

PARISH CALENDAR

- 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**
- Tue Mar 21 Faith Study, **7:00 PM, CC**
- Wed Mar 22 Cantor/Choir Rehearsals, **6:30/7PM, C**
- Thu Mar 23 Apologetics Class, **6:30 PM, CC**
- Fri Mar 24 Bible Study, **10:00 AM, CC**
- Fri Mar 24 Lenten Fish Dinner, **4:30-6:30PM, CC**
- Fri Mar 24 Stations of the Cross, **7:00 PM, C**
- Sat Mar 25 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM, C**
- Sun Mar 26 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30am, CC**
- Sun Mar 26 Coffee Hour and Faith Talk, **9:30 am, CC**
- Sun Mar 26 Youth Choir Rehearsal, **12:00 PM, C**
- Sun Mar 26 Youth Group, **5:00 PM, CC**

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tue Mar 21 9:00 am Patrick O'Donnell
- Wed Mar 22 9:00 am Irene Diver
- Thu Mar 23 9:00 am Bill Gardner (L)
- Fri Mar 24 9:00 am Catherine Thompson
- Sat Mar 25 5:00 pm Gene Purcell and
Rob Flanagan
- Sun Mar 26 8:30 am Parishioners
- Sun Mar 26 11:00 am John T. Kennedy and
John P. Kennedy

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Mon Mar 20 St. Joseph**
- Thu Mar 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
- Sat Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord**

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Daily Lector:** J.Blackwell; T.Buckler; C.Galli; D.Orwig
- Meals-on-Wheels:** P.Bowes & M.A. Goddard; V. Worch;
M.A. Rymer & N.J. Jubeck
- Altar Preparation:** C.Galli

***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 our Parish Book of Intentions.

DECEASED: Please pray for **Joyce M. Busitzky**, mother of parishioner, Rick & Susanna Busitzky. *May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	3/12/2017	3/13/2016	
General Collection	\$4123.32	\$4622.49	+\$452.83
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$952.00	----	
Identifiable Gifts	125	126	-1
Maintenance	\$290.00	\$131.00	+\$159.00
Poor Box	\$130.00	\$321.15	-\$191.15
Donations	\$375.00	\$305.00	+\$70.00

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

Stewardship Lesson from the Sunday's readings:

In today's Gospel Reading from John, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus confronts at the well. Jesus and His Apostles are traveling from Jerusalem in the south to Galilee in the north. The quickest route, although inconvenient in some ways, was through Samaria. Jesus' followers went to the nearby village of Sychar to procure food while He sat tired and thirsty by what is called Jacob's Well.

It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, and a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus breaks three Jewish customs in His exchange with the woman. First, He spoke to a woman, something forbidden to men with strange women; second, she was a Samaritan woman, a group with whom Jews did not normally mix; third, He asked her to give Him a cup of water, which would have made Him ceremonially unclean from using her cup or jar. The woman was rightfully shocked.

However, Jesus told her that He could give her "living water." At that time some spring water was carbonated and it seemed "alive" as it bubbled up from the ground, so it was called "living water." Jesus meant that the water He offered was alive in a different way because it could both give life and quench spiritual thirst.

Although the whole situation is amazing to the woman, she is particularly struck by how much Jesus knows about

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her. She reports to her fellow Samaritans "He told me everything I ever did." That is not what she found so surprising though. What truly astonished her was that in spite of that knowledge, Jesus still loved her. Jesus loves us as well, despite our many shortcomings and sins.

OUR PARISH NEWS



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

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.

St. George Softball Team News

This weekend, the St. George softball teams will be holding a bake sale after every mass. Please help support our parish in this venture by donating to our fundraiser or joining the team! For more info, please contact Amanda Squires at amsquires@smcm.edu"

Baskets Raffle

Thank you to all our generous parishioners for donating baskets theme for our mini-fundraising effort. Any parishioner who still would like to put together a basket is welcome to do so, please contact Barbie at music@stgeorgercc.org or call the office (301) 994-0607. Baskets **MUST** be in the church office by **March 31**, so that they can be displayed in the vestibule for the month of April. Raffle winners will be announced on April 30 during our **Wine & Design** event in the Community Center.

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

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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**. 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.

**SAVE the DATE: 9AM-2PM Saturday, April 8
St. George Parish Spring Clean-up Day**

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**.

Catholic Relief Society National Collection

2nd Collection on March 25/26, 2017

This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. Please be as generous as you can for this annual collection.

OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Youth Faith Formation at St. George (YFF)

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

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 23: "Where is the Mass in the Bible?"

