

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sun Feb 26 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30am, CC**
- Sun Feb 26 Faith Talk, coffee, donuts, **9:45 AM, CC**
- Sun Feb 26 Youth Choir Rehearsal, **12:00 PM, C**
- Sun Feb 26 Youth Group, **5:00 PM, CC**
- Tue Feb 28 Faith Study, **7:00 PM, CC**
- Wed Mar 1 Ash Wednesday Masses and Distribution of Ashes: 9 AM & 7 PM**
- Thu Mar 2 Apologetics Class, **6:30 PM, CC**
- Fri Mar 3 First Friday Mass/Holy Hour, **9AM, C**
- Fri Mar 3 Bible Study, **10:45 AM, CC**
- Fri Mar 3 Lenten Fish Dinner, **4:30-6:30PM, CC**
- Sat Mar 4 First Saturday Mass & Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate & Consecrated Religious Life, **9AM, C**
- Sat Mar 4 Living Stations Rehearsal, **9:30 AM, CC**
- Sat Mar 4 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM, Church**
- Sun Mar 5 K of C Pancake Breakfast, **9AM-10:30AM**
- Sun Mar 5 Children's Liturgy, **11:00 AM, C**
- Sun Mar 5 Family Lenten Pretzel Making, **12 PM, CC**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Tue Feb 28 9:00 am Joseph Goddard
- Wed Mar 1 9:00 am** Stephen Robertson (L)
- Wed Mar 1 7:00 pm** Janelle Baliko (L)
- Thu Mar 2 9:00 am Matteo Luca Galli (L)
- Fri Mar 3 9:00 am Ginnie Robertson (L)
- Sat Mar 4 9:00 am Vocations
- Sat Mar 4 5:00 pm John T. Kennedy
- Sun Mar 5 8:30 am Donna Bridgewater (L)
- 11:00 am Parishioners

**LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

- Wed Mar 1 Ash Wednesday**
- Fri Mar 3 St. Katharine Drexel
- Sat Mar 4 St. Casimir

**WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

- Daily Lector:** J.Blackwell; M.Goldsmith; C.Galli; C.Galli
- Meals-on-Wheels:** B.Adams; W.&B. Walker; G.Crawford
- Altar Preparation:** P. Browne

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**



**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.**

**DECEASED:** Please pray for the soul of **David Norris**, son of Charles and Agnes Norris. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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

**STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

	2/19/2017	2/21/2016	
<b>General Collection</b>	\$3587.06	\$5620.00	-\$1165.94
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$867.00	----	
<b>Identifiable Gifts</b>	118	151	-33
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$30.00	\$85.00	-\$55.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$127.00	\$178.00	-\$51.00
<b>Donations</b>	\$90.00	\$365.00	-\$275.00

*Thank you for your faithful parish support.*

**Stewardship Lesson from the Sunday's readings:**

March 1 is Ash Wednesday and the official beginning of Lent. Today's readings are most appropriate as we prepare for that penitential time. In the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew the Lord tells us, "You cannot serve God and mammon." What exactly might He have meant by that?

Scholars continue to debate exactly what "mammon" is. One theory is that it is based on the Hebrew word *aman*, which meant to trust. Perhaps Jesus was speaking of trusting in wealth rather than in God. However, it would seem safe to say that mammon represents materialism. There is no question that this is a challenge in today's society, and the comment made by Jesus becomes as much a subject of debate as the meaning of the word "mammon."

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians from where our Second Readings have been drawn for the past few weeks continues. Paul also speaks in relation to who and what do we serve, and what form does that service take? Paul uses the word "servant" to describe himself and to tell the Corinthians that this is how they need to act for the Lord — as His servant or disciple. We may balk at the idea of

being a “servant,” but in the original Greek in which this letter was written, Paul uses the word *hyperetas*. The more common Greek word to describe a servant is *doulos*, and that word appears more often in the Bible.

