Monsignor’s Musings

In the gospel today we have an excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount. These are a collection of Jesus’ teachings that Matthew weaves together into one carefully constructed presentation. In this section Jesus has profound respect for the Jewish tradition, which he interprets and fulfills.

You may recall that the first reading usually complements the gospel. In the reading from the book of Sirach today we discover a part of a larger discussion of human responsibility being addressed. At that time people held God to blame for the conduct of the wicked. In a religious climate where God is seen as the ultimate author of every action, some people who profess this hold God responsible for evil and suffering, thereby undercutting faith in God’s goodness. Sirach reminds us of a resounding affirmation for personal responsibility. Those who choose to do so follow the Commandments and teachings of the faith community. The Commandments tell us to worship once a week as a community; not to do so is a serious sin. The commandment teaches not to kill, to respect life; not to do so is also a serious sin. To covet a neighbor’s wife, even if it is in thought only (to entertain those thoughts), is a serious sin. To commit adultery or even to abandon one’s spouse leads to divorce. The sinner chooses to do these things and gives himself or herself permission to change the Commandments of God. Jesus calls his disciples to seek reconciliation with anyone who is angry with them. People can control their own behavior but choose not to do so.

Today’s readings are a sound call to a deeper integrity. Those who have been called by God have the freedom to choose obedience to Him and the wonders of His kingdom. To choose anything less than the unfolding of God’s mystery is to tie yourself to the world, to that which is already passing away.

Adapted from 2019 – 2020 Children’s Liturgy of the Word, A Weekly Resource, Pages 117-118

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
804 High House Rd., Cary, NC 27513   |   www.stmichaelcary.org
“We are a Roman Catholic community called by God to discipleship through WORSHIP, EDUCATION, and SERVICE”

CLERGY

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(For life & death emergencies)  (En caso de gravedad o muerte)
During Office Hours (all other medical calls): 919-468-6142
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SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Sunday
7:00am  |  8:30am  |  10:30am (livestreamed)  |  12:30pm
6pm (Youth and Young Adults)  |  2:15pm (en español)
Saturday Vigil
5pm  |  7pm (en español)

Daily Mass
Mon - Sat: 7am  |  M, T, Th, F: 8:30am  |  W (School Mass): 8:15am
T: 7pm (en español)

Confessions
Saturday (bilingüe) 3-4pm  |  Tuesday (en español) 6:15-6:45pm
Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
Third Wednesday of Every Month: 6:30-7:30pm
First Friday Devotions: 9:30am-8:30pm

ACADEMIC AND FAITH FORMATION

St. Michael Preschool  (919) 468-6110
St. Michael School  (919) 468-6150
Faith Formation Office  (919) 468-6185
Parish Office  (919) 468-6100

For the complete staff directory with contact information for all of our parish staff members, please visit www.stmichaelcary.org and look under “Parish Life” or call us at (919) 468-6100

For sacramental information, please call the church office.
### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday - February 17, 2020
- 6:00 pm EFF Classes: School Building
- 6:00 pm JF- Graduates Get together: CC Gallery
- 7:00 pm Hisp. Emaus-Men Mtg.: CC Room II
- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary: CC Room III
- 7:30 pm Music - One Heart Group: Church

#### Tuesday - February 18, 2020
- 8:30 am Walking with Purpose: Parish Library & Multi. Room
- 9:00 am Walking with Purpose - Ambassador: CC Gallery
- 9:30 am Our Lady’s Rosary Makers: CC Room V
- 9:45 am Centering Prayer Grp.: CC Room I
- 10:30 am AFF - Apologetics 4: Parish Library
- 7:00 pm AFF - 33 Days to Merciful Love: CC Room V
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 216 Mtg.: Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Music - Bells Rehs.: Family Parlor
- 7:00 pm Walking with Purpose: Multipurpose Room
- 8:00 pm Over 35 Basketball Group: Archangel Hall Gym

