

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun Sept 18 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30AM**, CC
Parent Mtg.(all grades), **9:45AM**, CC
Catechist Blessing, **11 AM Mass**, Ch
Youth Choir Rehearsal, **12 PM**, Ch
Youth Group meeting, **5:00 PM**, CC
- Tue Sept 20 Adult Faith Enrichment, **7:00 PM**, CC
- Wed Sept 21 Cantor & Choir Practice, **6:30; 7 PM**, Ch
- Thu Sept 22 Apologetics Class, **6:30 PM**, CC
- Fri Sept 23 Bible Study, "Doors of Mercy", **10AM**
- Sat Sept 24 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM**, Ch
- Sun Sept 25 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30AM**, CC
Coffee & Faith Talk, **9:45AM**, CC
Youth Group Meeting, **500PM**. CC

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tue Sept 20 9:00 am Catherine Thompson
- Wed Sept 21 9:00 am Pope Francis (L)
- Thu Sept 22 9:00 am Msgr. Martin P. Harris
- Fri Sept 23 9:00 am Patrick O'Connor
- Sat Sept 24 5:00 pm Helen Davies Carpenter
- Sun Sept 25 8:30 am Gertrude Britton
- Sun Sept 25 11:00 am Parishioners

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Mon Sept 19 St. Januarius
- Tue Sept 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae Gon & Paul Chong Ha Sang & Companions**
- Wed Sept 21 St. Matthew**
- Fri Sept 23 St. Pius of Pierelcina**

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Daily Lector:** J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith, P. Browne
D. Orwig
- Meals-on-Wheels:** P. Bowes & M.A. Goddard, V. Worch,
M. A. Rymer & N. J. Jubeck
- Altar Preparation:** C. Cantrill

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 souls of **Elizabeth Cusick**, grandmother of Barbara Carpenter; and **Horace Robinson**, brother of Mary Agnes, Barbara and Dinah Robinson. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Altar Flowers: Flowers for the Altar in Memory of a Deceased Loved One – or in honor of a Special Occasion may be requested by calling the church office, 301-994-0607. (Donation for two altar arrangements: total \$50)



THIS WEEK: **Flowers on the altar** are in memory of **Ernest and Louise Adams**, gift of daughter Judy Bagwell.

STEWARDSHIP - FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	9/11/2016	9/13/2015	
General Collection	\$5506.36	\$4667.68	+\$838.68
Identifiable Gifts	114	136	
Maintenance	\$795.00	\$335.00	+\$460.00
Poor Box	\$195.05	\$204.28	-\$9.23
Donations	\$295.00	\$185.00	+\$110.00

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

Stewardship Lesson from the Sunday's readings:

Although we may not immediately perceive them, Holy Scripture is filled with references to stewardship and what it means. Today's Gospel from St. Luke that includes the Parable of the Dishonest Steward is more pointed and direct than many of those references.

Retired Bishop Robert Morneau — who was instrumental in the development of the United States Bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, and has been a popular presenter on stewardship for decades — is fond of saying that on Judgment Day, the Lord will only ask us one question, "What have you done with the garden I have given you?" In other words, we are all gifted, perhaps in different ways, but whatever gifts we receive might be considered our garden from God. We must account for those gifts.

The whole concept of stewardship is clear in today's parable. The steward is the manager (not the owner) of the master's gifts. God is, of course, the manager, and we are the stewards who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and perhaps even influence. Do we use those gifts wisely and with justice?

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That is the point we must get from this Gospel. Our Holy Father Pope Francis understood the significance of being a steward when he recently said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts." As the Lord says to the steward in today's Gospel, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

OUR PARISH NEWS

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Faith Direct enables parishioners to contribute and support the parish through either direct debit from a checking/savings account or through credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

Please join me in enrolling by responding to the mailing you will receive or visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **MD769**.

 **Good News about our August Dinner** 

August 21, 2016

Total number of dinners sold	1,354
Profit for the day	\$24,992.67

Profit includes:

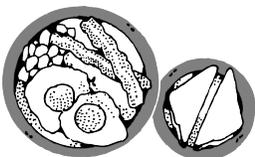
Baked Goods Table	\$2,152.41
White Elephant	\$1,101.74
Raffles	\$1,226.00

Our most sincere gratitude to each and every one who contributed in any way to the success of our annual dinner.



Pancake Breakfasts begin again at St. George!

