
ST. PETER CLAVER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Inigoes, MD

*"The Church on the Holy Hill
Where the Joy of the Lord is Our Strength"*

WELCOMES YOU!



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

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THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me,
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward,
and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a
righteous man's reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink
because the little one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

SOME THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/scripture/matthew-1037-42>

A VIEW

- The Gospel of Jesus is not only about a way of life founded on love and mercy, but above all about the person of Jesus himself. Today he claims a special place in our lives, more important than our dearest ones. Being a disciple is not a marginal aspect of my life, it is central. I ask for the grace to be a real disciple of Jesus, capable of taking up my cross and following him.
- At the same time, Jesus assures us that even the smallest gesture of mercy to those in need will not go unnoticed. Let me reflect on the many such gestures that fill my life.

A VIEW

- Jesus would probably have taught the fifth commandment - Honor thy father and thy mother - in the synagogue. But sometimes when God tries to come into my heart it is cluttered with people and things that I love dearly. I will talk to Jesus about this.
- A cup of cold water' - a simple example of kindness. Can I learn anything from this?

Tithes & Offering

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 6/21/2020

Offertory Collection **\$4,344.00**
Budgeted Offertory= **\$2,900.00**

OFFERTORY EXCEEDS BUDGET +\$1,444.00

WE MET OUR FINANCIAL GOAL THIS WEEK.

We are so very blessed!

Your generosity is much appreciated. We recognize that you are making sacrifices to financially support the costs associated with running the church and its ministries.

WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPTIONS THAT WE HAVE MADE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO TITHE WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY OR WITH YOUR GIFT DONATION:

1. You can still **mail in your offertory or gift donation:**

St. Peter Claver Church, PO Box 240, St. Inigoes, MD 20684

2. You can download our **new mobile app**

Go to the appropriate app store to download the free Mobile App (Church by MinistryOne). Open the App and locate the church via zip (20684). Select "Saint Peter Claver Church" (SPCC). Follow the instructions.

3. You go on our **new church website (www.stpeterclaverchurch.org)**

Go to the website; locate "donate" on the navigation bar at the top; press the "donate" button; follow the simple instructions from "ParishSoft."

4. You can plan with your bank to set up an **electronic check (e-check) payment on the schedule that you prefer.** Your bank will mail your electronic payment to SPC.

5. You can **TEXT YOUR DONATION**

Text To: 301-478-8765; Put as your message the word GIVE; When you send, you will receive a link from ParishSoft; click the link which will take you to the St. Peter Claver Church page; choose the fund to which you will be donating (offertory, gifts and donation, maintenance, etc.); put in your amount; indicate how you would like to give; please add the processing/convenience fee (2.5%) to your giving so that the church does not have to pick up the charge; press the submit button. **YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR GIVING!**

Please remember this: Whether you tithe or not, you will be kept in prayer and you are asked to pray for St. Peter Claver Church and the Church in general.



October 17, 2020 ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 155TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
WITH PASTOR DELONTA J. HICKS at 1:00pm at Middleton Hall, 4045 Renner
Road, Waldorf, MD 20602

June 28 Anthony and Elnora Jackson



July 5	Active Military and Veterans
July 12	Luzon & Ismay Wars
July 19	Barbara Wars-Briscoe and Agnes Emma Clay
July 26	Mary Carroll

There is no better way to pray for your loved ones than to have a Mass said for them. A small donation is given in remembrance of them.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY SUMMER HELPER CARSON PHILIPS



What a peculiar time to be alive, yet what a perfect time to be a saint. I pray all of us within this community are holding fast to our Lord, as the times grow more confusing our Lord beckons us to grip to him.

In this Sunday's gospel, our Lord states we must have a deep love for him, deeper than that which we hold for anything else of this world. Along with this, we all must have a deep ordering to follow our Lord by carrying our own crosses. While many times, we can all be found guilty of desiring to avoid these crosses of placing our Lord anywhere else beside the center of our lives especially now, we must push ourselves to pray and fast to bear these crosses with piety for the sake of our souls. This may sound like a punishment but know that our Lord's love for us does not cease when challenges are plenty; in fact, our Lord shows his love to us the most when we are called to suffer.

During this summer with Father Scott and the other men joining us, I have been experiencing a deep fraternity and joy even in these complicated circumstances. Our Lord desires us to pray and fast fervently, for our Church, for our country and families; yet it is through these willful acts of penance that our suffering becomes like kindling for an intense fire of joy- a fire that spreads to others as a beautiful witness to our faith.

While the words of this gospel are intimidating, our Lord does not send challenge without a way, a way to be joyful and deeply appreciate his love and the beauty of his creation. This community is incredibly powerful, I hope you all fervently take upon your own crosses and pray for me as I do the same.