#### Wednesday - February 19, 2020
- 9:30 am Women’s Gospel Study: CC Room I
- 12:30 pm Blood Drive: CC Gallery
- 6:00 pm Hisp. Children Choir Rehs.: CC Room II
- 6:30 pm Parish Holy Hour: Chapel
- 7:00 pm A Doorway to Hope Board Mtg.: CC Room III
- 7:00 pm 12:30 Ensemble Rehs.: Church
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 212 Mtg.: Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Hisp. Adult Choir Rehs.: CC Room II
- 7:30 pm Mom's Group: CC Gallery

#### Thursday - February 20, 2020
- 6:15 am That Man is You Mtg.: CC Gallery
- 9:30 am Women’s Spirituality Dir.- Junginger: CC Room II
- 9:30 am AFF - The Book of Revelation: Multipurpose Room
- 10:00 am Alzheimer’s Support Group: Parish Library
- 1:00 pm AFF - Divine Mercy Class: Multipurpose Room
- 5:00 pm Music - Cherubs Rehs.: Church
- 5:45 pm Music - Choristers Rehs.: Choir Room
- 6:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Mtg.: Parish Library
- 6:00 pm Hisp. Emaus Women Mtg.: Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Music - Adult Choir Rehs.: Church
- 8:00 pm Men's Pick-up Basketball: Archangel Hall Gym

#### Friday - February 21, 2020
- 12:00 pm Altar Cleaning Ministry: Church
- 6:30 pm Holy Spirit Ministry: CC Room III
- 7:00 pm FF- Middle/High School Dance: Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Our Lady’s Nativity Rosary Group: CC Room V

#### Saturday - February 22, 2020
- 8:00 am Reader Ministry Training: Church
- 9:00 am Career Network Ministry Mtg.: CC Room III
- 9:00 am Mom's Group: CC Gallery
- 10:00 am FF High School- CLU 101 Session C: Archangel Hall Gym
- 6:00 pm Christ Church Spring Ball: Parish Center

#### Sunday - February 23, 2020
- 9:45 am AFF - RCIA: Multipurpose Room
- 11:15 am FF High School Bible Study: Youth Room
- 12:00 pm AFF Hisp. RCIA: Teacher Lounge
- 12:00 pm Hisp. Adult Choir Rehs.: CC Room III
- 12:00 pm Hisp. Youth Choir Rehs.: CC Room II
- 12:10 pm Hisp. FF- Elem, Middle, RCIC, Parents: School Building
- 12:30 pm FF HS CLU 101 Reconciliation: Parish Center
- 2:15 pm Young Adults Bible Study: Youth Room
- 4:15 pm EFF Church Tour: Church
- 4:15 pm EFF Classes: School Building
- 4:15 pm FF Mid. School Adoration/Confession: Parish Center

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday - February 15, 2020
- 7am | Mirardo Rivera (req. by Arne and Not Rivera)
- 5pm | Dolores Mironczuk (req. by Jacob & Cheryl Mironczuk)
- 7pm | Anastacio Briones Gayton (req. by Margarita Briones)

#### Saturday - February 16, 2020
- 7am | Pro Populo (req. by Our Pastor)
- 8:30am | Kelley Jo Powers Dove (req. by The Powers Family)
- 10:30am | Joyce Ann Simnor (req. by Mary Papa)
- 12:30pm | Shirley Bunn (req. by St. Michael Preschool Teachers)
- 2:15 pm | Julian Roblero & Juana Velasquez (req. by Emdia Roblero)
- 6pm | Michael York (req. by St. Michael Friends)

#### Sunday - February 17, 2020
- 7am | Marla Chichwak (req. by Judith Richey)
- 8:30am | Betty Louise Merriam (req. by Barbara Ann Desmond)

#### Tuesday - February 18, 2020
- 7am | Winifred DeGennaro (req. by Alice DeGennaro)
- 8:30am | Emily Clark (req. by Alice DeGennaro)
- 7pm | Sabino Mayo & Clara Ortega (req. by Elena Mayo)

#### Wednesday - February 19, 2020
- 7am | Joseph DeGennaro (req. by Alice DeGennaro)
- 8:15am | Claudius Daniel (req. by Aylwin Daniel)