Father Sebastien de Rose Council will be serving their famous pancake breakfast **Sunday morning, October 2** from **9:00 – 10:30 AM** at **St. George Community Center**. Everyone is welcomed. *Join your friends there.*



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. George Parish Picnic—Sunday, Oct. 9-Cecil Park

All St. George's parishioners are invited to celebrate early Fall picnic after 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 9. There will be food, games, and music for a fun-filled afternoon at Cecil Park, next to the Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS WORKSHOP

Please contact Father Paul at the parish office if you feel called to serve in any of these ministries. Training will be provided before a minister is commissioned to serve.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are appointed for a given parish community to aid in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick and homebound when ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are unavailable. They should reflect the cultural diversity of their parish community. Training workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1st** in the **Church at 11:00AM**.

Lector/Reader

The **lector** is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel. He/She may also announce the intentions for the Universal Prayer. Training workshop is scheduled for **Sat., Oct. 1 at 1:00PM**.

Altar Server

The two main duties of a server are to assist the priest and deacon during the celebration of Mass and help the people pray by your example. Anyone who is in the 4rd grade, made your First Communion, and is enrolled in Faith Formation classes with the willingness to serve any of the weekend Masses about 1-2 times per month. Contact Deacon Joel Carpenter for training information.

Ushers/Greeters

A church usher is a person who helps ensure a smoothly running church service and who ministers to people in a variety of practical ways. The duties usually include greeting people as they arrive for the service, assisting people with special needs, and collecting the offering.

Sacristan

The sacristan carefully arranges the liturgical books, sacred vessels, the vestments, and other things necessary in the celebration of the Mass.

Altar Guild

Guild members offer their time and effort to maintain the sacramental linens, vestments, and sacred vessels.

You Did it for Me – Faith in Action

Conflict continues to plague Afghanistan, forcing many people away from their homes and children away from their schools. But thanks to **Catholic Relief Services** and the Afghan Ministry of Education, more than 23,000

children are being given the opportunity to find solace through engaging workshops and activities as a way to deal with trauma and to develop their education. Learn more at: crs.org/you-did-it-for-me.



SAVE YOUR USED WINTER COATS:

As you buy new winter coats, please save your used winter coats for the St. George Coat Drive to be held the weekend of **October 29-30** (POC Dennis Hackathorn 301-994-9673)

Volunteer for Care Net . . . The Care Net Pregnancy Center will hold training for those interested in volunteering as a Client Advocate on **October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 & 20**. We are offering morning classes at **9:30-12:30** in Calvert County and *evening classes* at **5:30-8:30 PM** in St. Mary's County; so pick the time and location most convenient for you. The whole training takes approximately 18hours and is split up into 6 sessions. For more information and to sign up please call 301-737-4604 or 410 326-6866.

OUR FAITH FORMATION

Youth Faith Formation at St. George
Preschool through Confirmation

Parent Meeting (all Grades) September 18, 9:45 AM, CC

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

"DOORS OF MERCY." Every **Friday morning, 10:00-11:30AM** in the **Community Center**. For more information, please call the parish office.

Adult faith enrichment held every Tuesday evening. Please check with Kim Browne for more information.

Apologetic 101:

Every Thursday evening 6:30-7:30PM, Community Ctr.
 This week's topic: ***Do you have a soul?***

CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL (LFS)

Little Flower School News

- Tue., Sept. 20 - School Mass, Holy Face Church, 10:15am
 Regional Finance Council mtg., 6:30pm
- Wed, Sept.21 - BINGO IS BACK! Doors open 6pm; Early bird special at 6:45pm. Cash prizes! Food and drink for sale. Every Wednesday night!
- Fri., Sept. 23 - No School for students

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 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! (301)994-0404 or email LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURAL READINGS

The Word of God as given to us through Holy Scripture at every Mass and Liturgy is important to us simply because it is God's word. Our readings are filled with messages for us from God Himself. The Word is more than just information; it is God's promise, the promise of life. In spite of its age the Bible and God's Word through it still have meaning for us today.

The First Reading on this Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time comes from the Book of Amos. Although one of the minor prophets, Amos is important not only through what he teaches, but because of all the prophets, history tells us that this Old Testament Book is the first written of all the prophetic books. Amos lived around 750 B.C. (Isaiah, for example, from whom we hear often, lived in the 600's.)

One of Amos's ongoing prophesies involves how the wealthy may take advantage of and mistreat the poor. This is the gist of today's reading and it bears that warning for us as well. What we do and how we treat others, even in minor ways, is important. That is also a recurring theme in the teachings of Jesus, why He reminds us so often to "Love one another." Amos reminds us that God will judge, and we must reconcile with Him.

In his first letter to Timothy (from which our Second Reading is drawn) St. Paul uses the term "first of all" when calling for prayers, especially prayers of thanksgiving. "First of all" is not a rhetorical phrase intended to point out what Paul is going to speak about initially. It is a communication that prayer is of primary importance. That is surely one of Paul's most common themes. The term "prayer" should mean more than just making appeals to the Lord. It involves all communication with God, both to and from. Paul cannot express enough how important that should be to Timothy, and to us.

