

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sun July 30 Fifth Sunday Rosary Devotion led by our Knights of Columbus, 10:30 AM, C
- Fri Aug 4 First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, 9AM, C,
- Sat Aug 5 First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Religious Life, **9:00-10:30 AM**
- Sat. Aug 5 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM, C**
- Sat Aug 5 Summer Mass at St. Francis Xavier, St. George Island, **7:00 PM**
- Sun Aug 6 Youth Group, 5:00 PM, CC

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Tue Aug 1 9:00 am Julius Owens
- Wed Aug 2 9:00 am Carol Annette Quigg
- Thu Aug 3 9:00 am Kayla and James (L)
- Fri Aug 4 9:00 am Marie Kelley (L)
- Sat Aug 5 9:00 am Vocations
- Sat Aug 5 5:00 pm Lucy Mae Hanson
- Sat Aug 5 7:00 pm Parishioners
- Sun Aug 6 8:30 am Aliene Springer
- 11:00 am Christopher David Cofelice (L)

**Note: Mass Intention openings** are available for **9:00 AM**, Aug. 17, 22, 23, and 25. Please call the church office (301-994-0607) if you wish to schedule a mass at that time.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

- Mon July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola**
- Tue Aug 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori**
- Wed Aug 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Fri Aug 4 St. John Vianney**
- Sat Aug 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

**WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Daily Lector:** J.Blackwell; M.Goldsmith; C. Galli; C.Galli; P.Browne

**Meals-on-wheels:** J&V.Royston; K.Owens; J&J.Lenderman

**Altar Preparation:** M. Goldsmith

**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.

**Help us keep our parish records up to date.** If you have recently changed your information, please use the on-line census ([www.StGeorgeRCC.org](http://www.StGeorgeRCC.org)) and following the link.

**STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

	7/23/2017	7/24/2016	
<b>Gen. Collection</b>	\$3428.48	\$4802.00	-\$461.52
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$912.00	----	
Identifiable Gifts	134	133	+1
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$40.00	\$255.00	-\$215.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$140.32	\$237.34	-\$97.02
<b>Donations</b>	\$440.00	\$555.00	-\$115.00

*Thank you for your faithful parish support.*

**Stewardship message in Sunday's readings:**

Jesus presents us with more parables in today's Gospel from St. Matthew. He opens the first one with "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

According to most biblical scholars and theologians who study and draw conclusions on Jesus' teachings, in this particular parable, and those which follow, the field is the world. The man who values the treasure is not any of us because we do not have anything with which to purchase this treasure. The Man Who gave all to buy this field was Jesus Himself.

And it is with joy that He gives all to buy the field, to save the world and each of us. What makes the treasure so wonderful that the Lord would give all, His very life? Each of us. In other words, each of you! Jesus gave everything to redeem the whole world to preserve a treasure it contains. He gave all because we His people are the treasure.



Do we understand that? Do we consider that every time we approach the gift of the Eucharist? We should. St. Paul may have put it best in his letter to the Romans: "You are loved more than you will ever know, by someone who died to know you." (Romans 5:8)

OUR PARISH NEWS

**August 20, 2017**

**St. George Catholic Church**

**Annual August Dinner**

**Crab Cakes, Fried Chicken & Ham**

**12:00 – 5:00 PM**

**\*\*\*New this Year: Drive-Thru Carry-out!**



Please think about how you will help with this important parish fundraiser.

**Note: Quart and pint size canning jars are needed. Please let us know if you have some to donate. Call church office, 301-994-0607.**



**HELLO!! HELLO!!**

**ANY CRAFTERS OUT THERE?**

We are currently in the planning stages for our **Biennial Christmas Bazaar**. In order to know if we can go ahead with things, we need a commitment from all kinds of crafters

– needleworkers, woodworkers, artists, photographers, etc. We would like to maintain the tradition of all items being handmade, quality work by our parishioners and friends. The projected date for this year is **Saturday, November 25**, therefore, all craft donations should be at the church by **November 16**. Please email [bazaar@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:bazaar@stgeorgerc.org) or call the parish office (301-994-0607) to let us know you will craft for the parish!