#### Thursday - February 20, 2019
- 7:00am | Betty Foley (req. by Pat Gallagher)
- 8:30am | Steve Schwartz (req. by Bob & Beverly Schnick)

#### Friday - February 21, 2020
- 7:00am | Charles Dougherty (req. by Shannon Doughtery)
- 8:30am | Flordeliz Gonzales (req. by Alfredo Gonzales)

#### Saturday - February 22, 2020
- 7am | Howard Zahn (req. by Bob Gamble)
- 5pm | The Randolph Family (req. by The Berlin Family)
- 7pm | Pro Populo (req. by Our Pastor)

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*If you would like to submit something for the bulletin, please email bulletin@stmcary.org by the Wednesday 11 days prior to the desired weekend publication date.*
**Parish Announcements**

**33 Days to Merciful Love**
In response to the popularity of the 33 days to Morning Glory program, St Michael will offer 33 Days to Merciful Love. This do-it-yourself-retreat begins **THIS TUESDAY, February 18 from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Conference Center Gallery.** The program is based on St. Thérèse of Lisieux’s Little Way, which inspires participants to become great saints amid ordinary circumstances. **There is a $15 cost for the book,** sign-up on REALM or email Bob Galush at galush@nc.rr.com. More details are on our parish website.

**Youth Group**
**“Black & White” Dance**
All middle and high school students are invited to the St. Michael Parish Center on **Friday, Feb. 21 from 7:00 - 10:00pm** for a dance party! There will be a DJ, snacks, a selfie booth, and more! Cost will be $5 per person. You can pay online on REALM or at the door. Interested in being an adult chaperone? **Contact Carin Owen (cowen@stmcary.org)**

**Thanks St. Michael**
The St. Michael AAMEN Chapter appreciates your support of the MLK, Jr. Diaper Drive service project. Your donations totaled over 6,100 diapers and 1,100 wipes that were delivered to Birthchoice and Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO). Thank you!

_African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization Network Executive Committee_

**New Mass Time**
After previously only held once per month on first Saturday, Holy Mass is now celebrated **every Saturday morning at 7:00am** here at St. Michael. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to **only follow the first Saturday 7am Mass for devotion to our mother Mary.**
**PARISH Announcements**

**ASH WEDNESDAY (FEB. 26, 2020)**

Masses:
- 7am | 8:15am | 12:30pm *(StMS attending)*
- 5:30pm | 7:30pm *(Spanish)*

Prayer Service (ashes distributed)
- 11:00am *(Preschool attending)*

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**HABITAT UPDATE**

The countdown has officially begun! We are within striking distance of our goal of $65,000 for this All St. Michael Build. Thank you to all who have given to this noble endeavor.

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**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Are you a Catholic adult who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?* Preparation sessions will take place on four Thursday evenings *beginning February 27, 2020* from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the St. Michael Trinity Center.

Preregistration is required ($25) and materials will be provided. To register online please check REALM or the parish website. For more information, contact Mary DiSano mdisano@stmcary.org

*Adults who have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion are eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation after proper preparation.

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**EMHC TRAINING**

St. Michael is in need of new members to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). If you are a confirmed Catholic and would like to join this ministry, please attend our next training session on March 4th. Classes are offered at 11:00am and 6:00pm. This training is required for those who wish to serve at either Holy Mass, with the Hospital, Nursing Home, or Homebound Ministry. Please Contact Kathy or Bill Thompson (kbt710Cay@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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**2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

How to get yours!

