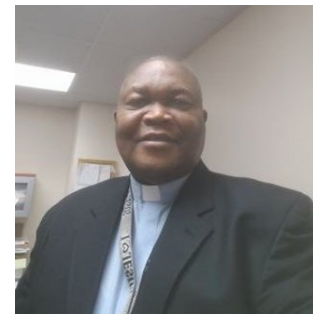


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Father Mike Moran, SMA



Father Austin Ochu,

“WHAT’S MINE IS MINE AND WHAT’S YOURS IS MINE”

We often joke with our friends, instead of sharing everything, I get everything. It is a take off of the generosity quote, “what’s mine is yours and what’s yours is mine.” The readings of the 27th Sunday basically has that theme. God has spent a lot of energy in preparing a good soil base in order to yield a good harvest and not one of wild grapes. What went wrong?

In the Gospel, Jesus is telling us that God is preparing us for His Kingdom. He has given us all the tools we need and good soil to work. But, as Jesus put it so well, “You will not know the hour nor the day” for the harvesting. But what we can be sure of is that he is properly preparing us for that day.

I am sure that we all believe that we would be open to God should He/She come today. But recall the words of Jesus. “The Kingdom of God will come and is already in your midsts.” How do I see the kingdom and my relationship to it? Am I an essential person in that kingdom and do I perform a function that no one else can do? One of the most difficult things to do is prepare to let others continue the work that you have dedicated so much time.

I thought I was pretty good at fixing cars. In my mission station, I was often cut off for 2-3 months out of the year and the roads were so bad that the truck I had often broke down. I learned how to change the brake pads, the bearings on the 4 wheel drive, clean the fuel pump, change the radiator and water pump to name a few. However, one day I brought the truck to someone to fix and when they started working on it I immediately said, “no no that’s not how you fix it.” The mechanic said wait and see and he has done it many times before. (The reason for the different way of doing it was that the part needed to repair the truck was not available). Well, I let him go ahead and in the back of my mind I was thinking, I will get to say, “I told you so.” Well to my surprise, his way worked and better than if I had used the ‘factory recommended part’

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Well I had to eat humble pie. Yes, my way works but there are other ways too. I learned a number of things that day.

1. There are other ways to do many things.
 2. Some ways work some don't but it is important to be willing to try 'new' ways. (remember the saying from Ecclesiastes, "there is nothing new under the sun")
 3. The 'new' ways is God's gentle reminder that He/She is there in my everyday actions and is laughing at my belief that I know what is correct or not. (Who can know the mind of God?)
- I can laugh at myself. I may be right, but that is not what God is looking to harvest. God wants us to build up His Kingdom.

What is really important is that whenever God sends people to collect the harvest, I do not let the thinking that what is mine is mine and what is God's is mine. Open our hearts, Open our minds, Open our lives to God's world.

Prayers,
Fr. Mike Moran, SMA



On Saturday, October 10, 2020

Bishop Roy Campbell

will confirm parishioner

Tyler Philips

During the 4:00 pm Mass.

Please join us in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Tyler!

Let us also pray for all the members of her family.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth."

Our Parish

Pastor: Father Austin Ochu
Administrator: Father Mike Moran
Deacon: Deacon Keith Somerville



St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement

"We, the culturally diverse Catholic community of St. Margaret of Scotland in Seat Pleasant MD, are called to live out together our baptismal commitment to the Person and Mission of Jesus Christ. We love God and one another by:

- A life of worship centered on the Word and Eucharist
- A life of Evangelization: sharing, teaching, and the witness of our daily life

A life of service, reaching out to all God's people in their rich diversity, particularly those who are in most need

We accept the Gospel challenge to be in mission in the world around us- to build the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of justice, light and peace among all God's people"

Our Motto: We are all in this together





Eucharistic Service From Your Vehicle

Date: October 18th (The 3rd Sunday of October)

Time: 10:00 am

Missing the Eucharist, but are still nervous about coming into the church building? St. Margaret's of Scotland will be offering an outdoor communion service. You will not have to get out of your vehicle. Father will bring Communion to you. We will continue to offer this service on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

ROSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

**October is Mary's Month
Dedicated to the Rosary**



The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 am every Sunday during the month of October. This will be led by a member of the Sodality,
Edna Jacobs.