St. Paul also emphasizes to us that prayers should be for all people, including those in authority. And the key to prayers is to appeal for God's truth and saving grace for all. God wants all to be saved, and the Lord wants all to come to an understanding of truth. Finally we hear in this reading that all things must come from and through Jesus Christ, the Son. Prayer, in a sense, should be never ending

for us. Paul concludes, "It is my wish then, that in every place men should pray."

As much as anywhere in Holy Scripture, Jesus speaks to us about stewardship and what it means in today's Gospel Reading from St. Luke. It recounts the Lord sharing what many call "The Parable of the Dishonest Steward." Before everything else we must understand that God is the master, and we are merely stewards of His gifts, what belongs to Him. One of the strongest tenets of stewardship is, of course, that everything comes from God, and everything is God's. In the introduction to their pastoral letter on stewardship (*Stewardship: a Disciple's Response*) the U.S. Bishops state it this way: "Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be. They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts."

Just as Jesus explains in the Parable of the Dishonest Steward, we will be judged by our stewardship, how we use and share God's gifts. In the first reading from Amos, the prophet tells us we will be judged. Jesus says specifically, "If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?" What is ours is the Lord's saving grace; our true riches are in heaven. Amos and Paul and especially Jesus make that clear to us.

NEWS IN AND AROUND OUR AREAS

Pat Suit Memorial 5K November 5, 2016

The annual Pat Suit Memorial 5K will be held at St. John's Catholic School in Hollywood, MD on November 5th at 9 am to benefit the Pat Suit Scholarship Fund and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital's Cancer Care Center. Registration fees at \$15 (14 & under) and \$25 (over 14). Please visit www.facebook.com/PatSuitMemorial5K for more information or e-mail james.vranish@gmail.com

The St. Ignatius Chapel Point anniversary book is now available for sale!

Sharing God's Word Since 1641 is the theme of our 375th anniversary year; the book is a beautifully laid out hard cover with great pictures and plenty of fascinating history. St. Thomas Manor served as a Jesuit hub and shares a history with many Southern Maryland parishes. The book will be sold for \$30.00 in the gift shop after 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, as well as at Bernie's Frame Shop and Martin's in LaPlata. For info: juliemitchell120@gmail.com

Men's Annual Retreat – October 28-29, 2016

Give a weekend to God! Ignatian Weekend Retreat—"Entering into the Father's Joy". The men of Southern Maryland Parishes go on retreat each year at

LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC – A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland. Our Ignatian Weekend Retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The retreat is conducted in silence and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. The retreat begins Friday evening, October 28 and concludes with lunch on Sunday, October 29, 2016. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Dan Ichniowski at djichniowski@yahoo.com or 301-994-1310, A deposit of \$115 is required. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$235. (\$185 for first time retreatants and/or young adults up to age 30) You may also make reservations online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com. "Come away and rest awhile".

Mon., Sept. 19 Southern Maryland Area Monthly Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7:00 PM. Confessions start 6:30 PM. All welcome. Info: 301-863-8144.

Sept. 22-25 St. Mary's County Fair – Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the Catholic Evangelization booth? If interested, please see the following link to sign up <http://www.saintaloyuschurch.org/countyfair/> or contact Debra Vavrus at [240-317-5332](tel:240-317-5332)

Sat., Sept. 24 Pro-Life: An Awakening featuring author and Catholic Apologist Trent Horn, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pomfret, MD, 8:30am-3:00 PM. R.S.V.P. and info: Kitty LaHood Adams, 240-320-7344.

Sat., Sept. 24 Historical Talks on 375th Anniversary of St. Ignatius Church Chapel Point, 1:00 PM. Two respected historians will share their knowledge of religion in the colonial era in Maryland. Author Emmett Curran, professor emeritus at Georgetown U. and Beatriz Hardy will give presentations. [see flyer on bulletin board] Info: 301-934-8245.

Sat., Oct. 1 Yard Sale, 2nd Dist. VFD&RS, Drayden Road, Valley Lee, 7am-12:00pm. Reserve a table \$10. Info/reserve a table: Kelly at 240-299-5261.

Sat., Oct. 1 Annual Yard Sale, St. Ignatius Church, Hilltop, MD, 7am-2pm. Bake table, raffle, many bargains and treasures! Breakfast and lunch items for sale. Info: John Minichino, 301-743-3514.

Sat., Oct. 1 The Many Face of Grief: A Retreat for Healing from Diverse Losses, Guided by: Gordon Creamer. Cost: \$60 per person. 930am-4:00 PM. This retreat focuses on naming the rites of passage through grief in order to heal. Participants will be engaged in prayer, meditation and dialogue. Please bring a journal. www.RCCBonSecours.com/events