

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun Mar 12 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30am, CC**
 Sun Mar 12 "Catholicism" Series, **9:30am, CC**
 Sun Mar 12 Youth Group Mass, **5:00 PM, C**
 Mon Mar 13 Stations of the Cross Practice, **6:30PM, CC**
 Tue Mar 14 Faith Study, **7:00 PM, CC**
 Wed Mar 15 Stations Rehearsal; **6:30 PM, CC**
 Thu Mar 16 Apologetics Class, **6:30 PM, CC**
 Fri Mar 17 Bible Study, **10:00 AM, CC**
 Fri Mar 17 Lenten Fish Dinner, **4:30-6:30PM, CC**
Fri Mar 17 Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, CC
Please note location—Community Center
 Sat Mar 18 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM, C**
 Sun Mar 19 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30am, CC**
 Sun Mar 19 "Catholicism" Series, **9:30am, CC**
 Sun Mar 19 Youth Choir Rehearsal, **12:00 PM, C**
 Sun Mar 19 Youth Group, **5:00 PM, CC**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue Mar 14 9:00 am Bernard Robertson (L)
 Wed Mar 15 9:00 am Carol Quigg (L)
 Thu Mar 16 9:00 am Matthew Heisey (L)
 Fri Mar 17 9:00 am Patrick O'Connor
 Sat Mar 18 5:00 pm Parishioners
 Sun Mar 19 8:30 am Special Intention
 11:00 am John Hodges

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Fri Mar 17 St. Patrick
 Wed Mar 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J.Blackwell; M.Goldsmith; C.Galli; C.Galli
Meals-on-Wheels: P.Keen; K.Owens, J&J. Lenderman
Altar Preparation: L.Dean

***Note:** New Meals on Wheels Delivery schedules for volunteers are in the church front entrance rack.

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

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) and following the links.

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	3/5/2017	3/6/2016	
General Collection	\$4771.41	\$5173.50	+\$1469.91
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$867.00	----	
E-Giving (Monthly)	\$1005.00	----	
Identifiable Gifts	148	135	+13
Maintenance	\$1136.00	\$2289.00	-\$683.00
E-Giving (Maint.)	\$470.00	----	
Poor Box	\$178.31	\$385.28	-\$206.97
Donations	\$2195.00	\$1005.00	+\$1190.00

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

Stewardship Lesson from the Sunday's readings:

Our Gospel Reading on this Second Sunday of Lent recounts the Transfiguration as reported by Matthew. All three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) give an account of this. St. Thomas Aquinas called the Transfiguration Jesus' "greatest miracle" in part because it is a miracle performed on Jesus Himself.

Jesus was transfigured in the presence of three of His Apostles: Peter, James, and John. To be "transfigured" implies that the Lord was completely transformed, not just in how He appeared but absolutely, inwardly as well. Jesus became so dazzlingly bright that it was difficult to look on Him. It was like looking directly at the sun.

During our time in Lent, we are called to a type of transformation, as well. In our cases it is more inward than outer. God asks us to try to seek conversion of mind and heart. Yet, only God can truly cause this type of conversion; however, we must be open to it for it to occur.

Stewardship is closely associated with conversion. People who give of themselves to build the Kingdom of God are disciples of the Lord. To be a disciple, we must follow Jesus' example and teachings. His way of life literally becomes our way of life. For that to happen we must be transformed. That transformation can present challenges, but it also offers extreme joy. Stewardship challenges us to make conscientious decisions about our lives. Stewardship calls each of us to account for what God has given us, not only for the sake of knowing how much we have and how God has blessed us, but also to know how much God is calling us to share what He has given us with others.

OUR PARISH NEWS

Parish Fundraiser: 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, 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.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

- **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 7th and 8th grade Y.F.F. students will be Friday, March 17 in the Community Center, 7:00 PM]

Our Parish Lenten Pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine Washington DC.

Please consider joining us for a Lenten Pilgrimage to the JP II National Shrine on **Saturday, March 18**. Talk and Tour begins at **10:00AM**. **Mass will be celebrated and Confession available**. **Lunch is also provided by our parish Knights of Columbus**. Exhibit featuring relics and artifacts on the life and legacy of St. Thomas Moore on display until March 31. Please let us know if you are interested in going & to arrange transportation.

Call the Church office (301) 994-0607

<http://www.jp2shrine.org/jp/en/index.html>

Lenten Materials & Resources for parishioners:

- * **Rice Bowls** for remembering those in need.
 - * **The WORD Among Us** with Daily Meditations. Please take one as a gift from the parish.
- These items are in the vestibule of the church.**



Lenten Confession Time

Fridays after the Stations: 7:30-8:30 PM
Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM
Sundays: 8:00-8:30 AM, 10:30-11:00 AM

WARM (Wrapping Arms 'Round Many) was a great success, thanks to our parishioners who cooked, donated time, food or money. God bless each and every one who helped. The following "team of angels" represented St. George Catholic Church and made dinner possible for our homeless population in this county: Fr. Paul Nguyen, Kitten Britton, Janet Cruz, Marianna Cruz, Linda Farrell, Colleen Galli, Marie Goldsmith, Cindy Howard, Joyce Mori, Bill Pitzer, Agnes Poe, Rose Slade, Joan Springer. "We serve through Jesus Christ to give people hope."

