

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun Aug 6 Youth Group, 5:00 PM, CC
 Sat. Aug 12 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM**, C
 Sat Aug 12 Summer Mass at St. Francis Xavier, St. George Island, **7:00 PM**
 Sun Aug 13 Youth Group, **5:00 PM**, CC

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue Aug 8 9:00 am Charles "Chuck" Patton
 Wed Aug 9 9:00 am Enzo and Colleen Galli (L)
 Thu Aug 10 9:00 am Turner Thompson
 Fri Aug 11 9:00 am David M. Norris
 Sat Aug 12 5:00 pm Fr. Michael McGivney
 Sat Aug 12 7:00 pm Butch and Joyce Mori (L)
 Sun Aug 13 8:30 am Gladys Sheehan
 Sun Aug 13 11:00 am Enzo Galli (L)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon Aug 7 St. Sixtus II and Companions
 St. Cajetan
Tue Aug 8 St. Dominic
Thu Aug 10 St. Lawrence
Fri Aug 11 St. Clare
 Sat Aug 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J.Blackwell; T.Buckler; C.Galli; D.Orwig
Meals-on-wheels: P.Keen; V.Worch; S.Sierra
Altar Preparation: K.Britton

Flowers on the altar this week are in memory of Aliene Springer, gift of Howard and Kitten Britton.

Flowers on the altar last week were in memory of Virginia Caprone, gift of her daughter Mary J. George.

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 parishioner **James "Jim" Robison**. 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 information, please use the on-line census (www.StGeorgeRCC.org) and following the link.

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	7/30/2017	7/31/2016	
Gen. Collection	\$2865.41	\$5000.00	-\$1222.59
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$912.00	----	
Identifiable Gifts	114	125	-11
Maintenance	\$50.00	\$50.00	----
Poor Box	\$86.00	\$271.00	-\$185.00
Donations	\$430.00	\$415.00	+\$15.00

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

Stewardship message in Sunday's readings:

The Book of Daniel, from which our First Reading is drawn, was written some two centuries before the birth of Christ. This is only significant in that many of the prophets (Daniel is considered one of the major prophets) lived as many as six centuries before Christ. However, regardless the timeline, we need to be moved by and appreciative of the prophecies we find in the Old Testament. In the particular passage in today's reading it states, "The one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship."

Today, of course, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and this reading very much parallels what is portrayed in the Transfiguration. The interesting point within this reading from Daniel, however, is that it refers to the "Son of Man," which is the term Jesus Himself used most often to describe Himself.

We have referenced this fact previously. In fact, the term "Son of Man" occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term. (It appears 32 times in Matthew; 15 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke; and 12 times in John, and it is in John where it is used twice by someone other than Jesus.)

The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Savior, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more.



OUR PARISH NEWS

Sunday, August 20, 2017
St. George Annual Dinner
12 – 5 PM

Crab Cakes, Fried Chicken
 and Ham
 Family Style Country Dinner
**Featuring also: Baked Goods,
 White Elephant Table and Raffles**

*** New this year: Drive-thru Carry-out! ***

Three Prize Raffle:

- 1st Prize: \$250.00**
- 2nd Prize: 2 Orioles Tickets w/parking pass**
- 3rd Prize: 2 Redskins Tickets**
- Also 50/50 Raffle - Day of Dinner**

Note: We look forward to the help of all

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.

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

This collection today provides funds for both the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCC supports the Church's many and varied communications efforts, while the CCHD supports community non-profit groups, both locally and in other parts of the country, working to help the poor and vulnerable through direct assistance or advocacy. CCC funds are split between each participating diocese and the national office. Dioceses use their share of the collection to support local communications efforts such as televised Masses and diocesan newspapers. On the national level, CCC funds support the development and production of a wide range of media initiatives that are carried out by USCCB staff and grantee organizations. Please be generous according to your means.

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.**

**Spaghetti Dinner and Square Dance,
 Saturday, August 26**

All are welcome - no prior dancing experience required.
 Dinner at 6:00 PM, Dance 7:15 PM.
 Cost: \$10 per person, pay at the door.
 Please RSVP to **Jim Cooney** at 240-925-4242
 or via email at jimcooney13@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!



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 or call the parish office (301-994-0607) to let us know you will craft for the parish!