**Annual Archdiocesan Collection  
Catholic Communications and Human Development  
August 5/6, 2017**

**Human Development** Next week our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Communication** is a means of expressing the missionary vocation of the entire Church; today the social networks are one way to experience this call to discover the beauty of faith, the beauty of encountering Christ. In the area of communications, too, we need a Church capable of bringing warmth and of stirring hearts. . . . **Pope Francis**

**The Sunday TV Mass**

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. **The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50.**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend can encourage your marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next weekend is on **October 27-29, 2017** in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online visit [welovematrimony.org](http://welovematrimony.org), or call 301-541-7007, or email at [applications@welovematrimony.org](mailto:applications@welovematrimony.org).



One of our young adults, Marissa Emmerich, has committed to being a full-time Catholic missionary with FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. FOCUS is the largest Catholic college outreach program in the U.S. today, serving on over 140 college campuses nationwide. Over 600 missionaries introduce students to the person of Jesus Christ, and then launch them in lifelong Catholic mission. Because she is a full-time missionary, Marissa relies on the generosity of others and fundraises her entire salary. She is currently looking for people who are interested in a partnership and joining her monthly support team. If you are interested in learning more about FOCUS and her financial goals, please see Marissa after the 8:30am or 11am Masses on **August 6<sup>th</sup>**, or contact her at [marissa.emmerich@focus.org](mailto:marissa.emmerich@focus.org) or 301-904-6202.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

Our Youth Group will resume on **August 6 at 5pm**. We look forward to seeing you then!

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Little Flower School News**

*Have a great summer!  
Don't forget to play, pray, and read!*

**Sat., Aug. 19: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual L.F.S. Summer Sounds Concert (date listed incorrectly last week).**

Gates open **5:00 pm**; music starts **6:00 pm**. Advance ticket purchase: ages 16 & under \$5; ages 17 & over \$10. At gate: 16 & under \$10; 17 & over \$15. Food vendors and beverages available for purchase. Info: 301-481-1665, email [LFSSummerSounds@gmail.com](mailto:LFSSummerSounds@gmail.com).

**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](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!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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

**Grand Knight: Christopher A. Wilcox**  
 CWILCOX@MD.METROCAST.NET

### The Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney

**August 12<sup>th</sup> 5PM** Mass Intention is for the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney founder of the Knights of Columbus. Father McGivney, A man of vision, dedication and faith, Father Michael J. McGivney called together the men of his parish to found the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut. Through the hard work and creative talent of this holy parish priest, the Catholic Order quickly expanded to all 50 states, and today has more than 1.8 million members in nearly 15,000 local councils throughout the world. Father McGivney holds the title "Venerable Servant of God," in recognition of his heroic virtue, as his Cause for Canonization moves forward at the Vatican. A miracle attributed to his intercession is needed for beatification, the next step on the path to sainthood.

### KNIGHT CAR Raffle

The Knights of Columbus as having their annual car raffle. The grand prize is a **2018 Ford Mustang** or a cash option of **\$18,000**, second prize is an **IPAD Air2**, and third prize is a **\$200 gift card**. Tickets are **\$1 each** or a **book of 6 for \$5**. Tickets will be on sale after Mass in the upcoming weeks.

## SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

**Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus  
 Sponsored Bus Trip To Lancaster, PA  
 Friday, December 1, 2017**

**Price Adult: \$130  
 Price Child: \$70**

*Price includes bus, snacks on the bus, Miracle of Christmas Play at Sight & Sound, dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord\* and donation to scholarship fund.*

## NEWS IN OUR AREA & AROUND

**Aug. 1 & 2 Family Fellowship Swim Evenings, 4:00 PM-8:00 PM (weather permitting).** \$6adults; \$5kids. [See flyer on bulletin board].

**Sun., Aug. 13 All You Can Eat Breakfast, Valley Lee VFD&RS, Drayden Road, 8AM-11AM.** Adult \$9; child 6-12 yrs. \$5; 5 yrs & under, FREE. Assorted menu. Great food! Info: 301-994-9999.

**Sun., Aug. 13 Planning Meeting, St. Aloysius Church, 7:00 PM** for small group study entitled **33 Days to Morning Glory** at locations throughout the County beginning **September 10**, leading up to a county-wide Marian consecration on **October 13, the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima**. For more information, contact Leonard Wathen at [lwathen@saintaloyuschurch.org](mailto:lwathen@saintaloyuschurch.org).

**Sat., Aug. 26 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. VFD&RS Auxiliary Yard Sale** Start collecting your items! **Time: 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**; \$10.00 a space. POC: Kelly @ 240-299-5261.

