they also failed to recognize the further gift they have been given of God's offers of forgiveness. Since they reject that offer they will miss out on the even greater gift of the new kingdom, but we'll save that for next week.

God has made us stewards of creation. By making us stewards God has put creation under our dominion so that we can be an active participant in God's plan for creation. God is the source of creation and also its destination. He is also concerned and involved with everything in between. Good fruit can be produced in the world even as it is now, that good fruit is produced by us when we seek to advance in our own lives the plan God has for the world.

The power God has given is not to be used to go off and create our own world separated from God. Such a creation is called going to Hell. The power is to be used to bring us closer to God, to have not just our existence from God, but to have our actions pointing to God as well. If we do that we will produce good fruit that will last forever.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni

Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's final appearance in Fatima, Portugal, with Mass—featuring Hassler's Missa Secunda—a prayer of total consecration to Jesus through Mary, and a candlelight procession through Leonardtown Square. Join us on Friday, October 13th at 7:00pm at St. Aloysius Church.

Stewardship Report	
October 1 st Collection	\$4,272.00
1 st Dist. Catholic Aid Society	\$890.00
Hurricane Relief for September	\$2,043.00



Weekend Ministries
October 14th & 15th

Saturday--5:00pm

Lector: M. Nauman
EMs: M. Nauman
Altar Servers: N. Cervantes, I. Cervantes, M. Owens

Sunday--8:15am

Lector: J. Kellam
EMs: J. Dominic, A. Bishop D. Kayser
Altar Servers: J. Fitzgerald, M. Wood, O. Smith

Sunday--10:30am

Lector: H. Miller
Reader: C. Miller
EMs: L. LeDonne, J. LeDonne, C. Miller
Altar Servers: M. Brelage, R. Brelage, Michael Cervantes

Sunday--6:00pm

Lector: N. Abell
EMs:

Pray for the Sick



Joyce Ack
Emma Aparicio
Vivian Barnes
Pam Bohmann
Lisa Carpenter
Catherine Dean
Jane Dougherty
Jack Greenwell
Mary Agnes Hill
Cameron Kalen
Paul Mackie
Ann McDonough
William Morris
Fr. O'Connell
Robert Lee Owens
Lawrence Potter
Patty Raley
Gabriel Santos
Gertrude Sullivan
Hilda Trossbach
Janice Wood

Grace Angela
Charles Aud
Timothy Binder
Robert Bradburn
Jack Cullison
Erica Dingle
Fritz Feltman
Pam Hayden
Norma Hofmeister
Jane Kenyon
Addie McBride
Diane Miller
Gerry Mueller
Kay Owens
Lin Perry
Peggy Raley
Janet Sanders
Nicole Shreve
Wise Tennyson
Susanna Wolf
Elizabeth Woodburn

Mass Intentions
October 9th-15th

Monday	9:00am	Special Intentions
Tuesday	9:00am	Johnny Ridgell
Wednesday	9:00am	Bill Younger
Thursday	9:00am	Joe & Alice Taylor
Friday	9:00am	St. Michael's School
Saturday	5:00pm	Joe Long
Sunday	8:15am	St. Michael's Parishioners
Sunday	10:30am	Carolyn Clark
Sunday	6:00pm	Special Intentions

Catechetical Corner

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection for the missions and the propagation of the faith, and also we should be reflecting on our own mission to spread the gospel. The spreading of the proclamation of Christ and his Gospel by word and testimony of life, in fulfillment of Christ's command is called evangelization.

Evangelization is not just a task for missionaries and consecrated religious. By our baptism we all share in Christ's offices of priest, prophet, and king. Lay people fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization. (CCC 905) This evangelization acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world.

There are the extraordinary lives of the saints that inspire us, but may seem impossible for most people. There is a type of evangelization that can only be done those who the world sees as living ordinary lives. This is the special mission of most people in the Church, to show the joy of living the faith in ordinary lives.

Our Lady of the Wayside--A 24 Adoration is scheduled for 9:00am Friday until 9:00am Saturday, October 13th-14th at Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico. Come adore Our Lord on the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun! To sign up, go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4DABA72BA5F94-ourlady or visit OLW to sign up in person. For questions, please contact Jamieson Scarlata 1619surfer@gmail.com.

Fatima Centenary--Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, October 13th at 7:00pm at St. Aloysius Church. The commemoration will include Mass, a consecration of St. Mary's County to Jesus through Mary, and a Eucharistic procession through Leonardtown Square.

Knights of Columbus

--The next chicken dinner will be Sunday, October 8th from 11:30am-5:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridge.

--The next Bingo will be held on Saturday, October 21st. Doors will open at 5:30pm.

--The Knights of Columbus will have a soccer skills competition on Sunday October 15th 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.

The members of Serra Club of Southern Maryland invite you to attend a Mass and talk at St. George Community Center, 19197 St. George's Church Road, Valley Lee, Maryland, Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00pm. Celebrant will be Father Paul D. Nguyen. Speaker: Ms. Carla Tomaszewski, Topic: "A Man for All Seasons --Pope St. John Paul II". Refreshments will follow Mass. Info: Bob and Marie Goldsmith, 301-994-0235 or St. George Church office, 301-994-0607. Please note: Mass is in the Community Center, not the Church.

Camp St. Charles--Boys and Girls Catholic Overnight Summer Camp Open House, October 15th from 11:00am-3:00pm. Attend our open house to learn more about Camp St. Charles. Join us for lunch a tour a ridge on the giant swing and an opportunity to meet the staff. For more information, directions and to sign up for an open house, visit www.campstcharles.org or call 301-934-8799.



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.



SMS Breakfast--Sunday, October 15th from 8:30am-11:00am at the school gym. Come and enjoy all you can eat breakfast with friends and neighbors!

The Archangel Scholarship Foundation, supporting St. Michael's School, will again be sponsoring the Rhythm & Riches event. It will be held on Friday, October 20th 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 or by calling 240-587-7111. Buy two tickets in September 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 20th 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