1) Log in to Realm
2) Click on the Giving tab
3) Click on the Filter Icon and choose “Last Year” (2019)
4) Once you have chosen the dates, make sure to click on the Filter box
5) Click on the Print Icon
6) Click on the Print Box

*If you would like a paper statement, please contact Catherine Embry (cembry@stmcary.org) or (919) 468 - 6149*
PRAYER & Faith In Our Lives

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
For those who are ill or in need of our prayers, we pray…


WEEK TWO: The Canlas Family, Abby Flott, Michael Fraga, James Gallagher, David Harcharic, Tony Iyoob, Oscar Romero Atkins Lima, Jim Lyons, Mary Nagle, Debbie Orkiszewski, Parish Staff in Need, Dolores Rewkowski, Marilyn Roberts, Christine Scuderi, The Sliwa Family, Sandra Viera

WEEK THREE: The Alexander Family, Tania Almeida, Claudette Anger, Binh Cao, Chuck Elms, Rodrigo Eguiguren, Ricardo Eguizabel, Jerry Franks, Sally Gildea, Dara Hadley, Rita Lohman, Rita & Frank Losito Sr., Gloria Marshall, Joe Miracula, Louise Molnar, Nancy Odell, Debra Pavlou, Marilyn Pelligrini, Irene Qristoff, Dorothy Rogers, Joel Schroheer, Ernestine Soller, Carol Tinsley, Angela Traglia, Betsy Warren, Nina J. Weiland

WEEK FOUR: Julie Miles Gernatt, Jessica Lohman, Caren Lowe, Ruby Millea, Norma Miller, Nina Miracola, Donna Lee Pennella, Joan Robinson, Mary Schroheer, Annette Stephens, Teresa Watkins, Ken Wonda

WEEK FIVE: Baby Sophia Alexander, Henry & Henrietta Badjan, Barbara Biland, The Cortina Family, Angela Frasca, Richard Friedman, Patti Hashagen, Kathy Howard, Linda Janas, Rebecca Johnson, Deacon Terry Mancuso, Peggy Scollon, Annette Stevens, Ken Tanner


FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Alex B. Youstic, Lindsay Ann Wolfe, John Francis Sprink, Joyce Ann Simnor, William John Black

MONTHLY WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR
The monthly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be held on:

Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 6:30 - 7:30pm

February Intention: For peace, reconciliation, and unity among families

LEGION OF MARY
The Legion of Mary is a ministry that sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. Meetings are held every Monday at 7pm in Room III of the St. Michael Conference Center. A holy rosary is prayed at every meeting. Contact Bob Marge (631-804-4717) with questions.

The Saint Corner

ST. PETER DAMIAN (Feb. 21)

- St. Peter Damian (1007 - 1072) was born in Ravenna, Italy and spent his younger years with an older brother who treated him like a slave.
- He had an incredible devotion to prayer, fasting, and bodily mortification; he would wear a hairshirt underneath his clothing to help avoid the “allurement of pleasure.”
- An avid and forceful writer, Peter Damian was a monk and eventually cardinal-bishop in Italy. He founded five hermitages in Italy.
- Peter Damian wrote often to enforce the observance of morality and discipline, once rebuking a bishop for playing a game of chess.
- He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828

(Information gathered from Catholic.org & FranciscanMedia.org)

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
GROWING In Our Faith

ST. MICHAEL PRESCHOOL
Register for the 2020-2021 School Year!

Where the joy of learning is nurtured through socialization and play as we grow in our love of Jesus

Half-day preschool: (ages 2-5) including Transitional Kindergarten
Extended Day Programs: Early Arrival, Lunch Program, and Monthly Adventure Camps

We provide a safe, fun, and loving Catholic community where children grow through meaningful hands-on learning activities. Your child will build their self-confidence, learning readiness skills, and a sense of wonder about the world around them.

Information Sessions:
Call for an appointment
(919) 468 - 6110

Registration:
Now open for everyone!

For more information or to register visit: www.stmichaelpreschool.com

BOX TOPS!
All parishioners are invited to participate in the Box Tops for Education program benefiting St. Michael School. Bring your collected Box Tops to the StMS school office anytime throughout the year. Box Tops can also now be earned digitally by scanning your store receipt using the free mobile app. Thank you for supporting St. Michael Catholic School!

*St. Michael School (Full-day PreK - Grade 8) applications for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accepted! Come tour with us! (www.stmcary.org | admissions@stmcary.org)

*SCHOOL HAPPENINGS*

HISTORY DAY
Grade 7 students wowed a panel of judges with their terrific exhibits, papers, documentaries, and websites for National History Day. Their hard work, research skills, creativity, and passion for their "Breaking Barriers in History" topics were evident. Good luck to our students advancing to the regional competition.

