

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sun Jan 28 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 am**, CC
- Sun Jan 28 Faith Talk, **9:45am**, CC
- Sun Jan 28 Youth Group, **5 PM**, CC
- Wed Jan 31 Cantor/Choir Rehearsals, **6:30/7pm**, C
- Fri Feb 2 First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, **9AM C**
- Fri Feb 2 Scripture Study, **10:30 am**, CC
- Sat Feb 3 First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour for  
Vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate and  
Consecrated Religious Life, **9 AM. C**
- Sat Feb 3 Living Stations Practice, **9:30am**, CC
- Sun Feb 4 Pancake Breakfast, **9:00 AM, CC**
- Sun Feb 4 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 am**, CC
- Sun Feb 4 Children's Liturgy, **11 AM, C**
- Sun Feb 4 Youth Group, **5 PM**, CC

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Tue Jan 30 9:00 am Walter Chimiak
- Wed Jan 31 9:00 am Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak (L)
- Thu Feb 1 9:00 am Julius Owens
- Fri Feb 2 9:00 am Brenda Hanson
- Sat Feb 3 9:00 am Vocations
- Sat Feb 3 5:00 pm Leroy and Evelyn Adams
- Sun Feb 4 8:30 am Christina Cantrill (L)
- Sun Feb 4 11:00 am Fr. Paul Nguyen (L)

**Available dates for Mass Intentions in March:**  
**March 1, 2, 9, 15, 20, 21, 25, 28**  
 Please call the church office to reserve (301-994-0607)

*For those having access to NAS Patuxent River, the rosary is recited Monday through Friday at St. Nicholas Chapel at 11:35am*

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

- Wed Jan 31 St. John Bosco**
- Fri Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord**
- Sat Feb 3 St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

**WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

- Daily Lector:** J.Blackwell; M.Goldsmith; C.Galli; C.Galli
- Meals-on-wheels:** I.Hardy; W.&B.Walker; J.&J.Lenderman
- Altar Preparation:** P. Browne

**Help us keep our parish records up to date.** If you are new to the parish or have recently changed your mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, or plan to be away temporarily, please use the on-line census to update your information by going to our website ([www.StGeorgeRCC.org](http://www.StGeorgeRCC.org)) and following the links.

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER**

Please remember our parishioners who are sick, the homebound and those in the nursing homes and hospital, 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.  
*Lord, hear our prayers!*



**DECEASED:** Please pray for the souls of parishioner **Thomas Barnes, Elizabeth Lee Lancaster**, mother of parishioner JoAnne Mundie; **Darlene Wilson**, mother of parishioner of Robyn Bauman and **Roger Hazard**, brother of Carla Tomaszewski. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

**Notice to E-Givers:**

The parish has now printed recyclable giving cards for you to place in the collection basket. You are welcome to pick some up and use these if you wish to cancel the ones the company sends you. E-Giving cards can be found in the small wooden rack across from the Calming Room.

	1/21/2018	1/22/2017	
<b>Gen. Collection</b>	\$3841.75	\$4835.55	-\$863.80
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$1057.00	\$927.00	
<b>Identifiable Gifts</b>	131	110	+21
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$25	\$200.00	-\$175.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$219.00	\$144.11	+\$74.89
<b>Donations</b>	\$240.00	\$530.00	-\$290.00

*Thank you for your faithful Parish support.*

**A message from this Sunday's Gospel:**

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark, it is reported that Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach, but His teaching was somewhat different from that normally heard there "for he taught with authority and not as the scribes." Often those who taught in Jesus' time (the scribes) simply quoted others, a variety of Rabbis.

However, Jesus taught with authority because He had authority. Jesus' divine message was not quoting other humans, but quoting God. Jesus was One with God so

He knew what He was talking about. Jesus taught with authority because He believed what He was teaching. He was familiar with the information which allowed Him to teach boldly. People listening could perceive that this was someone Who knew.

Up until this time we have seen the Lord as the Son of Man Who submitted to His Father. He submitted to God in His Baptism, and to the Holy Spirit in the wilderness. To have authority also requires submission. We, too, are called to submit to God, but for us that is sometimes challenging because it requires humility, something that is not easy for many of us.

Later in the Gospel of John there is another account of the Lord teaching at the Temple. He is challenged, and His response is quite simply, "My teaching is not from myself; it comes from the one who sent me." We are not divine, but we, too, are sent.

