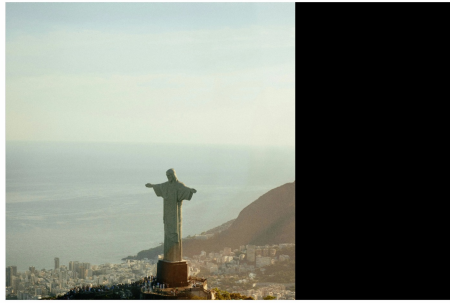


# Weekly Reflection



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The answer is very simple: God.... He has brought God, and now we know his face, now we can call upon him. Now we know the path that we human beings have to take in this world. Jesus has brought God and with God the truth about our origin and destiny: faith, hope and love. It is only because of our hardness of heart that we think this is too little. Yes indeed, God's power works quietly in this world, but it is the true and the lasting power

## Readings & Hymns

<b>Readings</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
The Old Testament (Exodus 34:29-35)	PROC:153
The Epistle (Romans 12:6-16)	OFF: 47
The Holy Gospel (St. Mark 1:1-11)	COMM:203
	REC: 542

## Happy Birthday!

Join us in wishing the following church members a happy birthday this January!

Lynn Giles,  
Amanda Miller,  
Kevin Air,  
and Jarius Rosales.



## Church Building Fund

Phase 1 of the building campaign started on January 15, 2025 to end on June 8, 2025. The goal is to raise \$5,000.00. The rector has pledged \$2,500.00 and invites the congregation to match the other half. Please remember your donations to the Building Fund Campaign can still be made via our website ([www.stmichaelacc.org](http://www.stmichaelacc.org)) or by mailing your check to our post office box (P.O. Box 315, Buckeystown, MD 21717) or by mailing your check directly to Lynne Brisbane at 3500 Basford Rd., Frederick, MD 21703. We encourage everyone to continue to support 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.



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Why do we build a church? We (Christians) build to see God. In 1 Chronicles 22:19 God says "Seek me, build me a temple". Building a space for a community to encounter God is one of the most basic acts of drawing heaven into your world. It has been this way for centuries. There is something about building that seeks God. In turn God responds. A church building resonates with the soft presence of God throughout the week because like Jacob experienced, God can be awesome in a geographical space. "Ground" can be made "holy" (Ex 3:5).

# A Message from the Rector



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## Verse of the Week: Isaiah 26:3-4

“ You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. ”



### Study Topic

Spiritual Awareness



### Study Topic

Understand our church's history



### Study Topic

Emotional support in time of Crisis

## Ministries Update

- \* Children Sunday school at 11:30 am : If you want to volunteer and support this ministry, please let father know.
- \* Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 7 pm via zoom.

## Upcoming Church Events

- January Potluck is this Sunday the 20th
- Congregational Annual meeting and Potluck will be on February 23rd.
- Ash Wednesday is March 5th
- March's Potluck will be on the 23rd.

## Highlights

Our Church is our Families' family

