

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 1st., 2018

RISE FROM THE DEAD

The program of life for those who have decided to follow Christ consists in imitating him in everything, even when he cures the sick and raises the dead. That evening the Lord restored life to the little girl and resurrected confidence in the suffering father. Jairus fulfilled the three conditions that were necessary for both miracles to take place: he professes his faith in God's power, he humbly begs for the miracle and he accepts God's will. "The child is not dead," says Jesus, "she is asleep." And turning to her he commands: "Talitha qumi" "*Little girl, get up.*"

Sisters and brothers:

1. Jairus firmly believes in what the Savior can do, and for this reason he does not only ask that Jesus cure his daughter from her illness, but also that he save her from death, "*my daughter is about to die.*" When faith is that great, Jesus does not hesitate to use all of his power. He only needs the adherence of our faith in order to cure us and raise us up.

2. There are two realities that prove uncomfortable for us: sickness and death. Sickness is the experience of our limit, suffering, loneliness, our helplessness. When we lose our physical health, our spiritual strength and hope also turn off. And when death draws near as something inevitable, the most dramatic questions invade us. How will we react? Does desperation, anguish or fatalism invade us? Or on the contrary do we accept this encounter with the irreversible mystery?

3. Jesus chose to submit himself to death, to tiredness, to pain and tears in order to redeem us from them and to teach us to face them with a new attitude. Faith is not an automatic "insurance policy" against sickness, but it is a special light that sheds light on it from Christ. Death is the most tremendous and inexorable reality that exists. Today people die from hunger, from war, from car accidents, or due to a lack of medical assistance. The Christian should fight so as to avoid any kind of death, because for him the fight against death is a sign of future, it is to announce the Resurrection. Death will no longer be his tragic and inevitable destiny, but a door that opens to eternal life. In this way death has a horizon of hope. **Dying is like taking a jump and falling into the arms of God,** into the light of everlasting glory, as the Hindu poet Rabindranath Tagore sings: "When the end of my days arrives, when death calls at my door, I will present him with the harvest of my autumn days and of my summer nights and everything that I have won and gathered in my laborious life".

Sisters and brothers, **God has created us for immortality.** We were not born to die but to live fully. What can we do for our sick brothers or for those who suffer the death of their loved ones? We are not able to work miracles, but we are able to love, which is probably most important. Let us fill the world around us with miracles of love, sowing the Christian hope that comes from the Lord's resurrection. Amen.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Happy Birthday USA. The rectory offices will be closed on the 4th of July.

Join us for Mass at 10

Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
Charity

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link.



Nativity offers prayers and blessings and congratulations to our **new Auxiliary Bishop Michael W. Fisher**, native son of the ADW, pastor for 30 years throughout DC and Md. Head of Priest Personnel and Vicar for Clergy (in charge of all Deacons and Priests). Bishop Fisher will work closely with Cardinal Wuerl, Bishop Campbell, and Bishop Mario Dorsonville in both sacramental and operational aspects of our local Church. Born in Baltimore, one of 5 children he was raised in Hyattsville, Fisher who is a former accountant is a graduate of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg. He lives at St Mark's parish in Hyattsville and works full-time in the Pastoral Center. **Congratulations!**



Mass Intentions

June 30 – July 7, 2018

Sat. 6/30	8:00am	+Glyssa Diane Villacorta
	5:30pm	All Fathers living & deceased
Sun. 7/1	8:00am	+Charles Ferry
	10:00am	All Fathers living & deceased
	1:00 pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 7/2	Noon	+Glyssa Diane Villacorta
Tue. 7/3	Noon	Alice Smith (90 th birthday)
Wed. 7/4	10:00am	USA & Territories
Thu. 7/5	Noon	+Deacon Marion Evans
Fri. 7/6	Noon	Ramon Dominguez, Sr. (healing)
Sat. 7/7	8:00am	+Glyssa Diane Villacorta
	5:30pm	Legion of Mary Members

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Jeff Corry, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Geraldine Jones, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Gina Myers, *Maria Myers, *Patrick Myers, *Robert Myers, *Tom Myers, *Iris Newman, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Margaret Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Father Vince Rigon, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta

Monthly Adoration

First Friday, July 6th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm

First Saturday, July 7th after the 8:00 am Mass

Youth Day/Teen Club - Ice Cream Social July 14 in the Youth Center. Details net week! Fun and games too.

Heat Wave: Please take the current heat wave seriously as you would a snow storm. Check in on our senior neighbors and youth/young kids who you know are at home alone. Limit exterior exposure to early hours if possible, take breaks, drink fluids. Pets should not be out in the heat for extended periods. Exercise prudence and charity.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

6/24/18

Attendance: 397 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$5,490

Spanish Mass: \$311

Utility fund: \$241

Peter's Pence: \$658



Alvarado-Hernandez family for their time and effort planting 8 decorative plants along the church side; to **Clara Castillo** for \$150 for the Youth day and the donation of corporals and purificators.



True Devotion (Consecration) to Mary at Nativity!

"This devotion was a turning point in my life. - Pope St. John Paul 2nd.

Starting this July, the parish will begin a 33 day journey for the faithful to entrust themselves to Mary by the Solemnity of the Assumption or the days following. What is it? In the simplest of terms, by means of Marian consecration, we give ourselves to the Virgin Mary to be formed into the image of her Son, Jesus. Outlined by the great Saint Louis de Montfort (France) (1673-1716), author of the classic book on Marian consecration, *True Devotion to Mary*, described consecration to Jesus through Mary as "the surest, easiest, and most perfect means" to becoming a saint. An enthusiastic promoter for Marian consecration, American Fr. Michael Gaitley wrote a book of simple meditations called "33 Days to Morning Glory" in modern English and the 33-day regimen typically followed to prepare for such a blessing from Our Lady. Books will be available for purchase, sign up is required. 1st Intro Meeting Sunday July 15th following the 10am Mass, at 1130am. Refreshments will be served the Intro will last 30 minutes. Those already consecrated to Mary can always repeat the exercise and consecration, many do it yearly or twice per year.