

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon Apr 1 Parish Office Closed
 Mon Apr 1 Funeral Viewing & Visitation 10-11AM
 Funeral Mass Joseph McKay 11AM
 Tue Apr 3 KoC Council Meeting, **6:30pm**, CC
 Wed Apr 4 NO Cantor/Choir Rehearsals
 Thu Apr 5 Book Study, **7pm**, C
 Fri Apr 6 1st Friday Mass & Devotions, **9am**, C
 Fri Apr 6 Bible Study, **10:30am**, CC
 Sat Apr 7 1st Saturday Mass & Devotions, **9am**, C
 Sun Apr 8 YFF Classes, **9:30am**, CC
 Sun Apr 8 Chaplet of Divine Mercy, **3pm**, C
 Sun Apr 8 Youth Group, **5pm**, CC

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue Apr 3 9:00 am Julius F. Owens
 Wed Apr 4 9:00 am Brenda Hanson
 Thu Apr 5 9:00 am Peter Conrad
 Fri Apr 6 9:00 am Thomas Barnes
 Sat Apr 7 9:00 am Vocations to the Priesthood,
 Diaconate & Religious Life
 Sat Apr 7 5:00 pm St. George Parishioners
 Sun Apr 8 8:30 am Msgr. Karl Chimiak
 Sun Apr 8 11:00 am Special Intention

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell; T. Buckler; C. Galli; D. Orwig;
 M. Goldsmith
Meals-on-wheels: J & V Royston; MA Springer; K. Raley
Altar Preparation: Colleen Galli

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER

Please remember our parishioners who are ill, 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.



DECEASED: Please pray for the soul of parishioner **Joseph McKay**. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

New registrations are always welcome. Please use the on-line census by going to our website (www.StGeorgeRCC.org) and following the links. Forms for this purpose are also in the rack in the church front entrance for those who are not able to use a computer.

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

	3/25/2018	3/26/2017	
Gen. Collection	\$4630.18	\$4904.25	-\$204.07
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$1022.00	\$952.00	
Identifiable Gifts	134	132	+2
Maintenance	\$110.00	\$0.00	+\$110.00
Poor Box	\$364.00	\$154.25	+\$209.75
Donations	\$520.00	\$475.00	+\$45.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

Notice to E-Givers:

The parish now has 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.

A message from this Sunday's readings:

One of the recommended *Responsorial Psalms* on this glorious Easter Sunday is Psalm 118, including this from verse 24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." In truth Easter is all about rejoicing. It is the day of Resurrection which provides hope to all of us.

Throughout our diocese thousands of people are at Mass today who may not normally attend. Recent studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of those who do not regularly attend, may not have been at Mass since Christmas.

That is another reason for us to rejoice and say "Welcome home." We miss you and we love you. Christ's love for us is at the foundation of our celebration today. St. Augustine once wrote, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." We ask God's blessings on all those who have passed our amazing religion to you. Clearly you do remember your devotion and are here to honor it.

Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history — when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

OUR PARISH NEWS

Easter Message from the Pastor

Dear sisters and brothers in the risen Christ:

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" (Mt.28:5-6). The Lord is truly risen. This is the truth of Easter. This is the truth that we celebrate. This is the truth that we give witness to.

Our Lord Jesus Christ who died on the Cross has risen and is now alive. He rose from the dead and opened for us eternal life with God. The Angel said to the women 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him.'" Like Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, this good news should be a cause of great joy for us!

This is the truth that we celebrate. Our Lord Jesus Christ is with us and will forever be present in our midst. He is true to his promise. He is alive. He wants to meet us in Galilee. What is the significance of Galilee? It was Jesus' home. It was where Jesus' followers lived. It was also the place where many significant events took place as Jesus fulfills His mission. Even now, Jesus wants to meet us where we live. He wants to find a dwelling there. He wants to entrust us with a mission of making His presence known and experienced by everyone.

This is the truth that we give witness to in our daily lives. We need to tell the world around us, Jesus is risen and he is with us. We need to show the world that we are witnesses to this truth. We are his disciples.