Paul uses the word *hyperetas* for a reason. That word does mean “servant” but it means someone who serves by choice, as someone who is free to make choices. In other words the “servant” Paul is talking about is someone who chooses to serve. Paul connects this kind of servant to a steward. The meaning of a steward is quite clear — someone who manages and cares for something that belongs to another. As stewards of Christ and of the Church we accept the fact that everything comes from God, that everything is ultimately the Lord’s, and we are merely stewards of those gifts, not owners, and we are called to serve God and others.

Paul’s understanding of what a steward was is that he manages the household of God. Managing included preserving and protecting. We are also to be servants (disciples) of Christ, and Paul goes on to say that a servant steward must be trustworthy. To Paul that meant we are to be faithful in order to be good disciples.

There are several difficulties for us in all of those terms and requirements: being stewards, being servants, and being faithful. They mean that we have to place ourselves second to others and second most of all to Christ our Savior. We tend to question this and tend to have strong feelings of independence. That is what we learn from our society. Yet, to be a steward like Paul requires us to be humble and accepting. That may be our greatest test.

St. Augustine wrote, “What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.” That, too, is stewardship.

**OUR PARISH NEWS**



*Dinner Theater Concert Series*

Many thanks to all who came to support our Classical Theatre Concert & Dinner. A BIG applaud to our performers and choir! Gratitude to our Youth Group servers and the generous donors who prepared delicious appetizing cultural dishes.

**BASKET RAFFLE**

**Basket Raffle!** By popular request, we will hold a basket raffle during the month of April. The actual raffle will take place on **April 30**, during our **Wine & Design Fundraiser**. As with our previous Basket Raffle, any parishioner who would like to put together a basket, is welcome to do so. Please get back to Barbie ([music@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:music@stgeorgercc.org), 301-994-0607) with your commitment by **March 15**. Baskets **MUST** be delivered to the church by **March 31** in order to be included. Some theme ideas are: children's games, baby, Maryland, Wine, Date Night, Family Game Night, Health & Nutrition, Beauty, Relaxing Bath, Redskins, Man Cave, etc.

**St. George Parish Volunteer Opportunities**

**Meals on Wheels** St. Mary’s County Office on Aging offers meals to the homebound in our area. St. George Parish days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to help deliver meals one day approximately every six weeks, please call Betty Adams for information: 240-481-0641.

**Funeral Luncheons** “Armetheans” help families with repast after burials. Usually it involves kitchen help (no food preparation), being available to receive covered dishes and placing on buffet table, and other light chores. Information: please call Pat Bowes, 301-994-1797.

**Altar Preparation** Volunteers are called upon once every five or six weeks. Duties include cleansing of sacred vessels, refilling holy water, occasionally removing wax from candle protectors. For information, call Phyllis Browne, 301-994-0607.

**Care of Altar Linens** Take home linens used the previous week to launder, and return within a few days. To volunteer, please call Phyllis Browne, 301-994-0607.

**A Reminder for the Cold and Flu Season:**



During the sign of peace, please be open to those who prefer not to shake hands. A wave, a nod or a simple bow are all acceptable ways to share the Sign of Peace. Likewise, if you choose to join hands during The Lord’s Prayer, please do so with your family only. Besides this being a tradition that has seeped into our Mass and not something that is required, there are several people in our congregation who are immune-compromised for one reason or another, and we need to respect their inability not to share germs.

**Lent begins Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

- **Ash Wednesday, March 1 and Good Friday, April 14, are days of Fast and Abstinence.** (For Catholics between the ages of 18-59) one full meal is allowed; two smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength, taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Note: Those who are unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.
- **Fridays in Lent are Days of Abstinence (refrain from the consumption of meat for those 14 years of age and older.)**
- **Lenten Fish Dinner, St. George Community Center, 4:30 PM-6:30PM, sponsored by K of C**
- **Stations of the Cross, in church, Friday evenings 7:00 PM [Stations of the Cross presented by our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Y.F.F. students will be Friday, March 17 in the Community Center, 7:00 PM]**

**Faith Study - Tuesday nights at 7pm. We will be studying Fire Within: St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and the Gospel - On Prayer by Thomas DuBay.** For information, please call Kim Browne, 301-994-0638.