In Christ,
Carson Phillips



CELEBRATING VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT IN LIFE AND IN DEATH: JUNE 30

Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery on the French colony of **Saint Domingue**. His master, **Jean Berard**, encouraged the young Pierre to learn to read and write. In 1787, Berard moved his new wife and several slaves, including Pierre and his younger sister **Rosalie**, to New York City. In view of his lifelong commitment to helping others, Pierre Toussaint is credited as a **founder of Catholic charitable works in the United States**.

As Pierre established a good reputation among New York’s elite as a **hairstylist**, an increasing number of Haitian refugees in the American city brought reports of murder and devastation from the island. With the money he had received from the women whose hair he cut, Pierre bought his sister’s freedom. **He selflessly decided to remain a slave, however, thinking he could better care for the recently widowed Madame Berard, in that capacity.**

Eventually, Madame Berard’s health gave way. **Then, on her deathbed she granted Pierre his freedom.** At the age of 41, Pierre was a free man. It was as a free man that he married the woman he loved, **Juliette Noel**, whose freedom he had purchased. Like Pierre Toussaint, Juliette had begun her life in the “New World” as a slave in **Haiti**. **Together, they continued charitable work Pierre had begun informally, helping refugees find jobs and caring for orphans. Next, the couple opened a school to teach black children a trade.**

When the plague struck New York, Pierre personally cared for the victims. When Pierre’s sister, Rosalie, died leaving an orphaned young daughter, **Euphemia**, Pierre and Juliette welcomed her into their home.

In 1851, Pierre—at age 85—suffered the last and greatest sorrow of his life when his beloved Juliette died. He died two years later on **June 30, 1853**, and was buried in a New York cemetery next to Juliette and Euphemia.

In 1968, the long process to canonize **Pierre Toussaint** as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church began. In 1990, his body was moved to a crypt under the main altar of **St. Patrick’s Cathedral** in New York City. <https://blackandindianmission.org/venerable-pierre-toussaint>

A MOMENT IN TIME WHEN HISTORY WAS MADE: REMEMBERING THE MAKING OF POPE FRANCIS

On March 13, 2013, at the age of 76, **Jorge Bergoglio** was named the **266th pope** of the Roman Catholic Church—becoming

- the first citizen from the Americas,
- the first non-European and
- first Jesuit priest to be named pope, and adopting the name Pope Francis (after St. Francis of Assisi of Italy).

POPE FRANCIS MASS INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020: OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



Matt Allen; Judson “Mark” Barnes; Wayne Barnes; Anita Birdine; Stephanie Bowman; Eric Briscoe; Louise Briscoe; Bertille Bryan; Eva Butler; Geraldine Carroll; Catherine Carter; Chris Cassagnol; Gabriel Cassagnol; Shelly Cenci; Michael Chase; Kirk Crafton; Yvonne Cutchember; Nolan Davidson; Mary Dove; Helena Dutch; James Gant; Jessica Goldring; Virginia Harriston; Janice Hewlett; Jimmie Hill; Sister Marilyn Hopewell; Thelma Jones; Willie Jones; Patti Lachkovic; Kitty Ludwig; Heaven McClane; Horace McClane, Jr.; Dianne McCombs; Arnold Moreland; Eleanor Moland; Vernicia Morgan; Angie Prucha; Dinah Robinson; Frank Smith; Patricia Smith; Charles L. Spears; Mary Spears; Catherine Taylor; Joseph Taylor; Vernon Thomas; Estelle Thompson; Mary Elizabeth “Bede” Thompson; William “Bill” Thompson; Huntington Wiggins; Charles Winters; Gail Yearick.

AND WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND SUFFERING FROM COVID-19, especially those who are in isolation (hospitals, nursing homes, ships, etc.) suffering alone; our sick health care professionals who are suffering because they are dedicated to saving the lives of others; and our sick national guard and military who are suffering because they are dedicated to keeping our country safe.

UNDERSTANDING PAIN!

[Philip Kosloski](#)—June 22, 2020



When faced with pain, our natural reaction is to recoil from it and ask God why he allows it. Physical suffering can be difficult to endure, but we have to remind ourselves that God allows it for a reason.

Brother Lawrence, a Carmelite monk of the 17th century, advised a friend in one of his letters not to ask God for a cure from the pain, but strength to endure it.
“I told you, in my last [letter], that [God] sometimes permits bodily diseases to cure the distempers of the soul. Have courage then, make a virtue of necessity [and] ask of God, not deliverance from your pains, but strength to bear resolutely, for the love of him, all that he should please, and as long as he shall please.”

He further adds, “Love sweetens pains and when one loves God, one suffers for his sake with joy and courage...he is the Father of the afflicted, always ready to help us. He loves us infinitely more than we imagine. Love him then, and seek not consolation elsewhere.”