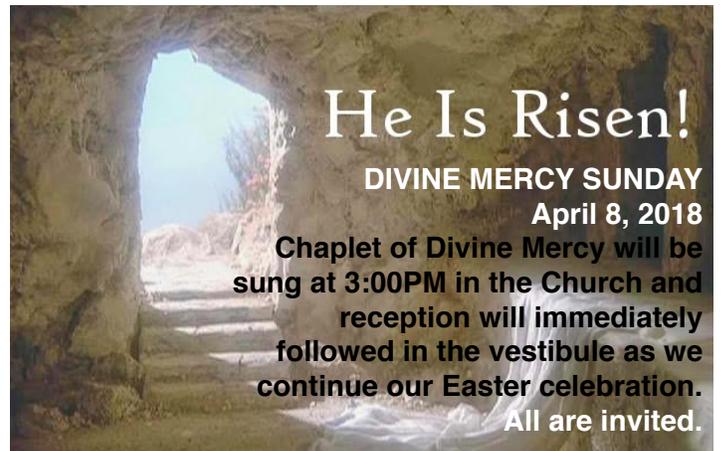
Filled with Easter joy, let us take up this message once again and be people of hope wherever we live and minister. Despite suffering, violence and intolerance sweeping the world, we are called to cling to faith, to hold fast to this truth of the Resurrection of our Lord, of His abiding presence with us.

My sincere appreciation to all of you for making our Lenten and Easter celebrations prayerful and beautiful. Let us continue to renew our faith in the Risen Lord as we gather daily and weekly to celebrate God's everlasting presence among us in the Eucharist.

Happy Easter and happy renewal of our baptismal promises!

With my Easter prayers and blessings,

~ Fr. Paul



2018 Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 17 at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register NO LATER than April 16.

OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Youth's Faith Formation (YFF) grades K-8

Sunday Mornings 9:30-10:45 AM in CC

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Bible & The Sacraments
Bible Study Fridays 10-11:30 AM
Sundays 9:30-10:45 AM
All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Adam Dean, Youth Ministry Coordinator

email: youthgroup@stgeorgerc.org

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (LFS)

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

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) 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) 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



Happy
Easter
to ALL

NEWS IN OUR AREA & AROUND

Sun, Apr 8 **2nd District VFD Breakfast -All-You-Can-Eat;** 8am - 11am, Adults: \$9, children age 6 - 12: \$5, children 5 and under: free; Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage Links, Ham, Bacon, Creamed Chipped Beef, Sausage Gray, Spiced Applesauce, Grits, Hot Biscuits, Assorted Juices, Milk and Coffee; For more information call 301-994-9999

Sat, Apr 21 **2nd District VFD Breakfast Spaghetti Dinner,** All-You-Can-Eat; 5. - 7pm - Cost: adults \$10, children ages 6 - 12 - \$5, children 5 & under-free; Menu: Spaghetti w/sauce or Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Green beans, Garden Salad, Bread & Butter & Homemade Dessert Table for a Donation

Sat, Apr 28 **Walk in the Park,** 5k family fun run/walk through beautiful Newtowne Neck Park, 8am registration, 9am start, rain or shine, stroller and pet friendly, proceeds benefit the parish's Newtowne Manor Preservation Fund, Info and registration: www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org, Sarah Matisick 301-247-7416, Ages 13+: \$20, 12 & under: free

Camp St. Charles

Boys & Girls Catholic Over-Night Summer Camp

Open Houses - April 8 and May 6, 11am - 3pm

Attend our open house to learn more about Camp St. Charles. Join us for lunch, a tour, a ride on the giant swing and an opportunity to meet the staff. For over 60 years, thousands of children have been making friends, learning to work together and developing an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, paddling on the river, making art projects and much more in beautiful Southern Maryland. Fully accredited, run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers. www.campstcharles.org, 301-934-8799

Quo Vadis Hiking Trip

On Sunday, April 15, all high school aged men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to go on a Quo Vadis hiking trip in Montgomery County. The day will include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high school aged men who are open to the priesthood. Bus transportation is available from throughout the archdiocese. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

Called to Leadership: Spirituality for Catholic Women

On Saturday, April 21 at the Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville, MD, women are invited to discover how to enhance their spirituality to be a faith-filled leader in the home, parish, workplace, and community. Keynoter Dr. Susan Timoney, archdiocesan Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns, will speak on women's unique leadership gifts. After lunch, Shelia Parker, President of the Archdiocesan Sodality Union, will speak on how to be a better leader by being a better follower of Jesus. The third speaker, Desi Balla, will share leadership experiences in her amazing pro-life apostolate. The conference starts at 8:30am (check-in at 8am) and will conclude at 3pm. Open to 70 people, registration can be accessed at www.facebook.com/washaccw and is \$50 per person. For more information, email archdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