Friday Morning Bible Study meets in the Community Center classroom from 10:00-12:00 PM every Friday, except 1st Friday - starting time is 10:45am. The Class will focus on the Eucharist (the Mass) in Sacred Scripture. All are welcome to attend. Study Material can be downloaded for **FREE** from [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)

**Apologetics 101**

**Thur., Mar. 2: "Marriage: til death do us part?"**  
Discussion & Talk at **6:30 pm** in the Community Center

**OUR YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**Youth Group gathers every Sunday, 5-8:00 PM CC**  
Ms. Emma Carpenter, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*

**OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Little Flower School News**

Wed., Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday; School Mass, Holy Face Church; **8:00am**

Doors open for Bingo , **5:30 pm** LFS gym;

Early Bird specials start at **6:45pm.**

Fri., Mar. 3 No School for Students; Professional Day

New 3-Year-Old Program will be at LFS this August! Please call or stop by today for more information.

Mulch Sale will be here before we know it! See a Little Flower student or contact [lfsmulchsale@gmail.com](mailto:lfsmulchsale@gmail.com) to place your order today! The sale will be on Saturday, March 11.

**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 email ([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!

**WARM – Wrapping Arms Around Many**  
**February 26 – March 5, 2017**

St. George Episcopal Church will host guests during this week. St. George Catholic Church will assist with dinner **Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 PM.** Volunteers are needed to provide food, assist with cooking, set up and clean-up. Women night monitors are also needed. Breakfast help will possibly be requested. To help, please call Laura Pitzer, 301-994-9063.

**OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

**Youth Faith Formation at St. George (YFF)**

YFF Classes (Pre-K to Confirmation) 9:30AM-10:45AM  
Community Center of St. George

**Sat., Mar. 4 Living Stations Practice, 9:30 AM, CC**



**Sunday, March 5 — 12:00 Noon**  
**Family Lenten Pretzel Making**  
**All parishioners invited to attend.**  
**Community Center**

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT & BIBLE STUDY**

*"Journey around the World and Deep into the Catholic Faith"* with Father Barron's Catholicism Series.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month, CC  
9:30-10:45 AM. All invited.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER**

**Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091**

**Grand Knight: Dan Bogan**  
[dan.bogan@gmail.com](mailto:dan.bogan@gmail.com)



**Knights of Columbus "LENTEN FISH DINNERS" are coming soon (March 3rd) every Friday during Lent 4:30 to 6:30pm at the St. George Community Center. Come out and enjoy local catfish and see what other specials we may have.**

VOCATION CORNER

Pray for Our Seminarians

Please take a moment today to stop by the “Vocation Tree” in the church vestibule. This year’s tree has cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.

NEWS IN AND AROUND OUR AREAS

- Tues., Feb. 28 Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper, Valley Lee Firehall, 5-7 PM.** Adults \$7.00, children age 6 – 12, \$3.00, children 5 and under, free; Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Links, Apple Sauce, Assorted Juices, Milk and Coffee.
- Mar. 3-5 Camp Maria Retreat Center Women’s Lenten Program.** The retreat will be led by Sister Marian Stenken, S.N.C. from Louisville, KY. For info: Ann Kovalcik, Director, 301-475-8330
- Sat., Mar. 4 Women of Faith Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 AM, Leonardtown Grille,** sponsored by The Bread of Life Center for Peace. Topic - American Saint: Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, An Introduction to Her Life and Spirituality given by Rev. Rory Conley, PH. D. Church History and Pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Bryantown, MD. Please register by **Wed., Mar. 1.** Call (301) 475-9704 or (301) 475-9770.
- Sun., Mar. 12 Breakfast All-You-Can-Eat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. VFD&RS, Drayden Road, Valley Lee. 8:30-11:00am** Adults \$9.00, children age 6 – 12 \$5.00 and children 5 & under free; **Great selection of food.** More info: 301-994-9999
- Sat., Apr. 1 Craft & Vendor Fair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. VFD&RS, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.;** Reserve a space for \$25.00; For more information call Darlene at 240-434-1095 after 4:00 p.m.

