


PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun Oct 1 Pancake Breakfast, **9-10:30 AM**, CC
- Sun Oct 1 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 AM**, CC
- Sun Oct 1 Children's Liturgy, **11:00 AM**, C
- Sun Oct 1 9th gr. Confirmation Class, **3:30pm**, CC
- Wed Oct 4 Cantor/Choir Rehearsals, **6:30/7 PM**, C
- Fri Oct 6 First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, 9AM, C,
- Sat Oct 7 First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood, **9-10:30 AM**
- Sat Oct 7 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM**, C
- Sun Oct 8 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 AM**, CC
- Sun Oct 8 Parent Meeting – All grades YFF, **9:45AM**
- Sun Oct 8 Catechist Meeting, **12:00 PM**, CC
- Sun Oct 8 9th gr. Confirmation Class, **3:30pm**, CC

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tue Oct 3 9:00 am Mary Ann Springer (L)
- Wed Oct 4 9:00 am Charles F. Norris
- Thu Oct 5 9:00 am Joanie McWilliams (L)
- Fri Oct 6 9:00 am Rosine Hodges
- Sat Oct 7 9:00 am Vocations
- Sat Oct 7 5:00 pm Parishioners
- Sun Oct 8 8:30 am "Little Jimmy" Lawrence
- Sun Oct 8 11:00 am Horace and James Robinson

Openings for weekday Mass Intentions are Oct. 17, 24, 26. Flowers for the altar openings are Nov. 4/5, 11/12, 18/19. Please call the church office if you wish to reserve a date. (301-994-0607).

 **Flowers on the altar this week are in honor of the 64th Wedding Anniversary of Howard and Kitten Britton. Blessings and Best wishes to them!**

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Mon Oct 2 The Holy Guardian Angels**
- Wed Oct 4 St. Francis of Assisi**
- Thu Oct 5 Blessed St. Francis Seelos
- Fri Oct 6 St. Bruno
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
- Sat Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Daily Lector:** J.Blackwell; T.Buckler; C.Galli; D.Orwig,
P.Browne
- Meals-on-wheels:** J.&V.Royston; I.Hardy; J.Farrell
- Altar Preparation:** C. Cantrill

Help us keep our parish records up to date. If you are new to the parish or 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 to update your information.

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.

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Notice to E-Givers:

The parish has now 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.

	9/24/2017	9/25/2017	
Gen. Collection	\$3285.00	\$4804.00	-\$607.00
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$912.00	----	
Identifiable Gifts	123	127	-4
Maintenance	\$25.00	\$5.00	+20.00
Poor Box	\$233.00	\$157.00	+\$76.00
Donations	\$340.00	\$690.00	-\$350.00

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

The Take-away message(s) in Sunday's readings:

St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians in the Second Reading. Paul writes, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." Doing that is a challenge for most all of us. Yet, that is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live.

To truly live that way requires a dramatic conversion. All of us know people who are so self-centered that they often are not even aware that they are totally unwilling to compromise or to even recognize the value of those around them. Achieving this kind of self awareness, of what kind of a person we are, is a significant step on our faith and life journeys.

Screenwriter and playwright William Nicholson once wrote, "God does not necessarily want us to be happy. He wants us to be lovable, worthy of love, able to be loved by Him. What makes people hard to love? It is called selfishness. Selfish people are hard to love, because so little love comes out of them."

That is our challenge, to love others in such a way that we become lovable as well. Christ told us over and over that the secret to being His disciple and the secret to being a good steward is to "Love your neighbor." That is how to be the kind of person Paul calls us to be as well.

OUR PARISH NEWS



Church Picnic

Our PARISH Picnic — Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017
 12:30 – 3:30pm at Cecil Park, Valley Lee
 Please sign-up at entrances of the vestibule



St. George Biennial Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 25 Community Center

All craft donations must be at Church by **November 16**. Please email bazaar@stgeorgerc.org or call the parish office at (301) 994-0607.

Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. John Paul II, and Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Save the Date: **December 9th**, the Parish along with the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the John Paul II Shrine in Washington DC. This Advent Pilgrimage is open to all, so save the Date and join Father Paul on this Pilgrimage. More information to come...

SAVE YOUR USED WINTER COATS

As you buy new fall/winter coats, please save your used fall/winter coats for the St. George Coat Drive to be held the weekend **November 4/5, 2017**. (POC Dennis Hackathorn 301-994- 9673).



The members of **Serra Club of Southern Maryland** invite you to attend a Mass and talk at St. George Community Center, **Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM**. Celebrant will be Father Paul Nguyen. Speaker: Ms Carla Tomaszewski, Topic: "A Man for All Seasons--St. John Paul II". Refreshments to follow Mass. Info: Bob and Marie Goldsmith, 301-994-0235 or St. George Church office, 301-994-0607. **Please note:** Mass is in the Community Center, not the Church.

Dinner Theaters to return this year!

