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10TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor

Fr. Jack Morrison (retired)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
day

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS :

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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Take Up Your Cross Daily

In order to begin a true life of prayer in any real sense (not just mouthing words) labor must be applied with firm determination to turnabout one's life away from one that is preoccupied by the world's affairs to a life centered within the Most Holy Trinity open to grace.

The positive things that we must work at, as laid out by the spiritual writers for beginners, are the need to avoid bad associates and to choose good and virtuous friends so that our short time here below be one of mutual aid toward beauty and goodness.

One must also embrace the cross – a spirit of resignation is insufficient for those who seek to love God. The one who wishes to follow our Lord, as He has told us, must take up his cross daily.

Besides leaving aside a worldly spirit of vanity and distraction, we must positively strive to attain an attentive manner, an ability to ponder with thoughtful reflection, and a habitual ability to enter mindful silence. With these tools and skills, we can learn to pray.

The path in the beginning may seem daunting, with progress being made only with difficulty. It is true, the path is steep. The weight of this world is heavy, and our habits most often bad. But with resolve and perseverance all this lightens along the way, and with progress being made docility to grace becomes habitual. Attaining this, one is totally free. We must step forward with resolute determination to seek the will of God every day. To the degree that one lives the Gospel message in fidelity seeking our Lord, the prayer life can be nurtured, matured, and perfected. Without faithfulness and virtue, one cannot advance fully into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Freeing ourselves from sin, always caused by our selfishness, and liberated from the anxiety of this world's concerns, we must persevere in the pathway of light. It is grace and the presence of infused contemplation that purifies the senses and the imagination. This is the first "dark night". In turn, this purification disposes the whole person to grace's deeper immersion within the Trinitarian Mystery. Through fidelity and prayer grace effects transfiguration.

The better we foster a spirit of recollection, centered on the presence of God within the soul, the more we are liberated interiorly. The way at times is obscure, and the paradox is clear: our Lord demands constant fidelity to His teaching, but He simultaneously does hold out liberty within that demand: My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

The God of all consolation wishes to enkindle a habitual raging fire of charity and blinding light within us – making us conformable to His essence. It is only by developing a mind and heart in fidelity to grace that perseverance can be exercised and strengthened so that we might be ready to endure the dark fire that accompanies the brilliant and purifying pathways of the Bright-One-Who-cannot-be-Clouded.



PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to **join the prayer chain** or with prayer requests

“10TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST”

Saturday July 29- 5:00 PM: All Souls in Purgatory by Thanh & Han Vo

Sunday July 30- 10:30 AM: For Rhonda Sherman & Han Nguyen (3) by Mrs. Sherman

Tuesday	Aug 1	9:00 am	St. Shmouni and Her Sons, M	Elizabeth Sherman (3) by Mr. & Mrs. Sherman
Wednesday	Aug 2	9:00 am	Translation of the Relics of St Stephen, the First Martyr	For the intentions of Kim Ngan Nguyen by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	Aug 3	9:00 am	David the Prophet, C	For Thanh & Han 's intentions
Friday	Aug 4	9:00 am	St. John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars, C	For Rhonda Sherman & Han Nguyen by Mrs. Sherman (3)

“11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST-TRANSFIGURATION FEAST”

Saturday August 5- 5:00 PM: Joan Vanheusen by the parish

Sunday August 6 - 10:30 AM: for the Parish by Fr. Paul

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up today, at the church entrance for a holy hour!



Every Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00pm
Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Place your donation of Peanut butter & jelly in the basket next to the Confessional.

June: Donations 104 lbs

READERS

7/29	Kathy Kriminger	7/30	Ava Royse
8/5	Darlene Darling	8/6	Travis Blalock
8/12	MJ Hahn	8/13	Marie Catalana
8/19	Rick Criste	8/20	Chris Cooper

To be listed as Reader, please contact Kim Phelan or the church office

SCRIPTURE

10th Sunday of Pentecost
1 Cor 12: 1-11/ Mt 12: 22-32

The Transfiguration of Our Lord/11th Sunday of Pentecost
2 Cor 3: 7-17/ Mk 9: 1-7

12th Sunday of Pentecost
Eph 3: 1-13/ Mt 15: 21-28



GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

JULY

In Thanksgiving
By Thanh & Han Vo

My Offering



Collections	\$ 1240.00
Candles	\$ 58.00
Contributions	\$ 000.00
50th Anniversary Book ads	\$ 2800.00



Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild, established in 2013, celebrating 10 years of service. Committed to "promoting the work of the Church & building a spiritual community of faith within the Parish." AD BY: **MJ**

2nd Collection - REMINDER:

September 10 - Catholic University of America (75% will benefit our seminary)

ONLINE GIVING



VOCATION CHALICE

7/29: Volunteer
 7/30: Marie Catalana
 8/5: Volunteer
 8/6: Betty Gurney



If your family would like to volunteer to pray for Vocations to Religious Life, please see Kimberly P.

Custom Handmade Rosaries

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Vacation Bible School volunteers



KNIGHTS ORNER

The Knights will be doing yardwork at the rectory this Saturday at 8:30am. Volunteers needed.



FROM THE LADIES GUILD



- The Ladies Guild will meet Sunday, August 13th after the Social Hour. The meeting will begin promptly at noon.
- The Rosary and Traveling Mary has a hostess for August. Keep watch for the details of day and time.
- The Guild is looking for a new Secretary whose duties are to take the minutes and submit them to the Chair for review and publication. If you are a member or have considered joining the Ladies Guild and would like to serve in this way, please contact Stacie, sferry84@verizon.net.
- School supplies are due by 6 August. Please drop them in the big blue bin by the door of the Social Hall or contact Stacie or Melissa.

50th Anniversary Updates

We need your help collecting advertisement and memorial pages for the 50th anniversary book. Purchase forms are available at the church entrance. See MJ or Donnie with any questions.

Religious Education classes

Volunteers are still needed for Wednesday night religious education beginning late August. Substitute, assistant, and full time positions are available. Lesson plans and glue sticks provided.
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