**Sun., Sept. 10 Annual Crab Feast Fundraiser – Loyola on the Potomac – A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Ticket Price before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>** Adult tickets \$50; Children 7-12 \$35; Children 6 and under Free. After Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> Adult Ticket Price \$65. For more information contact Lisa White at (301) 392-0819 or [lisa.white@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:lisa.white@loyolaretreat.org).

## Theology on Tap

**Theology on Tap** returned in July! Come join your friends from **PAXCatholic** at Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown on announced Wednesdays. Happy Hour begins at **6:00 PM** followed by a talk by a guest speaker. **PAXCatholic** is a local ministry serving young adults in their 20s and 30s in St. Mary's and Calvert Counties. Find out more on Facebook: [facebook.com/paxcatholic](http://facebook.com/paxcatholic) or e-mail [paxcatholicstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:paxcatholicstmarys@gmail.com).

## What is a Retrouvaille Program?

The word Retrouvaille™ (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i.) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. The



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Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

**For Information call 1-800-470-2230 or HelpOurMarriage.com.**

## REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 KGS 3: 5, 7-12; PS 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16; ROM 8: 26-27; MT 13: 24-43

Stewardship is, of course, more than just a philosophy; it is total way of life. It is living out a commitment on our part to be God-centered rather than self-centered, which in many ways seems to be the antitheses of lifestyles that are promoted and supported by today's secular society. Today's readings on this Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time speak to and address this issue of being God-centered — that is, trusting in God in everything we do.

In our First Reading from the First Book of Kings, Solomon completely yields to God and places his total trust in the Lord. The Lord appears to Solomon in a dream (one of the more significant dreams in the Bible, one might say), and makes an offer and a promise that is incredible. God says, in effect, "Ask and it is yours. What do you want?" In a humble moment Solomon surrenders all to God and says, "Give your servant an understanding heart." First of all, Solomon is admitting that his tasks are more than he can deal with without the help and assistance of God. That is a conclusion that we, too, should draw. We need God's help in everything we do or try to do. That is part of living a God-centered life.

Solomon did not ask for great knowledge or power or money. He asked for understanding, and he asked for it in his heart, not in his head. The Hebrew word usually translated as "understanding" actually literally meant "hearing." Solomon was asking for the Lord's help in listening to Him and to others. That, too, is an important part of stewardship, being open not only to God but also to those around us, those with whom we come in contact.

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, our Second Reading, opens by saying; "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." This is another way of

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saying that we need to live God-centered lives. If we rely on God (as Solomon did) we can be assured all things will work out. Trust in God means that we know that God can manage the affairs of our life if we view our lives as being available to God and others in service. Recall that in the First Reading, Solomon describes himself as a servant of God. That is what it means to be a disciple, to be willing to serve God and serve others. Stewardship has also been called a life of service.

To serve God we need to know what it is He wants us to do. Seeking this perception, defining our own vocations, is part of our stewardship as well. God does not just do this to us; we must be open to it and seek it. The Lord views us as His children. He has adopted us into His family, and we have accepted that through Baptism and faith. However, do we live it out in reality or do we merely go through the motions? Being a Catholic and being a parishioner is much more than just going to church. It requires us to be active participants and actively involved in all our faith family does and tries to do.

In our Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, Jesus again turns to parables to make His point. At the end of the reading Jesus asks His followers: "Do you understand all these things?" and they respond, "Yes." We might wonder if they really do understand or are they just saying it. We need to ask ourselves that same question, "Do we understand?" Holy Scripture, the Word of God, is something we hear regularly if we are consistent Mass attendees. How much time do we spend considering these Holy Words? That, too, is an important part of stewardship and being God-centered, seeking the understanding in our hearts that Solomon asked for in the First Reading.

Jesus also give assurances that if we practice stewardship, if we make it our way of life, and if we place the Lord at the center of our lives, then all of our hopes will be fulfilled. The term "In God We Trust" has been the official motto of the United States since 1956 (in other words, for more than 60 years). Each of us should adopt that as our motto as well. Most of us are not aware that Francis Scott Key's *Star-Spangled Banner*, our national anthem, consists of several stanzas. The fourth stanza includes the phrase, "And this be our motto: 'In God is our Trust'." Trust in God is the key to our lives and the key to us being good and faithful Catholics and Christians.