Gratefully,
Laura Pitzer

OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Youth Faith Formation at St. George (YFF)

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS rehearsals:

Mon., Mar. 13, from 6:30 PM in CC
Wed., Mar. 15, from 6:30 PM in CC
Presentation: Fri., Mar. 17 at 7:00 PM in CC



Parents of Y.F.F. students are invited to come into the Community Center while your child/children are attending class. Coffee, conversation or a quiet corner are there for you. **Please come in!**

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT & BIBLE STUDY

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

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.

Apologetics 101

Thur., March 16: "Is Papal infallibility reasonable?"

Discussion & Talk at **6:30 pm** in the Community Center

All are invited to attend this class, bring a friend!

OUR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group gathers every Sunday, 5-8:00 PM CC

Ms. Emma Carpenter, Youth Ministry Coordinator

TODAY: YOUTH FAMILY MASS, 5:00PM C

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Little Flower School News

Tue., Mar. 14 School Mass at **10:15am**

Wed., Mar. 15 Doors open for Bingo, **5:30pm**

Fri., Mar. 17 NO SCHOOL

Next meeting for **Catholic Family Playgroup** will be **Friday, March 31 at 10am** in the basement of Holy Face Church! Please contact Carrienne at carrienne.downey@gmail.com or Gracie at marygracedzski@gmail.com for any questions.

New 3-Year-Old Program will be at LFS this August! Please call or stop by today for info. *Many thanks to everyone who supported our Mulch Sale and Book Fair!*

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

Are you on social media? Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook (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) 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 CORNER

Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091

Grand Knight: Dan Bogan

The Maryland March for Life will be held on **Monday evening March 13th**. The march and other activities begin at St Mary's Parish, 106 Duke of Gloucester St. Annapolis, MD.

Schedule of events:

- 4:30 pm Youth Rally at St Mary's High School
- 5:15 pm Mass at St Mary's Parish
- 6:15 pm Assemble at St Mary's Parish parking lot
- 6:30 pm March begins
- 7:00 pm Rally at Lawyers Mall, event Speakers address lawmakers and marchers
- 8:00 pm Chick-fil-A dinner and fellowship back at St Mary's

Event Speakers:

- Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King and founder of Civil Rights for the Unborn
- Tracey Tiernan, Shine FM radio host

For more info visit the website: www.marylandmarchforlife

Knights of Columbus "Lenten Fish Dinners" are 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.**

Please Note: NO KofC Pancake Breakfast 1st Sunday of March or April. (Please support the Lenten Fish Dinners instead.)

NEWS IN AND AROUND OUR AREAS

Sun., Mar. 12 All You Can Eat Breakfast, 2nd Dist. VFD&RS, Drayden Road, Valley Lee. 8:30-11:00am Adults \$9.00, children age 6-12 \$5.00, children 5 & under, free; **Great selection of food.** 301-994-9999

Sun., Mar. 12 Open House, Camp St. Charles, Newburg, MD. 11 AM – 3 PM For more info or to sign up for an open house, see web site: www.campstcharles.org or call 301-934-8799.

Sun., Mar. 12 University of Maryland Baltimore County Alumni Mass and Dinner, 5 PM, Harbor Multipurpose Room on UMBC's campus. RSVP Deacon Doug Lovejoy at lovejoy.doug@gmail.com or 609 314-1905.


Tue., Mar. 14 Making Time for Easter, St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown, 7:00 PM. 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 for more info.

Sun., Mar. 19 Father David Beaubien in Concert, with the St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble, St. Aloysius Church, **3:00 PM.** **More info: keyofgmh@gmail.com**

Mar. 19-21 St. Aloysius Lenten Mission, 7:00 PM, given by renowned Catholic Speaker, Meg Hunter-Kilmer; Hobo for Christ. [see bulletin board notice for info.] Feel free to look her up on her website: <http://www.piercedhands.com/>

Sun., Mar. 19 Healing Prayer Service, St. Mary's, Bryantown, 3-6 PM. Led by Dr. Bob Sawyer. For more info about his ministry go to <http://www.miracle-healing-ministry.org/ministry.html> The service is free and open to non-Catholics as well.