Services for Mary Briscoe



Mary Tresia (Somerville) Briscoe (1940 - 2020)

Mary Tresia Briscoe, 79 of Capitol Heights, MD, entered into eternal rest on September 22, 2020. Visitation will begin at 10 am until Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at Sacred Heart Church, 23080 Maddox Rd., Bushwood, MD. Interment to follow at St. George's Church Cemetery, Valley Lee, MD.

SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION
9/7/2020	\$3,064.00
9/10/2020	\$2,550.00
9/17/2020	\$3,698.00
9/21/2020	\$3,030.00
9/24/2020	\$342.00
9/28/2020	\$1,670.00
PAY PAL	\$1,938.00
TOTAL	\$16,292.00

THANK YOU
we appreciate you

Lectors Schedule

Saturday, 10/03

4:00 PM Beverly Glover-Adegbaye

Sunday, 10/04

8:00 AM Volunteer
11:00 AM Whitney Hubbard

Saturday, 10/24

4:00 PM Beverly Glover-Adegbaye

Sunday, 10/25

8:00 AM Volunteer
11:00 AM Velma Marshall

Saturday, 10/10

4:00 PM Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, 10/11

8:00 AM Lynn Young
11:00 AM Vanessa Holley

Saturday, 10/31

4:00 PM Ophelia Lee

Sunday, 11/01

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard
11:00 AM Al Pearson

Saturday, 10/17

4:00 PM Patty Pflieger

Sunday, 10/18

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard
11:00 AM Al Pearson

ANNOUNCEMENT: Previous Lectors wishing to return to the roster should contact Lynn Young at LLSweeney@att.net or 301-919-5966.

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!

To everyone celebrating a special event in October.



ELECTION PRAYER

Prayer for Our Nation

Let us pray together each day until Election Day, November 3, 2020, for peace and unity, justice and equality in our nation. Let us be mindful that the right to vote is a sacred trust won by the relentless struggles of those who ran the relay race before us.

Let us honor their legacy by voting our consciences and urging others to do the same.



Good and Gracious God:
We thank you for Your constant
presence and love.

You are the Source of all being.
You are the wellspring of justice and
peace, the foundation of mercy and
compassion.

We praise you for Your Glory!

We come to You this day in need and in
hope. Guide us toward the Beloved
Community that Jesus called
the Kingdom of God on earth.

Give us the courage, the conviction, the compassion, the determination to bring it forth in our
country now. O God, hear our cry and
let our prayer rise like incense before You!

Rescue us from the ugly onslaught of white nationalism, systemic racism, and hate crimes. Protect us
from the threat of the deadly Coronavirus, police violence and de- humanizing social policies.

Save us from the daily devastation caused by those in power and high offices who appeal to people's
basest instincts; who try to divide us, hurt us and threaten our democracy. In every way, they deny
the sanctity of all human life - the lives that You created in Your Own image and likeness.

We cannot breathe!

O God, hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!
Intercede for us, O God, in this our time of desperate need!

Grant us wisdom and courage to confront these evils with the power of love, truth and our vote.
Make us strong in our resolve and fearless in the face of adversity.
Give us hope in the midst of discouragement.
Heal our minds. Heal our bodies. Heal our hearts. Heal our nation.

O God, hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!

We ask this and all things in the Holy Name of Jesus, Amen



R_x for Body and Spirit

For Your Body

Wash your hands often.

Avoid close contact with other people.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Stay home if you're sick (except to get medical care).

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

For Your Spirit

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Pray the Rosary.

Participate in a televised or live-streamed Mass.

Take time for family prayer.

Practice Lectio Divina.

Don't forget to help your parish with donations.



*Give thanks
to the Lord for he is good.*
Psalm 107:1