Our first Dinner Theater will take place on **November 5, 2017 at 6:30pm**. The theme will be Jazz/Folk Music, and Mr. Adam Dean will prepare the meal, with the assistance of the Youth Group. We are seeking volunteers from the parish to perform. If you are interested in performing, please email Barbie Carpenter (music@stgeorgerc.org) no later than September 30 to let her know how many and what pieces you would like to do. We will need lots of pieces, as the format for this dinner will be more club style than theater style, and we'd like the music to simply continue throughout the evening without pause.



Altar Server Training:

Deacon Joel will offer training for those wishing to become Altar Servers at St. George. Potential servers should be in grade 4 and over. Training will take place as follows:

- Saturday, September 30, 9-10:30am
- Saturday, October 7, 10:30am – 12pm
- Saturday, October 14, 9-10:30am
- Saturday, October 21, 9 – 11am, followed by a Pizza Party in the Community Center

Current servers must attend the October 14 and October 21 workshops.

Those wishing to become servers are expected to attend all four.

Please email or call the parish office to confirm your attendance: Deacon.Joel@stgeorgerc.org, 301-994-0607.

If you wish to serve, but have conflicts, please contact Deacon Joel any way to see when he is available.

OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Youth's Faith Formation (YFF) - Sunday Mornings 9:30AM - 10:45AM in Community Center

Confirmation Class meets Sundays, 3:30-4:45 PM until Confirmation, Sunday, October 29, 2017

Confirmation Mass 11:00AM Sunday 10/29/2017

BIBLE STUDY begins FRIDAY, OCT. 13, 2017 We will be study MARY & THE BIBLE, on this 100th anniversary of Fatima

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

Mark your calendars!



On October 8, following the 11am Mass, the Youth Group will host a family lunch and a variety of Minute to Win It activities. All families with youth, grades 6 and up are invited to participate.

Youth vs. Parents! Who will win?

Please call the parish office or email: YouthGroup@stgeorgercc.org so that we get an idea of how many will attend for preparation.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 14/15

During the weekend of October 14-15, the Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate World Mission Sunday, which reminds us of Our Lord's Great Commission to the Church to go into the whole world to proclaim the faith (Matthew 28:19). The World Mission Sunday collection is unique in that it is a global effort for the entire Church. It is a moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy that renews hope and peace. For more information, contact Jenean Jones (301-853-4527) or Sr. Crucified (301-853-4528) in the archdiocesan Office of Missions. Thank you for your generosity!

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

Bingo - 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)!

Box Tops and Campbell's Soup labels are always needed and appreciated - used for extra supplies.

Interested in learning more about Little Flower School? Email (LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org) or call (301)994-0404 today to schedule a tour.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091

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

Annual Car Raffle – See a Knight to purchase chances for the **October 7, 2017** raffle - \$1.00/chance; 6 for \$5.00.

St. George Pancake Breakfast TODAY
 sponsored by Father Sebastien de Rose KofC

NEWS IN OUR AREA & AROUND

Sun., Oct. 1 LIFE CHAIN, in front of I.H.M. Church, 1:00-3:30 PM. LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Participants will line the sidewalk in front of IHM and along Rt 235 in a visual show of support for the right to life. All welcome to take part.

Wed., Oct. 4 Discovering Christ in Ridge, MD, beginning 7-week series, St. Michael School Gym, 6:30-8:30 PM. Info: 301-904-8568 or 240-597-1248.

Sat., Oct. 7 Annual Retreat at Mt. Carmel, Mass 8:00 AM, Retreat Master. Father Michael Briese, Pastor, St. Mary's Newport Info and registration form, please contact Suzanne Carr, 301- 645-5203/ suzannemcarr@verizon.net.

Sat., Oct. 7 "Freedom in Christ Retreat Day", St. Mary's, Bryantown, MD, 9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Info: Fr. Conly 301-870-2220 or frconley@comcast.net

Sun., Oct. 8 All You Can Eat Breakfast, 2nd Dist VFD&RS, Drayden Road, Valley Lee, 8am-11am. Adults \$9 child 6-12 yrs \$5, 5 & under, FREE. 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.

Sun., Oct. 8 Annual Blessing of the Fleet, St. Clement's Island. Mass at 3:00 PM. Transportation provided from St. Clement's Island Museum at Colton's Point. Info: 301-481-2801.

Fri., Oct 13 Fatima Centenary. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown. Mass, a consecration of St. Mary's County to Jesus through Mary, and a Eucharistic procession through Leonardtown square.

Wed., Oct. 18 Mass & Talk, hosted by Serra Club of Southern Maryland, St. George Church, 7:00 PM. [See notice below]

Fri., Oct. 20 Rhythm & Riches, the Archangel Scholarship Foundation, supporting St. Michael's School, Ridge, MD, at the Hollywood Fire Department. Music, games, cash prizes and more. Tickets and info www.rhythmandriches.com or by calling 240-587-7111.