**OUR PARISH NEWS**

**OFFERTORY STATEMENT OF 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Accessing your 2017 contribution letter:**

1. Go to St. George website ([www.stgeorgegcc.org](http://www.stgeorgegcc.org))
2. Click on banner to access your letter.

**If you are already registered on-line:**

1. Sign in with your User Name and Password
2. Click "My Own Church"
3. Click "My Offering"
4. Click "Giving History"
5. Choose 2017 in the drop-down box
6. Choose "Statement" in DOWNLOAD drop-down box.
7. This will generate a statement on your computer that you can save and print.

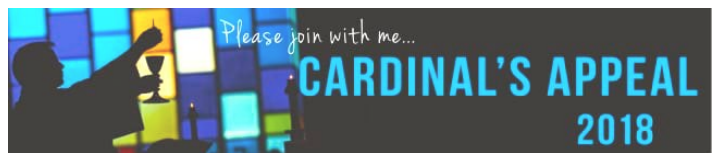
**If you are not yet registered on-line:**

1. Click the "New User" link.
2. Follow the process to register. Once we approve your registration, you can then follow the same process above to generate your statement.

**E-Givers** – please note that while you can access your statements through Faith Direct, you may want to generate a statement through the above process in the event that you made any non-electronic donations.

For those without computer access, please either call the parish office or email [accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org](mailto:accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org). We will print your statement for you to pick up at your convenience.

**Next Sunday's 11:00 AM Mass is our monthly Children's Liturgy. The Mass will be explained throughout the liturgy as to what we do and why we do what we do at Mass.**



**2018 Cardinal's Appeal Commitment Weekend  
January 27/28**

The Cardinal's Appeal provides an opportunity to share our financial gifts in order to help provide education, ministry and services throughout the archdiocese. Every time we say the Creed we reaffirm the fact that we are members of the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." We are saying that every parishioner is a part not only of his or her parish but also of the Universal Church. Each of us is responsible for the well-being of the Church in our parish, throughout the archdiocese and throughout the world. Since we are one community of believers, members of all parish communities throughout the Archdiocese of Washington are asked to prayerfully consider support to the Cardinal's Appeal.

**This weekend, we will through the In-Pew Process during mass. Please consider the gifts you have been given by God, and let your contribution reflect your gratitude.**

*Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.*



**OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

**Youth's Faith Formation (YFF) - Sunday Mornings  
9:30AM - 10:45 AM in Community Center**

**Sat., Feb. 3 — Living Stations Rehearsal, 9:30am CC**

**Sun., Feb. 4 — 11:00AM next Children's Liturgy  
"The Mass explained" at this liturgy**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Mr. Adam Dean, Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
email: [youthgroup@stgeorgegcc.org](mailto:youthgroup@stgeorgegcc.org)

**OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (LFS)**

**LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL**

**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**L.F.S. Annual Benefit Auction  
UNDER THE SEA**

Buffet Style Dinner, Silent and Live Auction Items  
Early Bird Tickets until January 31, 2018  
Contact Barbara Stirling:  
[lfprincipal@littleflowercatholic.org](mailto:lfprincipal@littleflowercatholic.org)

**\*\*\* LFS continue \*\*\***

**Bingo** every Wednesday, doors open at **5:30 pm**; early bird special starts at **6:45pm**. Cash prizes! Food and drink are also for sale.

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

**Don't forget to save your Box Tops 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!

**Interested in learning more about Little Flower School?** Call (301)994-0404 or ([LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)) the office today to schedule a tour! We'd love to talk more with you about how to make a Catholic education a possibility for your child!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091**  
**Grand Knight: Christopher A. Wilcox**  
 CWILCOX@MD.METROCAST.NET

**Pilgrimage to St. John Paul II Shrine and Basilica of the Immaculate Conception** was canceled due to inclement weather. It is rescheduled for Lenten pilgrimage, **Saturday, MARCH 10, 2018.**

**SAVE THE DATE- MARCH FOR LIFE IN 2018**  
**Mon., Mar. 12 Maryland March for Life, Annapolis, MD**  
 Transportation provided by the Knights of Columbus.

**NEWS IN OUR AREA & AROUND**

**Jan. 28 – Mar. 25 “DISCOVERING CHRIST”, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 5–8 PM.** Pre-registration is required to have an accurate number for dinner preparation. For more information or to register, see [www.ihmrcc.org/smallgroups](http://www.ihmrcc.org/smallgroups) and click on Christ Life or call 301-863-8144.