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

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Little Flower School News

Tue., Mar. 21 – Lenten Penance Service, **10:15am**
Finance Committee meeting, **6pm**

Wed., Mar. 22 – Spring Picture Day
Doors open for Bingo! **5:30pm**

Fri., Mar. 24 – End of 3rd Quarter
Stations of the Cross; **10:15am**
Talent Show; **1:30pm**

We do have some leftover brown and black mulch that is for sale (\$4.25 per bag) and available for pick-up at school. Please contact Kristi Getson at lfsmulchsale@gmail.com or 240-298-0222.

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.

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 (@LFSpatriots)!

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 (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



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 April. (Please support the Lenten Fish Dinners instead.) We will resume in May.

NEWS IN AND AROUND OUR AREAS

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**. All are welcome. Info: 301-863-8144

Thur., Mar. 23 26th Annual CareNet Pregnancy Center Benefit Dinner. Hollywood Fire Dept. Social Hall. Speaker: Award-Winning Journalist Cal 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.

Tues., Mar. 28 Theology Over Dinner, Kevin's Corner Café, 24509 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown. Talk by Fr. Michal, **7 PM**; Arrive **6:00-6:15 pm** to order dinner. Talk Topic: *Lent*.

Tues. Mar. 28 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 additional details.

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.

Camp Veritas 2017

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD **July 23-29, 2017**. Enrollment price for one week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by April 1, 2017) are \$400. Volunteers (must be over 18 years old) are needed and free! More details at www.campveritas.com

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

EX 17: 3-7; PS 95: 1-2, 6-9; ROM 5: 1-2, 5-8; JN 4: 5-42

Today's Gospel Reading from the Book of John recounts the story of the confrontation of a Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well with Jesus. This only appears in the Book of John, but it is significant in many ways, particularly to us on this Third Sunday of Lent, as we continue our own Lenten voyages and efforts. A question we might ask ourselves throughout Lent, and for that matter always, is "Are we prepared to confront the Lord and are we willing to listen to Him and meet Him on His level?"

Sometimes it is difficult for us to fully realize that Lent, a time of fasting and abstinence and prayer and charity, is also a time for us to seek happiness. On this Third Sunday of Lent we may have already made commitments to do things that on the surface may not make us happy. However, now is the perfect time for us to examine what may stand between us and the happiness that a good relationship with the Lord can bring.

The First Reading is from the Book of Exodus. This well known Book of the Old Testament relates how the Israelites leave slavery in Egypt. Although led by the prophet Moses, the people really escape through the power of God. It is the same strength and power on which we need to rely during Lent and throughout our lives. As the Israelites wander and travel through the desert in their escape, they become discouraged and

unfocused in some ways. Again that is something we are likely to do in our Lenten promises and commitments. Like the Israelites when we have a problem, instead of thinking that this is normal and strengthening our thoughts with a commitment that we need to look to God to meet our needs, we may look for someone to blame. Nevertheless, that solves nothing for us, nor did it for the people led by Moses.

The people turn against Moses, but he does the right thing. He turns to God in his need and appeals for the Lord's help. Moses places his total trust in God, and the Lord provides. We need to do the same thing. Trusting God is at the heart of a successful Lent and a successful life. If we trust in God implicitly we are well on the way to happiness.

In his letter to the Romans, from which comes our Second Reading, St. Paul repeats this same importance of trust. In this case Paul speaks to why we need to believe. "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," says Paul. Note that this is not the peace **of** God to which reference is made many times in Holy Scripture. This is peace **with** God. This kind of peace, as Paul points out, can only come through Jesus. He is the entire base for our trust and our belief and our peace. Happiness is found most often at a time of peace in our hearts. This, too, is something we seek during Lent.

Paul also refers to the "grace in which we stand." We may use the word grace often, but it should have particular meaning to us during Lent. Grace, quite simply, is "God's undeserved favor toward us." It is the same love and favor found in Exodus. We do not have to prove to God that we are worthy of grace and His love. If we spent more time in our lives praising God, we would most likely spend less time disliking ourselves. That, too, is a key to peace and happiness.

Finally in today's Holy Scripture we have the story from St. John of the Samaritan woman at the well. She comes to the same realization that Moses is trying to convey to the Israelites, and that St. Paul is explaining to the Romans — that is, God loves us where we are and with all of our faults. The woman is amazed as she says, "He told me everything I have done." What shocks her is that Jesus loves her in spite of being aware of all her faults. That is the conclusion to which we are called as well. If we approach Lent with this attitude, following what the Church tells us to try to do, including confession and reconciliation, we might truly find the peace and grace about which all of our readings speak.

Confession may be one of the least understood sacraments of the Catholic Church. However, in reconciling us to God, it is a great source of grace. This is the grace we seek. It brings us peace and it brings us happiness. We just need to trust and persevere and believe and we can attain the happiness and hope promised to us.