This advice is not always easy to bear, especially when we are in the midst of suffering. We want our suffering to go away and do all we can to make that happen. However, sometimes God may want to use that suffering to point out an area in our life where we need spiritual mending. This is a difficult medicine to swallow, but one that can pave the way for our ultimate happiness with God in heaven.

Whatever might happen in our lives, let us try to accept it as coming from the hand of a merciful father, who wants to bring us closer to him in a loving embrace. Our response should be to love God in return, even when that love hurts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE



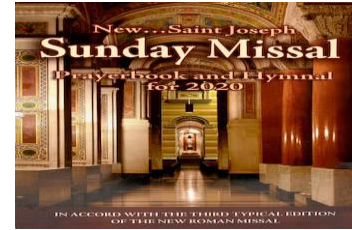
Elizabeth Clarisse Lange (Mother Mary Lange of the Oblate Sisters of Providence) was born circa 1784 and died February 3, 1882. Mother Mary Lange founded the **Oblate Sisters of Providence** in 1829. ***The Oblates were the first United States based religious order of women of color.*** The Oblate Sisters were **role models** who provided an atmosphere of faith and hope to parents and to children degraded by slavery.

Elizabeth Clarisse Lange's parents were **refugees who fled to Cuba** from the revolution taking place in their native **Saint Domingue**. In the early 1800s young Elizabeth left Santiago, Cuba to seek peace and security in the United States. **Providence directed her to Baltimore, Maryland**, where a great influx of French-speaking Catholic Saint Domingue refugees was settling. ...Although she was a refugee, she was well educated, and of independent means, possessing monies left to her by her father. It did not take Elizabeth long to recognize that the children of her fellow refugees needed education. **She used her own money and home to educate these children of color.** For ten years Elizabeth, with a friend, **Marie Magdaleine Balas**, offered free education. Thus, on **JULY 2, 1829**, Elizabeth and three other women (**Rosanne Boegue, Marie Balas and an older student, Almaide Duchemin**) took their vows. The first paragraph of the Rule was quite simple: ***"The Oblate Sisters of Providence are a religious society of virgins and widows of color. Their end is to consecrate themselves to God in a special manner not only to sanctify themselves and thereby secure the greater glory of God, but also to work for the Christian education of colored Children."*** Elizabeth, founder and first superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, took the name of Mary.

These women demonstrated leadership and divinely daring in the face of poverty, racism, humiliations and untold hardships. The sisters were role models who provided an atmosphere of faith and hope to parents and to children degraded by slavery. ... The **multiplicity of works undertaken by the Oblate Sisters** despite a shortage of personnel and financial resources gives evidence to the depth of their awareness, devotion, self-denial and desire to serve. The sisters: educated youth and provided a home for orphans, nursed the terminally ill during the cholera epidemic of 1832, sheltered the elderly, served as domestics at St. Mary's Seminary in time of crisis, took in washing, ironing and mending to care for the "children of the house", made vestments, begged and borrowed so that solid virtue, religious and moral principles could be transferred as a legacy to the children.

By 1860, **all of the Catholic schools for "colored" children in Baltimore were taught by Oblate Sisters: St. Frances Academy, St. Joseph's School for Boys and St. Michael's.** During the 20th century, **Oblate schools were founded in 15 states** in the United States. They have given witness during periods of social struggle by active participation for **almost 200 years of continual service** to schools, day care centers, outreach and catechetical programs...They provide social and pastoral services to all ethnic groups. ... She is referred to as the **Servant of God Mother Mary Lange.**

SUNDAY MISSALETTES, WORD AMONG US DEVOTIONALS & THE CATHOLIC STANDARD ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP



Paper materials have been banned from use on the inside of the church because they can possibly transmit COVID 19.

Ushers, however, will be distributing the Sunday Missalettes, The Word Among Us Devotional, and The Catholic Standard to parishioners attending Mass for them to keep. Please do not bring them into the church. Or you can pick them up in the Chapel at your convenience.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US AT ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH!

- You are invited to return to St. Peter Claver where you can experience God's **mercy**, love, kindness, and unbounded generosity with other worshippers who, though not perfect, love the Lord nonetheless in spirit and in truth.
- Here at St. Peter Claver, we desire that you encounter the incredible gift of **mercy** with us at whatever point you find yourself in your life.
- Encountering **mercy** means encountering God. It can transform your life, your relationships, your work, and your ability to embrace and experience all of life.
- God's unfailing **mercy** will strengthen, heal, and equip you to fulfill his plan for your life.
- "God doesn't tire of us," Pope Francis has said, but "we are the ones who tire of seeking his **mercy**."
- We pray that, while worshipping with us, you have experienced our motto:
"We are Spirit-Led, Gospel Fed, and Mercy Filled, where the joy of the Lord is our strength."



If you felt welcomed, let us know; if you did not, let us know; and we will get back to you. **Contact us at 301-872-5460 or st.peterclaver@verizon.net**