St. Aloysius Church is hosting a four-part Lenten series entitled *Making Time for Easter* on Tuesdays, February 28, March 14, March 28, and April 11 at 7 PM. Each evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a twenty-minute spiritual reflection by Director of Religious Education Leonard Wathen, and opportunities for Confession with Fr. David Beaubien. See [saintaloyuschurch.org](http://saintaloyuschurch.org) for additional details.

JOB OPENINGS

Interested in using your professional experience and education to serve the Church? The **Central Pastoral Administration of the Archdiocese of Washington** is accepting applications for positions in human resources, catechesis, support staff and other areas. For a current list of job openings please go to <http://adw.org/employment-opportunities/>

The **Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland** is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Nurse Manager. The Nurse Manager has full responsibility for the clinical services provided at our center locations, including STI/STD testing, and conducting ultrasounds. For a complete job description or to submit resume, send inquiries to Olivia Bossert at [director@carenetsomd.org](mailto:director@carenetsomd.org).

For University of Maryland Baltimore County Alumni

Please join current students, the “Catholic Retrievers” Campus Ministry, in celebrating the spring semester Alumni Mass and dinner on **Sunday March 12 at 5 pm** in the Harbor Multipurpose Room on UMBC’s campus. Come and experience the spirit of current students, share your experiences of faith and life after college, and learn how you can help the Faith to grow on campus.

RSVP on Facebook by searching for “UMBC Catholic Alumni” or by contacting Hannah Jones ‘15 at [umbccatholicalumni@gmail.com](mailto:umbccatholicalumni@gmail.com) or Deacon Doug Lovejoy at [lovejoy.doug@gmail.com](mailto:lovejoy.doug@gmail.com) or 609 314-1905. Don’t forget to check out [www.catholicretrievers.com/alumni](http://www.catholicretrievers.com/alumni) to sign up for our mailing list!

PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER SETON SHRINE IN EMMITSBURG, SATURDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>.

**We will leave at 8am and be back by 7pm.** Fr. Conley will be leading this pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where we will offer Mass, have a tour and eat lunch. While in Emmitsburg we will also visit the Lourdes Grotto. On the way back from Emmitsburg we will stop at a Winery in Mt. Airy for a wine and cheese tasting. Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor and the Keller Bus Company, the cost of the trip is just \$30 per person and includes lunch and the winery visit. For more information and to register contact Fr. Conley at 301-870-2220 ext 13 or [frconley@comcast.net](mailto:frconley@comcast.net)

**CAMP MARIA RETREAT CENTER WOMEN’S LENTEN PROGRAM March 3 - March 5, 2017**  
Reflection will be on the Samaritan Woman from the Third Sunday of Lent. The retreat will be led by Sister Marian Stenken, S.N.C. from Louisville, KY. Cost \$162. Registration and fee due by **Thursday, February 23.** Mail to Camp Maria Retreat Center, 41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. For more info: Ann Kovalcik, Director, 301-475-8330.

**Prayer Breakfast**  
The Bread of Life Center for Peace will re-open the doors to our Women of Faith Prayer Breakfast, **Sat., March 4, 8:30 am to 12 noon** at our new location: Leonardtown Grille. Topic - American Saint: Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, An Introduction to Her Life and Spirituality will be given by Rev. Rory Conley. Call (301) 475-9704 or (301) 475-9770.