

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun Nov 20 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 AM**, CC
Fr. Barron's *Catholicism* Series, **9:30AM**
Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch, **12PM**, CC
Advent Wreath Making, **12:00 PM**, CC
Youth Choir Rehearsal, **12-12:45pm**, C
Instrument Rehearsal, **12:45-1:30**, C
Altar Server Workshop, **3:00-5:00 PM**, C
Youth Group, **5:00 PM**, CC
- Mon Nov 21 Stuff and cook hams, **9am**, CC
- Tue Nov 22 Stuffed Ham Orders Pick-up, **10:30 am – 12:30 pm**, Comm. Ctr. Kitchen door.
- Wed Nov 23 Cantor/Choir Rehearsal; **6:30/7:00PM**, C
- Sun Nov 27 No Y.F.F. classes, Thanksgiving Holiday
Youth Choir Rehearsal, **12-12:45pm**, C
Instrument Rehearsal, **12:45-1:30**, C
Youth Group, **5:00 PM**, CC

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tue Nov 22 9:00 am Faithful Departed
- Wed Nov 23 9:00 am Faithful Departed
- Thu Nov 24 9:00 am Faithful Departed
- Fri Nov 25 9:00 am Faithful Departed
- Sat Nov 26 5:00 pm Faithful Departed
- Sun Nov 27 8:30 am Faithful Departed
- Sun Nov 27 11:00 am Faithful Departed

Note: All masses during the month of November will be celebrated for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. You may remember your deceased loved ones by using the envelopes in your monthly packet or envelopes in the vestibule of the church. All remembrances (including those received on-line) will be placed on the altar for the entire month.

Flowers on the altar this week are in memory of Turner Thompson, Jr., gift of his family.

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Mon Nov 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Tue Nov 22 St. Cecilia**
- Wed Nov 23 St. Clement I, St. Columban,
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
- Thu Nov 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**
- Fri Nov 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

Weekday Liturgical Ministers

- Daily Lector:** J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith,
J. Cooney/J. Blackwell, Volunteer
- Meals-on-Wheels:** B. Adams, V. Worch
- Altar Preparation:** K. Britton



Please remember the sick of our parish, and all in need of our prayers, especially those who serve our country and their families, and all who are listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

New registrations are always welcome. Forms for this purpose are in the rack in the church front entrance. **Help us keep our parish records up to date.** Please call the church office (301-994-0607) if you have recently changed your mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, or plan to be away temporarily.

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	11/13/2016	11/15/2015	
General Collection	\$4008.00	\$5335.00	-\$1327.50
Identifiable Gifts	116	144	
Maintenance	\$155.00	\$131.00	+\$24.00
Poor Box	\$214.84	\$301.27	-\$86.43
Donations	\$440.00	\$390.00	+\$50.00
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$787.00	(19 donors)	

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

Stewardship Lesson from the Sunday's reading:



We celebrate today what is popularly called the Feast of Christ the King (the official Church name is The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). In this particular year 2016, however, it is a greater celebration than usual. As always we commemorate the fact that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is indeed the King of the Universe.

In his encyclical establishing this observation in the Church (this only occurred in 1925, some 91 years ago) Pope Pius XI declared, "He (Jesus) must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things." His point was that Christ needs to be at the center of our lives, which is exactly what stewardship calls for — living Christ-centered lives. It was Pope Paul VI who moved this time to rejoice to this date, which is also the final Sunday of our liturgical year, as Advent and the new Church year begin next week. Finally, today also marks the culmination of our Holy Year of Mercy. The word "mercy" appears some 276 times in the Bible (almost the same as the word "truth"). Jesus told us it is never too late for mercy, for conversion, for making Him the center of our lives.

**St. George Parish
Potluck Thanksgiving Lunch
Sunday, November 20, 12-4pm**

Advent Wreath Making, in conjunction with the luncheon, for those who are interested. Bring your own supplies or supplies available for purchase.

