



Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Catholic Church.

We celebrate Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m. at **1634 Jefferson Pike, Petersville, MD 21758**. Children's Church School begins at 11:45 a.m. If you are unable to join us in person, please don't worry, we continue to live stream our worship services online. The sign-in information remains the same as we have been using, please see sign-in information below.

- All are encouraged and welcome to join us by:**
- \* **Telephone: 301-715-8592 (use code ID 2430380079) (password 987910)**
- \* **Videophone via laptop or smartphone: www. Zoom.us (ID 2430380079) (password 987910)**
- \* **Facebook live: Stmichaelacc**

**Please MUTE your phone or computer during the Mass so that everyone can clearly hear and understand Father Pothin and the Lay Reader. Thank you.**

These features can be found on our website and will remain on our website indefinitely.

Please email the names of those who you wish to include on the Intercession Prayer List to Father Pothin at [FatherPothin@stmichaelacc.org](mailto:FatherPothin@stmichaelacc.org) by 8:00 p.m. on Saturday so we can include them in Sunday's Mass. The headings/categories for the Prayers of Intercession are: **Prayers for Those Experiencing Adversities and/or Sickness; Prayers of Thanksgiving and God's Protection and Blessings; and Prayers for the Departed.**

Saint Michael the Archangel is leading a community based daily prayer (12:00-12:10 pm) to ask God favor. We are praying for the community, its needs and all those who keep the community safe and strong. You are all encouraged to join that prayer by calling and sharing your prayers: **Telephone: 301-715-8592 (use code ID 2430380079) (password 987910).**



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## **St. Michael the Archangel** **A Parish of the Anglican Catholic Church** **Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic States**

**Location:**  
**1634 Jefferson Pike**  
**Petersville, MD 21758**  
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**❖ The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Trinity ❖**

## Sunday, 17 November 2024

Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Daily Prayer call at 12:00 noon – 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday Mass TBD.

Wednesday evening Bible Study (via Zoom) – 7:00 p.m.



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### FATHER POTHIN'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

#### **Preparing for Advent!**

##### *Stay awake*

With the season of advent approaching, the Church is opening a new season, that of the great and fascinating mystery of the God-with-us, indeed, of the God who becomes one of us. Every beginning brings a special grace. The Prophet Isaiah describes the day when all nations will climb the Lord's mountain. "Mountain" is a metaphor for God's Presence. Our Advent journey, as in the days of old, is to climb the mountain of the Lord, to come to God. Advent itself is a metaphor for Christian living. As Advent is a progression toward the celebration of the Nativity, so is our daily life a journey toward the fullness of Life to come. We need only to **"stay awake."**

Humans have been both unfaithful and faithful to God's ways; have not paid attention, have paid attention to God's instructions; have not been awake, have stayed awake to God's comings. The people in the days of Noah did not know that the flood was

coming; Jesus' hearers did not know when the Son of Man would come. We, however, do know that Jesus has come, has taught us the way of faithfulness, and has brought us salvation. **We need only to "stay awake."**

#### **Waiting**

The question is: Is the humanity of our time still waiting for a Savior? One has the feeling that many consider God as foreign to their own interests. Apparently, they do not need him. They live as though he did not exist and, worse still, as though he were an "obstacle" to remove in order to fulfill themselves. Even among believers—we are sure of it—some let themselves be attracted by enticing dreams and distracted by misleading doctrines that suggest deceptive shortcuts to happiness. Yet, despite its contradictions, worries and tragedies, and perhaps precisely because of them, humanity today seeks a path of renewal, of salvation, it seeks a Savior and awaits, sometimes unconsciously, the coming of the Savior who renews the world and our life, the coming of Christ, the one true Redeemer of man and of the whole of man.



#### ***Hymns for The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Trinity***

**Processional - Hymn # 485** ( *Lord of all hopefulness* )

**Offertory - Hymn # 289** ( *O God our help in ages past* )

**Communion - Hymn # 197** ( *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* )

**Recessional - Hymn # 489** ( *Lord dismiss us with thy blessing* )



***We encourage everyone to continue to support the operation of the church by sending your offerings (collection) to the treasurer.*** This can be done via our website ([www.stmichaelacc.org](http://www.stmichaelacc.org)), mailing a check to our

post office box (P.O. Box 315, Buckeystown, MD 21717), by mailing your check directly to Lynne Brisbane at 3500 Basford Rd., Frederick, MD 21703, or of course, by placing your donation in the alms plate during the Offertory at Mass on Sundays.

Those celebrating birthdays in **November** are Peter Coderre, Ken Timmerman, Rick Frye, Jonas Hernandez, Jenita Rosales, Astrid Walshat-Stapp and Linsey Ngyele. Rev. Pothin and Lindsey Ngyele and Joh and Lynn Giles celebrate their wedding anniversaries in **November**. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**Bible Study** is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. . All are welcome to join us. The access information is the same as it is to join us on Sunday mornings via Zoom.

### **THE ANGELUS**

**V/.** The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**HAIL**, Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**R/.** *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

**V/.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to the word.

**HAIL**, Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**R/.** *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

**V/.** Behold And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us.

**HAIL**, Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with

thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**R/.** *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

**V/.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R/.** *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to assist our infirmity: that like as we do now commemorate blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, Mother of God; so by the help of her intercession we may die to our former sins and rise again to newness of life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **, The Collect**

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Old Testament reading recommended**

*(KJV Bible)*

*Isaiah 66:1-2, 10, 12-16, 18-23*

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and

trembleth at my word. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies. For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new

moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

### *Epistle reading for Sunday*

The Epistle. Colossians iii. 12.

PUT on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him

### *Holy Gospel reading for Sunday*

The Gospel. St. Matthew xiii. 24.

THE kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But

he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

### The WHY Series

#### ***What is the sign?***

God's sign is his humility. God's sign is that he makes himself small; he becomes a child; he lets us touch him and he asks for our love. How we would prefer a different sign, an imposing, irresistible sign of God's power and greatness! But his sign summons us to faith and love, and thus it gives us hope: this is what God is like. He has power, he is Goodness itself. He invites us to become like him. Yes indeed, we become like God if we allow ourselves to be shaped by this sign; if we ourselves learn humility and hence true greatness; if we renounce violence and use only the weapons of truth and love.

#### **Changing**

Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly [on the night of Christmas] entered into our night. Christmas is a privileged opportunity to meditate on the meaning and value of our existence. The approach of this Solemnity helps us on the one hand to reflect on the drama of history in which people, injured by sin, are perennially in search of happiness and of a fulfilling sense of life and death; and on the other, it urges us to meditate on the merciful kindness of God who came to man to communicate to him directly the Truth that saves, and to enable him to partake in his friendship and his life. Therefore let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with humility and

simplicity, making ourselves ready to receive as a gift the light, joy and peace that shine from this mystery.