24th Annual Archdiocesan Vocations Mass for 8th Graders

The 24th Annual Archdiocesan Vocations Mass for 8th Graders will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 10:30am in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Mass will include a homily by an archdiocesan priest and a talk by a religious sister. After Mass, students will be given the opportunity to visit and speak with seminarians, priests, and consecrated religious women and men. For more information, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER SETON SHRINE IN EMMITSBURG

SATURDAY, APRIL 28. Led by Fr. Conley, pastor of St. Mary's, Bryantown. We will leave at 8am and be back by 7pm. Pilgrimage will go 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 we will stop at the Springfield Manor Winery in Thurmont 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 \$35 per person and includes lunch and the winery visit. For more information and to register contact Lauren Balderson at 301-870-2220 ext 11 or smbassist@comcast.net. Payment is due at registration. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Remember that my life is like the wind;" Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by enjoying a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are **April 20-22, 2018, November 2-4, 2018** in Gaithersburg, MD and **August 3-5, 2018** in Hanover, MD. Go to MOMENTS4MARRIAGE.ORG to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

Light the World! is a Summer Institute that takes place at The Catholic University of America. Rising Juniors and Seniors are invited to join us either June 24-July 30 July 8-14 as we explore how our faith is lived within the fields and careers of Art, Science, Sport, Business, and Politics. Visit lighttheworldcua.org for more information and application materials.

REFLECTION ON THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

ACTS 10: 34A, 37-43; PS 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3: 1-4, JN 20: 1-9

Today is Easter, the greatest feast in our Catholic calendar. On this Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter.



Last night was our Easter Vigil, called by our US Bishops the “Mother of All Vigils.” Today, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter culminates with Christ’s Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from today to Pentecost. It should be characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of Christians: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection.

It is most appropriate on this Day of Resurrection that the First Reading comes from the Acts of the Apostles and recounts part of a sermon made by St. Peter. Hippolytus of Rome, a Third Century theologian, gave Peter the title of “Apostle of Apostles.” We recognize Peter as the first Pope. Peter was one of the first Apostles and was present and witnessed events with Jesus, including the Transfiguration. Not only did he play a role on this Easter Sunday (as recounted in today’s Gospel), but he initially was the foremost evangelist revealing to people the divinity and resurrection of Jesus.

Peter opens his sermon today by saying, “You know what happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John (the Baptist) preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.” Peter no doubt gave this sermon scores of times to untold numbers of people. It is important coming from Peter because he was a personal witness to Jesus’ ministry and especially His Resurrection. In today’s reading Peter also says, “This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible...to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance.” Personal and firsthand witness is the most powerful way to

evangelize. Each of us is called to evangelize through our Baptism and by how we live our lives.

The personal witness of St. Peter is followed by St. Paul’s advice as to what we need to do with our lives, as indicated in the Second Reading from Colossians. Paul is telling us that we, too, were raised with Christ and we need to behave as Christ did after He was resurrected. The first thing Jesus did was leave the tomb. We, too, need to leave the tomb; resurrection means we are not destined to live in a tomb. Jesus ministered, especially to His disciples. Stewardship calls us to live our lives with and to serve others. One of the important pillars of stewardship is indeed service.

Jesus used His God-given power and strength to continue to accomplish things. With the help of the Holy Spirit we can do the same. Today reminds us that as Catholics and Christians we are enabled, not just for eternity, but to do things right now and right here.

Our Gospel last week was the powerful reading of the Passion of Christ. Although the Gospel this week is not as long or as comprehensive, it is equally powerful, especially for what it means to us as Christians. It is the retelling of the Resurrection of Christ and the finding of the empty tomb. St. John’s perspective is important to us for he is most likely the “other disciple” in today’s Gospel Reading. As was the case with the Passion, there is so much in this reading on which we might focus.

Having indicated that nonetheless, it might be of value to concentrate on a couple things. We may not always find humor in the Word, but it is there. For example, John is humble enough not to mention he is the other disciple, but at the same time he is competitive enough to make it clear that he outran Peter. Yet when it came to entering the tomb, he was hesitant and waited for Peter to enter first. The combination of these two decisions tells us a lot about both Peter and John. Throughout Holy Scripture St. Peter is somewhat spontaneous and often acts and thinks before thinking. St. John, on the other hand tends to stop and think; this may have been one of those occasions. Many Apostles were not convinced of the resurrection until they experienced Jesus in reality. John saw and believed. The word translated as “saw” is the Greek word *eiden*. That means much more than “saw.” It means “to understand and to perceive the significance of something.” Do we share John’s understanding and belief? We should; this is Easter.