IN OUR YOUTH FAITH FORMATIO PROGRAM

Youth Faith Formation at St. George
Pre K – Confirmation
Sundays, 9:30 – 10:45 AM Community Center

“Journey around the World and Deep into the Catholic Faith” with

Father Barron's Catholicism Series.

This program will take place on the second and third Sundays each month in the Community Center. 9:30-10:30 AM. All invited to attend November 20, 2016



Thank you to all who responded to the collection for Catholic Outreach Box of Joy for a needy child! We are ever so grateful to all who filled shoeboxes for children who might otherwise have no gift to open for Christmas. (This was a new service project taken on by our eighth grade Confirmation Class.) A total of 36 boxes will bring joy to children in need of love and hope.

ST. GEORGE YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our Youth Group meets every Sunday, 5:00 PM
In the Community Center
Next Family Mass, Sunday, December 11, 5:00 PM
followed by Pot Luck Supper and Family Fun

Apologetics 101 Next class Thursday, December 1:
Are the Gospels reliable historical documents?

**Are you able to help with preparation for
Thanksgiving stuffed hams?**

Mon., Nov. 21 9:00 am - ? Stuff and cook hams
Tue., Nov. 22 9am-12:30pm Slice & distribute ham

Coming soon . . .

**Anointing of the Sick
(Healing Mass)**

Sunday, December 11, 11:00 AM.
(Special reserved seating for those
who are not mobile)

IN OUR CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Tue., Nov. 22 - School Mass, 10:15am, Holy Face Ch.
Wed., Nov. 23 BINGO IS BACK! Doors open at 6pm;
Early bird special at 6:45pm. Cash prizes! Food and drink for sale.
Every Wednesday night!
Wed., Nov. 23 – Fri., Nov. 25 - No School;
Happy Thanksgiving!

Learn 2 Earn - Little Flower students are reading to raise money for our school! Want to support their efforts? Go here:

https://api.whoosreading.org/school_orgs/kathrynsealey?open_public_donation=true

EZ Money Raffle tickets are available for purchase after select masses or at the school office though December 1. Tickets are 3 for \$25 or \$10 each. The grand prize is \$2500, other cash prizes include \$500, \$250, and four \$150 bonus prizes. The drawing will take place on **December 15** during our Christmas Program. For more information, contact LFSEZMoney@gmail.com.

Are you on social media? Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/littleflowercatholic>) and "follow" us on Twitter and Instagram (@LFS patriots)!

Don't forget to save your Boxtops and Campbell's Soup labels! They add up and help our school to be able to purchase supplies, gym equipment, technology, and other things to enhance our students' learning!

Want to learn more about Little Flower School? E-mail (LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org) to schedule a tour or call the office today (301)994-0404. We'd love to talk more with you about how to make a Catholic education a possibility for your child!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

FEED THE HUNGRY: Please answer Christ's call to "Feed the hungry" by regularly donating food items to the food bins in the vestibule. There are many in our

community who need our help. The food collected in our food bins goes to food pantries that directly feed the hungry. Items most needed by the food pantries are: canned vegetables, pork & beans, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, soup, rice, tuna, tuna helper, hamburger helper, & pancake mix.

Come out and join **Santa for Breakfast on Sunday, 4 Dec, 9am-11am, St. George Community Center.**

NEWS IN OUR AREA AND AROUND

Sun., Nov. 20 St. Mary's Ryken Fall Open House.

Check in time, 12:00 Noon for campus tour, and other information .RSVP, 3011-373-4183 or visit <http://www.smrhs.org/openhouse>

Mon., Nov. 21 Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7 PM.

Confessions start: 6:30 PM. Info: 301-863-8144

Tue., Nov. 22 Women's Evening of Recollection, Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico, MD, 7:00 PM.

Meditation by Fr. Charles Gallagher.

Mon., Dec. 2 Advent Day of Prayer, Loyola on the Potomac, Faulkner, MD. 9AM-3 PM. Theme: "The Perfect Gift".

Fee \$40 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Reservations@louyolaretreat.org or 301-393-0801.