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 6th**, or contact her at marissa.emmerich@focus.org or 301-904-6202.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group meets every Sunday, 5-8:00 PM C
 Mr. Adam Dean, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*

Our Youth Group will “kick-off” the new year today, August 6 at 5pm in the Community Center.
All youth, grade 6 and above are welcome!



OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sat., Aug. 19: 2nd Annual L.F.S. Summer Sounds Concert.

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.

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 (@LFSpatriors)!

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 NEWS

Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091

Grand Knight: Christopher A. Wilcox

CWILCOX@MD.METROCAST.NET

The Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney

August 12th 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

Wed., Aug. 9 Theology on Tap, Olde Town Pub, Leonardtown. Happy Hour **6pm**; Talk **7pm**. See notice below.

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@saintaloyusiuschurch.org.

Sat., Aug. 26 2nd 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. 1st** Adult tickets \$50; Children 7-12 \$35; Children 6 and under Free. After Sep. 1st Adult Ticket Price \$65. For more information contact Lisa White at (301) 392-0819 or lisa.white@loyolaretreat.org.

Theology on Tap returns to Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown on **Wednesday, August 9!** This month's speaker will be Eve Tushnet, well-known Catholic blogger and author of *Gay and Catholic: Accepting My Sexuality, Finding Community, and Living My Faith*. Eve will be speaking about her conversion to Catholicism and her experiences and challenges living as a faithful Catholic with same-sex attraction. As always, **Happy Hour starts at 6pm with the talk starting at 7pm.**

Theology on Tap is brought to you by PAXCatholic, a regional ministry by and for young adults in St. Mary's County. Look us up on Facebook or find out more by emailing paxcatholicstmarys@gmail.com!

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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 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

DN 7: 9-10, 13-14; PS 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 PT 1: 16-19; MT 17: 1-9

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. According to most Catholic scholars and theologians, the Transfiguration is the culminating point of the Lord's public life. His Baptism is considered to be the starting point of that public life, and the Ascension is the end. Our Gospel Reading today, which reports this event, is from the Book of Matthew. However, the Transfiguration is also reported in Mark and Luke, and St. Peter makes reference to it in one of his letters, and by St. John as well.

It is natural that Peter and John would allude to the Transfiguration as they (along with St. James) witnessed it. Jesus took the three Apostles and led them to a "high mountain" where He was transfigured before their eyes. The mountain is never directly identified, but tradition has ascertained it to be Mt. Thabor. Of course, it is not the mountain but what occurred there that is important. In the original Greek from today's Gospel St. Matthew uses the Greek word *metemorphe* (μεταμορφώω) to describe the Transfiguration. It means "a complete change of form, structure, or substance." Most of us are familiar with the term metamorphosis, the word used to describe what occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

However, the Transfiguration is something beyond that. Jesus allows the three Apostles who were present (as well as those of us who hear the Word) to view what eternal life in heaven is like. Christ's divinity is on full display. To use Matthew's words,

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

"His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light."

Our First Reading from the Book of Daniel contains almost exactly the same description as that found in the Gospel. The prophet Daniel describes what will occur as follows: "His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool." As if that prophecy was not enough, Daniel takes it to the next step by going on to say, "One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."

The term Son of Man is one that Jesus was most likely to use in indication of Himself. Seeing it in a prophecy, and especially one which is so clearly the Transfiguration merely more closely associates Jesus with the Transfiguration which is to come and described so perfectly in the New Testament.

In our Second Reading from St. Peter's Second Letter the Apostle Peter also alludes to the Transfiguration. Peter writes, "...we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty...when that unique declaration came to him from majestic glory, 'This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him (Jesus) on the holy mountain."

Those words from God are reported quite accurately in our Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, but this is Peter repeating them. You can almost sense Peter remembering the experience clearly. At the time Peter mistakenly placed Jesus as an equal to Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, and this was the way God made it quite plain to Peter that this was not the case. This may have been a rebuke to Peter, but now it is a valuable memory to him.

The Transfiguration was not a different miracle; it was part of an ongoing miracle. Perhaps the real miracle was that Jesus kept away from displaying His glory most of the time. When the three apostles present became aware of the full divinity of Jesus, it is reported that "They fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Is that how we react when we become aware of the presence of God? Are we a bit fearful?

Knowing God, appreciating God, embracing God should give us confidence. God's grace is amazing, and that needs to be our reality. Remember that Jesus is on His way to crucifixion and temporary death. We are on that same path, but the Transfiguration is a reminder to us of the hope we have in the saving grace of the Lord.