**Feb. 2 - Feb 4 Men's Discernment Retreat** for men in their 20s, 30s, or 40s who are considering a call to the priesthood, Saint John Paul II Seminary. There is no fee to attend. Registration: [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org). Email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) with any questions.

**Feb 2/ Feb 3 Dinner Theater, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons, MD. “Álibis”,** a mystery-comedy spoof. Tickets: \$40/person (includes the show and a wonderful buffet catered by Thompson Seafood of St. Mary's County) Reservations 410-326-8272. Doors open: **6:00 pm**.

**Sat., Feb. 3 PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BOOK-SIGNING,** sponsored by Bread of Life Center for Peace. Location: Leonardtown Grille, **8:30 AM.** [see notice below]

**Fri., Feb. 9 Annual Southern Maryland Spring College & Career Fair featuring Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and local colleges and career organizations,** Dr. James A Forrest Career & Technology Center, Leonardtown, MD. Visit the [website](#) or contact Adrienne Dillahunt @ [amdillahunt@smcps.org](mailto:amdillahunt@smcps.org) or call 301-863-4031 ext. 1312, for more information.

**Feb. 9-11 Men's Retreat – “Actively Engaged in the Spiritual Life”, Priestfield Pastoral Center. Kearneysville, WV 25430.** Presenters: Fr. Dave Wells and Fr. Rick Kramer. Cost \$230 (includes accommodations and meals) Register @ [2018ADWMEN.EVENTBRITE.com](http://2018ADWMEN.EVENTBRITE.com)

**Sat., Feb 10** The Archdiocese Office of Worship will conduct workshops at **Holy Face Church, Great Mills (9:00 am-12:00 pm for Extraordinary Ministers and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm for Lectors).** These workshops are open to all. There is a \$5 registration fee which is payable at the door. Please RSVP by emailing [liturgy@adw.org](mailto:liturgy@adw.org).

**Sun., Feb. 11 Music at the Monastery with organist Samantha Scheff.** Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC, **4 PM.** For info, visit [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org) or call 202-526-6800;

**Tue., Feb. 13 Pancake Supper – All-You-Can-Eat; 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. Adults \$7.00; Children 6-12 \$3.00; & Children 5 & under are free;** Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Links, & Apple Sauce, Assorted Juices, Milk and Coffee; For more information call 301-994-9999.

**Sat., Feb. 17 Valentine's Dinner Dance & Silent Auction.** Menu: Beef, Stuffed Ham, Fried Shrimp, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls, Ice Tea, Coffee, and Water, and Assorted Desserts; Music by: Swingaway; Tickets \$30/person in advance or \$40/person at the door. Contact: Georgia W. 301-312-9176 / Cathy C. 301-904-3854 / Dee Dee J. 240-561-2750. Cash Bar; Silent Auction Donations contact Dee Dee J. 240-561-2750; For more info contact Heather Bean at [fundraising@SDVFDRS.ORG](mailto:fundraising@SDVFDRS.ORG) – Hosted by 2<sup>nd</sup> District VFD&RS to benefit new building

**Thur., Feb. 22 Catholics in Annapolis, 3pm-8pm.** [see notice below]

**Telephone Rosary Devotion (4<sup>th</sup> Day of each month)**

Mary, Our Blessed Mother, asks us to pray very much, especially the Rosary. Please join the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of each month at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time). We welcome all to phone into our ACCW Rosary by calling 605-468-8016 and insert access code: 357090# to pray the Rosary as a community. Our next call is scheduled for February 4, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. We look forward to your joining us! If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Carol Monaco ([csmonaco@verizon.net](mailto:csmonaco@verizon.net))

**Help for Marriages in Trouble**

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* can help and offers hope for a better relationship. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, please visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call 443-400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).

**PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BOOK SIGNING, Saturday, February 3, 8:30 am to 11:30 am,** at Leonardtown Grille. Our guest speaker, Leonard Wathen is the Director of Religious Education at St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, Maryland. He holds a master's degree in theology from Christendom College. Leonard and his wife Nicole are both lifelong residents of St. Mary's County and have four children. Don't miss this great testimony from

local author of *Follow Me* and *Remain in Me*, which will be available for purchase after the breakfast for signing!! Please register by Thursday, February 1st, by calling (301) 475-7139 or register online at: [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org). The cost of the Breakfast is \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. **Note:** Mass is offered at St. Aloysius Church at 7:30 am on Saturday mornings.