Sat., Dec. 3 Morning of Reflection, St. Aloysius Ch., Leonardtown. 9am-3pm.

Presenter: Dan Burke, from EWTN. Topic: *Into the Deep...Discovering the Depths of God in Prayer and Peace*. Fee: \$25/person; \$40/couple. Register on line, saintalloysiuschurch.org.

Sat., Dec. 3 Winter Dinner & Dance, 2nd Dist. VFDRS, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee.

Doors open 5 PM, Dinner 5:30 {M; Dancing 7 PM. Catering by "Rita B" Info: Heather Bean, Fundraising@SDVFDRS.org or 240-925-4822.

2017 Pilgrimages

Fatima Pilgrimage/Retreat, July 8 to 16, 2017

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima by joining us on Pilgrimage! Fly from Dulles International Airport. Designed for those who would like to spend more time in prayer/retreat and learning more about the messages of Fatima and how it relates to our world today! We will also spend time in prayer for our Country, asking for the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima during the 100th Anniversary of her messages. Cost \$2,989. A \$500 deposit (airlines required) due by Nov. 24th. Please call (301) 475-9704 for full itinerary, deposit deadlines and trip info. pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org.

Pilgrimage to Italy, November 6-16, 2017

Hosted by Msgr. Charles Pope and Fr. and Fr. Aaron Qureshi. \$3079 per person from Washington, D.C. (Air/land price is \$2449 plus \$630 government taxes/airline surcharges) Visiting VENICE ♦ SCHIO ♦ PADUA ♦ FLORENCE ASSISI ♦ ORVIETO ♦ ROME ♦ PAPAL AUDIENCE. Info: For additional information, please contact Ms. Debbie Vanzego at dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com or 202-408-4641 Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.



Bear Hugs for Healing This Christmas.

Give a sick child a "bear Hug" for Christmas by dropping your bear donation at Heavenly Presents Catholic Store, Leonardtown. Monetary donation to purchase bears at a discounted price may be made through the website, www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org or make checks payable to Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail to P.O. Box 338, Leonardtown, MD. Due to health and safety concerns all bears must be newly purchased and in their original packing with store tags attached. Deadline for donations **Dec. 8**. Info: Patricia Disandro, 240-681-3606.

Annual Festival of Trees

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Festival of Trees includes family-friendly activities, including live entertainment. Children will enjoy pictures and snacks with Santa and a make-it and take-it workshop. Kids can also make custom ornaments for \$5-10. Adults are invited to participate in a live wreath make-it and take-it workshop for \$25. You can also purchase gifts at the Hospice Marketplace!

Snacks and photos with Santa: **10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** and **1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.** Hospice Marketplace: **10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.** Silent auction bidding ends at **4:00 p.m.** Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, 44219 Airport Road, California, MD Adults \$5, Seniors (60 and over) \$3; children ages 4–12 \$1; and children under 3 are free (make-it and take-it workshops priced separately).

Sponsors and Decorators Needed:

These events are made possible by all of our sponsors and volunteers. We are still looking for additional sponsors and tree decorators. Please contact Hospice at 301-994-3023 to participate as an individual or as a group. We deliver all trees and wreaths after the event to locations throughout St. Mary's County. If you do not wish to have a new tree or wreath, you can choose which individual or group to donate to. This year's main sponsor is Ausley Associates, Inc. For more information, please visit www.hospiceofstmarys.org/festivaloftrees.

Extending Blessings to the Community

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius Church will be providing Dinner on Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25, 2016) at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown for those desiring a delicious meal and fellowship. Dinner will be served from **2:00 PM – 6:00 PM** in the school hall.

It is our desire to deliver dinners to those that are unable to come to the school. We are appealing to you for assistance with: Names of needy persons or families in your parish community who may desire delivery of dinner; Volunteers to deliver dinners to the homebound in your parish community (if preferred); Volunteers to prepare, set up, make decorations, serve and/or clean up at Father Andrew White School hall.