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*Job Opening*
Substitute Teachers
St. Michael School is seeking PreK-Grade 8 substitute teachers. Substitute teacher positions are part-time, would support classroom instruction, and would contribute to our StMS Catholic school culture. For more information, contact administration@stmcary.org.

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MINISTERIO Hispano

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Horas de Oficina
Lunes: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Martes: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Miércoles: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Jueves: 8:00am - 5:00pm

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS
sábados - 7pm
domingos - 2:15pm
martes - 7pm

COORDINADOR DE LOS MINISTERIOS HISPANOS
Carolina Gallo
(919) 468-6145
Fax: (919) 468-6130
cgallo@stmcary.org

En caso de gravedad o de muerte, por favor llame a nuestra línea de emergencia al (919) 368-0150

ADORACIÓN Y HORA SANTA

La Hora Santa de febrero será **este miércoles, febrero 19, de 6:30pm a 7:30pm en la capilla.**

Intención: Por la paz, la reconciliación y la unidad entre las familias

INFORMACIÓN - SACRAMENTOS

- Cartas de: Inmigración, bautizar en otra parroquia, horas de labor social, entre otras, deben estar registrados en la parroquia y asistir a Misa semanalmente
- Si desea celebrar el Sacramento del Matrimonio, necesita pedir una cita con el Sacerdote para iniciar el proceso, mínimo seis (6) meses antes de la Boda.
- Los requisitos para poder bautizar son los siguientes:
- Deben de estar registrados en la Iglesia. Mínimo 6 meses.
- Si eligieron padrinos que son matrimonio, deben de estar casados por la Iglesia y deben de presentar la copia del Certificado de Matrimonio de los padrinos.
- Si los padrinos pertenecen a otra parroquia necesita carta firmada por el párroco, verificando que es miembro de la parroquia y que asiste a Misa.
- Si los padrinos son solteros, no deben estar conviviendo en unión libre y tienen que haber recibido los Sacramentos de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación; Presentar copia del certificado de Confirmación.
- Papas y Padrinos deben de asistir a la clase pre-bautismal.
- Los niños deben ser menores de 7 años.
- Deben de registrarse en la oficina, traer todos los documentos el mismo día.
- Deben de presentar el Certificado de Nacimiento del (a) niño (a.)
- Una vez elegida la fecha solo se harán cambios por motivos de fuerza mayor. Deberán hablar con el Sacerdote Hispano.
- Todos los niños que vayan a ser bautizados deben entregar los papeles cuando los registren, si para el día de la Charla Pre-Bautismal, no tienen los documentos tendrán que cambiar la fecha para el siguiente mes.

GROUP JUVENIL - FIESTA

Qué tendremos ¡Una fiesta con baile! Para estudiantes de Secundaria y Preparatoria (11-18 años). Habrá DJ, stand de selfies, snacks y mucho más! **Será el viernes, Feb. 21 desde 7:00 - 10:00pm en el Salón Parroquial. El costo es $5.00.** (Se pueden registrar en REALM o el día del evento en la puerta)

ORACIÓN A SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla, se nuestro amparo contra las perversidades y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímame Dios, Pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al inferno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus Malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amen.
MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
16 de febrero de 2020

Ninguna ley divina o humana puede cubrir las decisiones correctas que debemos de tomar en nuestra jornada de vida y en la comunidad. Es preciso tomar decisiones que comprometan al bien común y al ejercicio de la justicia. Recordemos en términos bíblicos, justicia es ejercer la misericordia de Dios en los que nos rodean. Tanto la Primera Lectura como el Evangelio marcan el punto de lo que más se necesita para actuar con rectitud, “Confianza plena en Dios.” Escoger lo correcto ayuda a profundizar en el corazón humano lo que Dios pide a cada uno. Decidir por las cosas buenas en la vida es cosa de todos los días. La Primera lectura del Eclesiástico dice así: “Si tú quieres, puedes observar los mandamientos; está en tus manos el ser fiel. Ante ti puso el fuego y el agua; extiende la mano a lo que prefieras. Delante de los hombres están la vida y la muerte; a cada uno se le dará lo que ha elegido.” (Eclesiástico 5:14-17)