Oct. 27-29 Men's Annual Retreat, Loyola on the Potomac, Faulkner, MD. [contact Dan: 301-994-1310]

Sun., Oct. 29 Men's Discernment Mass and Dinner, St. Peter's on Capitol Hill, 4:00-7:30 PM. RSVP required. Please visit www.dcpriest.org

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS ON ST. CLEMENTS ISLAND

All are welcome to join in a special celebration Catholic Mass on the site of Maryland's first colonial landing in 1634, the birthplace of religious freedom in America. This event will be held on **Sunday, October 8th with the Mass beginning at 3:00 PM.** This Mass will be celebrated by Reverend Anthony Lickteig, Pastor of Holy Angels Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Free boat rides to St. Clements Island and free admission into St. Clements Island Museum. Blessing of the Fleet Admission \$10.00 (12 and under: Free).

Community Forum #1
2nd Dist. Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad
Valley Lee, MD
Monday, October 16, 7:00 PM
 Please join us to discuss the 2nd & 9th District

Fatima Centenary

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on **Friday, October 13 at 7:00 PM** at St. Aloysius Church. The commemoration will include Mass, a consecration of St. Mary's County to Jesus through Mary, and a Eucharistic procession through Leonardtown square.

* THIS WEEK in FORMED.ORG

Angel in the Waters

Share the Wonder of Life with your Children

Invite your children to celebrate their own journey from conception to birth during pro-life month! These beautiful illustrations and wise words tell the story of a baby growing, exploring, and speaking with its guardian angel in its mother's womb. Watch it on formed.org.

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S READINGS

EZ 18: 25-28; PS 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14; PHIL 2: 1-11; MT 21: 28-32

Today's Gospel comes to us from Matthew, Chapter 21. As we hear the Word of the Lord in segments, which is the nature of our readings, it is sometimes good to know what may have occurred just prior to this moment. Chapter 21 opens with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the way to His Crucifixion. This particular Gospel is part of His response to the Pharisees who challenge Jesus' right and authority to teach.

The first two readings are tied to conversion. The Gospel might refer to the action required after that conversion. The First Reading is from the Old Testament Book of Ezekiel. As mentioned previously Ezekiel was a contemporary of Jeremiah. Both lived during the time of the fall of Jerusalem, and both were among those who were exiled to Babylon. One of Ezekiel's most common themes was that of the conversion of Israel.

Ezekiel's point was that conversion had to occur for Israel for the people to be saved and to fulfill their promise. That is true of all of us. We often say that conversion is an important part of becoming a good steward, but it is also an ongoing reality for us as Catholic and Christians. Ezekiel is speaking metaphorically about Israel in today's reading when he states, "But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life." Being a steward may not seem like a matter of life and death to us. However, it is the kind of life to which Christ calls us. The Lord, like Ezekiel, often talks about true life and what it means. It involves discipleship and being alert to God's call to us.

In his Letter to the Philippians, our Second Reading, St. Paul advises us, "Have in you the same attitude

that is also in Christ Jesus." Paul goes on, speaking of the Lord, "...he humbled himself." To really embrace humility and to truly put others ahead of ourselves certainly requires conversion on our part. If anyone understood conversion, it was Paul whose own conversion story and experience are well known.

Basically in this passage Paul is explaining to the Philippians how they need to live, and especially how they need to relate to one another. When Paul tells us, "...complete my joy, by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking of one thing," he is really speaking of something we may share called "fellowship." In ancient Greek the word for fellowship is *koinonia*. That means sharing things in common, and Paul wants us to appreciate that we share life with the Spirit of God. It is the Holy Spirit who guides and moves our lives in a powerful and precious way. To fully embrace this spirit also requires conversion of mind and heart for us.

Our Gospel Reading from Matthew is popularly called the Parable of the Two Sons. The basic story is of a man with two sons who told them to go work in the vineyard. The first son refused, but later obeyed and went. The second son initially expressed obedience, but actually disobeyed and refused to work in the vineyard. The son who ultimately did the will of his father was the first son because he eventually obeyed. The point of this parable is what matters is living for God, not lip service to that life. The religious leaders to whom Jesus was speaking were good at talking a righteous walk, but their stubbornly unrepentant hearts show that repentant sinners will enter the kingdom before them.

The father is God. The first son, who flatly refuses to work in the vineyard, represents the weak and foolish of this world. The second son, who promises to work yet never shows up, represents hypocrites, those who appear or profess one way but act another. The work the father asks them to do corresponds to living God's way of life. In the parable both sons hear and respond verbally to their father's command, one negatively, one positively. The one who promises to obey but never follows through is just as guilty as if he had refused from the first. Though his promise to work may make him look good on the surface, his father will never accept his act of disobedience.

We need to ask ourselves, "Where are we in our commitment to God, in our promise of discipleship?" The warning to us is not to be a son who promises to work, then neglects to keep his word. God has called us, and we have accepted that calling, promising we would work. Now we must perform what we have promised. This may require conversion, but it most certainly requires commitment and persistence.