If you wish to sign up to volunteer, please contact Regina at SVdP (301-481-2942) or by emailing at svdp@saintalloysiuschurch.org. We would like delivery reservations made no later than **Friday, December 16, 2016**. We appreciate your support in this effort to display God's love and express the true meaning of Christmas!

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

[SM 5: 1-3; PS 122: 1-5; COL 1: 12-20; LK 23: 35-43](#)

Today is The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (more commonly called Christ the King). Clearly the readings all relate to Christ as the King, not just on earth, but throughout the entire universe.

The First Reading from Second Samuel 5 speaks of the kingship of David. The Books of Samuel comprise part of a theological history of the Israelites. This particular passage, although not lengthy, tells how all the tribes turned to and recognized David as their King. It is worth noting that this was a second choice for most of the tribes. They had previously recognized Ishbosheth, who was a son of Saul. That idea of recognizing others first is paralleled in many ways by how we may look at Jesus. Is He truly our King, absolutely the center of our lives, or do we merely turn to Him when it seems that is our last resort? Jesus should be our first choice always. That is our call.

St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians, our Second Reading, tells us in effect that God has "transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." This "transfer" means that everything we have and everything we are belongs to the Lord. How often do we hear similar language when we talk about the idea of stewardship? It all begins with us recognizing that all comes from God, and we are merely caretakers, or stewards, of these gifts while on earth.

This God-centered attitude produces many effects on us, including recognizing Jesus as our Lord, our Savior, and our King. However, Paul also makes it clear that part of our response must be "Let us give thanks to the Father." Placing God at the center of our lives and understanding that we need to lead lives of gratitude are exactly how we recognize and honor Christ as our King.

Our Gospel Reading from St. Luke comes from within the Passion of Christ, from Luke 23, which is a narration of Christ's Crucifixion. In this passage it asserts "Above him (Jesus on the Cross) was an inscription that read, 'This is the King of the Jews'." We note often on crucifixes a small sign above the Lord with the letters INRI. That represents the Latin phrase *Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*, which means Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Of course, it was placed there mockingly, evidently by the Roman soldiers, but it has become representative of the reality for us.

Two years ago on this Solemnity of Christ the King, in his homily at the Mass at St. Peter Basilica, Pope Francis said, "Jesus' Kingdom requires us to imitate Jesus' works of mercy through which He brought about His Kingdom. Jesus has opened to us His Kingdom. But it is for us to enter into it, beginning with our life now, by being close to our sisters and brothers in need. If we truly love them, we will be willing to share with them what should be most precious to us, Jesus Himself, His Gospel, and His place as our King."

Today also marks the official close of our Holy Year of Mercy. Jesus has called us to follow Him, and to embrace discipleship and stewardship as a way of life. That is in large part what Pope Francis has called us to in this Year of Mercy. Have we done anything to fulfill either of those calls? It is not too late; Jesus made it clear to us many times that it is never too late. Even as He was dying on the Cross, He turned to the converted criminal next to Him and said, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." May we strive to live in such a way that we hear the same thing.

Vocation Notes:

In talking with your children, have you neglected to raise the call to church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent.

Often children talk about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister or brother? You are the hand of God – encouraging your children to consider church ministry.

Movie and Lecture on Thomas More, A Man for All Seasons

The Oscar-winning film *A Man for All Seasons*, which depicts the life and martyrdom of Thomas More, will be shown at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine at 3900 Harewood Road, NE in Washington, D.C., on **Thursday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served afterwards followed by a lecture. Dr. Bryan Berry, a scholar on Thomas More, will speak on Thomas More's duty as Lord Chancellor of England to defend the Catholic faith against heresies and on the movie's portrayal of More's public witness to the truths of the faith.

For more information about the movie and lecture, which is part of the ongoing Thomas More Lecture Series at the Shrine, please visit www.jp2shrine.org. Admission is free but registration is required at www.manforallseasons.eventbrite.com. The original exhibition *God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More* continues at the Saint John Paul II Shrine through March 31, 2017.