En el Evangelio, Jesús urge que escuchemos la Ley de Dios y la llevemos a plenitud. En los cuatro ejemplos se habla de la rectitud de vida que es encontrada en los mandamientos. Cada día se encuentra la persona en la dicotomía de elegir entre lo que es bueno y lo que no es. Escuchemos a Jesús que reta a hacer decisiones que lleven a hacer crecer el Reino de Dios. Bien sabemos que solo obrando rectamente se logra este objetivo. La clave es la siguiente: “Digan si cuando es sí, y no cuando es no; cualquier otra cosa que se le añada, viene del demonio.” (Mateo 5:37)
**CITY BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER**

Join your Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree on **February 19, 2020 from 10am - 10pm** for wonderful barbeque at City Barbeque located on Kildaire Farm Rd. in Cary. Proceeds are donated to Veteran and Church charities.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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**Views from the Steeple** is a monthly column designed to answer questions from our parishioners. One weekend of every month, reps from our Pastoral Council are at the information desk in the gathering space after all Masses to respond to parishioner inquiries. The questions below are from the **weekend of February 1 - 2**

**Q:** The main entrance off High House Road is difficult to see at the 7:00am Mass. Current lighting is insufficient and presents a dangerous situation when turning left into St. Michael with oncoming traffic. Can we get better lighting?

**A:** We have spoken with one of our contractors who will assess the current lighting situation and offer a couple of paths of solution. We will update the parish as soon as we know more information.

**Q:** Can the men working on the columbarium reduce the number of parking spaces they use for equipment and supplies from twelve to two or three?

**A:** It is written into the contract with the company working on our columbarium that they are provided ample spacing for equipment and supplies. Unfortunately, due to rain and other inclement weather, the end date for this project has been pushed back to mid-March. We thank you for your patience!

**Q:** It is difficult to hear the Mass and music in the Gathering Space with the current sound system. Can we amplify it at all?

**A:** We recently adjusted the volume of the sound system for the gathering space but unfortunately we have no control over how loud other parishioners may be in that area. We encourage everyone to celebrate the Mass inside the sanctuary when able, even if they have small children who may not always be the most quiet during that time.

*Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback. We value your opinion!*

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**OUR OFFERTORY**

**Offertory Report**

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**Parish Ministries & Events**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Wake County Libraries, Town of Cary’s Page-Walker Arts & History Center and The Cary Arts Center are providing many opportunities for the whole family to enjoy FREE & Fee Black History Month activities. Search the websites for more information. Mark your calendar for the following February dates:

- **(West Regional Library, February 18 @3:00pm) FREE:** Learn about the play Memphis as performers sing and discuss the play about blacks and whites in 1950’s music industry. Memphis Play @ NC Theatre March 24-29 (FEE)
- **(Town of Cary, Cary Arts Center, February 22 @ 11:00 am-5:00pm) FREE:** 25th African American Celebration annual event the theme for this year is “A Love Story: A Special Tribute to the Ujima Group, Inc.” and will feature a diverse range of musical performances by RMJ Movement Band, Lydia Salett (vocalist/jazz pianist), Lester Knibbs (classical pianist) Nice Touch Band (gospel, jazz, R&B, fusion)
- **(North Regional Library, February 23 @2:00pm) FREE:** Enloe Black Student Union perform dance, choral, step and spoken word
- **(East Regional Library, February 28 @4:00pm) FREE:** Jazz/Blues vocalist Shenette Swann
- **Librarians Chat throughout the month:** African American history, culture, biographies & African American Women **FREE**

Information courtesy of St. Michael African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization Network

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**RESPECT LIFE**

The 40 Days for Life Campaign is just around the corner! Forty Days for Life is a national movement that involves peaceful prayer and keeping vigil outside local abortion clinics (In Raleigh, that means around the Planned Parenthood office on Drake Circle)

It begins on Wednesday, Feb 26th (Ash Wednesday) and ends on Sunday April 5th (Palm Sunday). St. Michael’s is adopting Thursday March 12th & Friday March 13.