**Catholics in Annapolis**

**The Catholic Conference is hosting Catholics in Annapolis on February 22 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.** This annual event is an opportunity for Marylanders to meet with their State legislators and share the Catholic viewpoint on issues before the General Assembly. *Catholics in Annapolis* is one of the best attended advocacy events during the legislative session. Whether you're new to the event, or an old pro, we hope you can join us. **Catholics in Annapolis is a free event, but registration is required.** We encourage you to sign up today and let your lawmakers know you will see them next month: [www.mdccathcon.org/lobbysnight](http://www.mdccathcon.org/lobbysnight).

**REFLECTION ON THE SACRED SCRIPTURE**

**DT 18: 15-20; PS 95: 1-2, 6-9; 1 COR 7: 32-35; MK 1: 21-28**

The homily at Mass is delivered during what we call the Liturgy of the Word. Most of the Liturgy of the Word consists of readings from Holy Scripture. There are three scripture readings plus the Responsorial Psalm. Most often the First Reading comes from the Old Testament (although during Easter it tends to come from the Acts of the Apostles); the Second Reading is often from one of the New Testament letters; and the Gospel Reading is always taken from one of the four Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. From the perspective of the Church the Liturgy of the Word “feeds the people of God from the table of His Word” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*). The Responsorial Psalm occurs after the First Reading. The psalm is intended to help us to meditate on the Word of God.

Often there is a clear connection among the readings, but on occasion it is somewhat difficult to connect them. In the readings for this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the First Reading and the Gospel and the psalm are clearly closely connected; the Second Reading is to some extent more vague in its connection.

We are accustomed to hearing about Moses (*Moshe* in Hebrew). The first five books of the Old Testament are called the *Pentateuch*, which is formed by two Greek words, *pente*, which means five, and *teuchos*, which means book. The *Pentateuch* is also called “the five books of Moses.” It consists of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Our First Reading today is from the Book of Deuteronomy. Moses is considered by many to be “the

greatest prophet and teacher” in the Old Testament; in fact the *Torah* describes him as “the greatest prophet who ever was and will be.” His influence is so great on Judaism that the religion is sometimes called *Mosaism*. At the beginning of this reading Moses says, “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.” Moses is speaking of Jesus, and it is such a clear declaration that we need to pay attention to this reading and all others as well.

Later in the reading Moses quotes God as saying, “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.” When we consider today’s Gospel you will understand that statement more clearly.

On the one hand, the Second Reading from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians might appear to be dealing with a topic very distant from the First Reading and the Gospel. On the other hand, the inspired Word we find in scripture is always related. Many point to this section of the letter to explain the Catholic Church’s stance on unmarried priests, but that is not really Paul’s point at all. For Paul the most important thing in life was not romantic love, but pleasing God. From his view, he personally could please God better by remaining single. He is not condemning those who are married, and he is certainly not saying someone cannot serve God and pursue his or her vocation and calling if they are married.

Paul does make it clear that each of us called and each of us must define and pursue that calling. He wants to put all this in what we might call an “eternal perspective.” Unfortunately, there are many single persons who think that being single is a distraction. Whether that is a temporary or a permanent state, it should be seen as a special opportunity to serve God.

There are two distinct parts to today’s Gospel Reading from St. Mark. The first involves Jesus teaching clearly and with authority in the synagogue. We know from where His authority came and was based, but the people at that time were “astonished” because this occurred early on in His ministry. Perhaps a more telling moment is the second part of the Gospel when Jesus expels an evil spirit. In the time of Jesus there were many who offered the ability to expel evil spirits from someone, but they tended to use long and elaborate ceremonies, and they often were not successful. In all of Holy Scripture Jesus never failed to cast out a demon. He did not need to rely on ceremonies, because He had the authority of God, the same authority to which is referred earlier in this Gospel.

Jesus says quite simply, “Quiet! Come out of him!” That is enough and the reaction of the people is to be amazed and the beginning of having trust in the Lord, the same trust we need to have. God needs to be the authority in our own lives. We need to comprehend that and to adjust our lives to serve the Lord as good stewards and disciples.