Mon., Mar. 20 Southern Maryland Monthly Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park. Confessions start **6:30 pm**; Mass **7:00 pm.** Info: 301-863-8144

Thur., Mar. 23 26th Annual CareNet Pregnancy Center Benefit Dinner. Hollywood Fire Dept. Social Hall. Speaker: Award-Winning Journalist  Thomas. Doors open, **6 PM.** Tickets \$27/person. Info 301-737-4604. **RSVP Today:** 301-737-4604

Sat. Mar. 25 Pilgrimage to Mother Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg, MD. Leave St. Mary's Ch., Bryantown, 8:00 A.m., return 7:00 PM. \$30/person includes lunch & stop at Mt. Airy Winery. Contact Fr. Conley at 301-870-2220 ext 13 or frconley@comcast.net. Payment is due at registration. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church.

Sun., Mar. 26 Spring Seafood Dinner, Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD, 11:30am-4:00pm. Crab Balls, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Oysters, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Homemade Cole Slaw, Old Fashioned, Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Dinner rolls, Fruited Jello, Beverages. Adult \$27; Carry-out \$25; child 6-12 \$8; 5 & under, free. \$1500 raffle, Bake Sale, **Craft Table.** Info: 301-769-3332.

Sat., Apr. 1 Craft & Vendor Fair, 2nd 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. John's Summer Program 2017

St. John's Summer Program, SOMD's largest summer camp, will open online registration on **Sunday, March 5th at 1:00pm**. This year's new classes include First Responders, Cake Boss, Superheroes Camp, Going Viral, Upcycling Fashion Design and Inventor's Battleground, among others, as well as many favorites from last year. The Program's goal is to help our children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an amazing summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. We open every day with song and prayer and Fridays with Mass. Extended care is available, and we are a Maryland licensed summer camp. Please visit www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com to view the new summer schedule and to find more information about St. John's Summer Program.

Lenten Food Drive

Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the **Lenten Food Drive**. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of **March 25/26**. Bags for your donations will be provided if you wish to use them. When you come to Mass that weekend, please leave your donation in the church front entrance. Our collection will be donated to our local Helping Hands and St. Vincent DePaul of IHM Food Pantries. If you wish, you may make a financial contribution to "Catholic Charities" with a note that it is for the food drive. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

2016 Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on **Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 2:00pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the church office, 301-994-0607 to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in by Monday, April 24.

Spring 2017 CareNet Client Advocate Training will begin in April at the Lexington Park and Calvert offices. Classes total 18 hours split into six 3-hour sessions. Please contact Cindy Fehrman, calvertdirector@carenetsomd.org or 410-326-6866 or stop by one of the three Centers to for an application.

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S READINGS

GN 12: 1-4A; PS 33: 4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 TM 1: 8B-10; MT 17: 1-9

The Word of God speaks to us from a variety of perspectives in the readings for this Second Sunday of Lent. Five times in the First Reading from Genesis, Chapter 12, God says "I will..." as He makes promises to Abram. The previous Chapter 11 from Genesis is all about the plans of humankind, but Chapter 12 is all about God's plan. It is God's plan we should seek during this Lenten season. For us to seek and define what God wants us to do, how He wants us to serve, how He wishes us to be good stewards using our gifts should be the focus of what

we are doing during Lent. One facet of the story of Abram relates to obedience. We, too, are called to obedience to the Word of God.

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, along with the First Letter and the Letter to Titus, are unique from a couple of standpoints. Of all Paul's letters these are the only ones addressed to individuals rather than to communities. In addition, many scholars have reached the conclusion that these were among, if not the final letters written by Paul. Paul's advice to Timothy is also good counsel for us during our Lenten efforts.

Opening with the statement, "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Paul delivers a clear message. This is a common theme and message from St. Paul — namely that whatever we do and whatever we perceive to do during Lent, it will only be possible to accomplish if we ask for God's help and God's strength. This, of course, is accomplished through prayer and trust, two important elements of Lent and of our faith in general. Through Paul we also learn what the real joy of Easter concerns — that is, the Lord "saved us and called us to a holy life," and it was Christ Jesus "who destroyed death and brought life and immortality." If we focus on that, we are well on the path to both holiness and a good Lent.

Our Gospel Reading for today gives us Matthew's version of the Transfiguration. This is one of the most momentous events in Christ's life, and just as it was almost impossible for Peter to fully comprehend what he was witnessing, it is equally complicated for us to understand. During Lent this gives us a small glimpse into what the glory will be, what the key to our faith should be. The Transfiguration is exceptional in so many ways. Jesus gave no warning that it was going to occur. It never happens again. There appears to be no reference to it in any Old Testament prophecy, and Jesus instructed those who witnessed it not to repeat or report what they had seen.

Yet it is so connected to Jesus' mission and our salvation. It shows us the life to come. It reminds us that there is a splendor and a glory to that life that is beyond our understanding and certainly our imaginations. There is what might be called an eruption of divine light, the brilliance of the holiness promised to us that glows in a new way. This should provide us with motivation to dedicate ourselves anew to our own transformation that needs to occur during this Lenten period. Pope Francis has put it quite simply, but at the heart of what he said is our understanding and goal to be sought by the Transfiguration. The Holy Father said, quite simply, "Listen to Jesus and follow Him. That is the message of the Transfiguration."