To Sign Up: www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh. For questions please email fortydflraleigh@aol.com or call Eileen Mayhew at 919-678-3004

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**DAILY READINGS -- WEEK OF FEB. 16**

**Mon:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
**Tues:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
**Wed:** Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
**Thurs:** Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
**Fri:** Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1
**Sat:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
**Next Sun:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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**ST. MICHAEL READER MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEDULE 2020**

Proclaiming the Word of God to His people is the task entrusted to those who join the reader ministry at St. Michael’s Catholic Church. Readers are scheduled on a rotating basis for the weekend Masses, Holy Days of Obligation and special celebrations. The Reader, along with reading the Word, also leads the congregation during the Prayers of the Faithful and helps direct them with announcements. Listed below are training workshops to both prepare those wishing to become lectors. All trainings are held inside the church.

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Tutors & Volunteers Needed

Please consider making an impact in a child’s life by being a Read and Feed tutor or volunteer. We will provide meals to eliminate hunger, mentors to help children read, and books to build home libraries. **We meet most Tuesdays throughout the school year from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the St. Michael School Cafeteria.**


To learn more about the Read and Feed Program visit www.readandfeed.org. Contact Lisa Ciesla (919-468-6110) or lciesla@stmcary.org for more information.
RALEIGH DIOCESAN EVENTS

MEN’S LENTEN RECOLLECTION
All men are invited to a pre-Lenten Men’s Recollection at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Raleigh on **Saturday, February 22 from 9am to 12:30pm**. The Recollection will be led by Canons Matthew Talarico and Matthew Weaver from the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. The event is free and will take place in the church, concluding with Holy Mass at 11am. Holy Mass is open to all. **For more information please contact Jeremy Kryn at jkryn@nc.rr.com.**

SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN
Find your peace in the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Join us for a silent retreat for women from Friday, May 22 - Sunday, May 24, 2020 led by Fr. Stephen Ellis, LC at the Catholic Conference Center, 1551 Trinity Lane, Hickory, NC 28602. **Cost is $350 before March 1 and $395 after March 1.** Learn to pray better and listen to God speak in the quiet of your heart. Please contact mbphil@bellsouth.net or 919-274-9362 for information and registration.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**
It’s time to take a stand for life!
Join other like-minded Americans in the 2020 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign in Chapel Hill. This campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness for an end to abortion, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and ends on April 5 (7am-7pm daily). Location: public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood, 1765 Dobbins Drive, Chapel Hill, NC. For more information or to volunteer: 40daysforlife.com/chapel-hill or email 40dayschapelhill@gmail.com.

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE 2020 --BUS TRIP--
Need a recharge in your spiritual life? Wondering about the power of the Holy Spirit or God’s purpose for you? Feeling empty and needing more peace, joy, and love in your life? Reserve your spot at the Power and Purpose Conference today! Over 1500 adults come up to campus in Steubenville, Ohio each summer to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. They leave with a renewed sense of God’s love for them and a stronger desire to put Him first in their lives.

**Registration 2020 Pricing**
**Early Bird Rate (register by February 28 2020):** $146
**Standard Rate:** $176
**Clergy/Religious/Young Adult (Age 18-30) Rate:** $97

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QUESTIONS?
Contact Laura Werner (919-889-9904) or steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com for more information, travel details, and registration.

UNC MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC
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DR. SCOTT HAHN TALK
Dr. Scott Hahn, founder and President of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is one of the world’s leading biblical scholars, Catholic apologist, and a leader of the New Evangelization called for by Saint Pope John Paul II. **DO NOT MISS** this opportunity to hear a great motivational speaker and defender of the Catholic faith. Dr. Hahn has written 40+ books, speaks to thousands of persons each year, is frequently on EWTN, and has motivated hundreds to conversion in the Catholic Faith. Dr. Hahn will speak about Christ’s Divine Mercy, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, and covenant relationship with God.

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