

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun Oct 2 - Youth Faith Formation, **9:30AM**, CC
 - Children's Liturgy, **11:00 AM Mass**
 - Catechist Meeting, **12:00 PM**, CC
 - Youth Group Family Mass, followed by Pot Luck Dinner, **5:00PM**. All are welcome.
- Tue Oct 4 Adult Faith Enrichment, **7:00 PM**, CC
- Wed Oct 5 Cantor & Choir Practice, **6:30; 7 PM**
- Thu Oct 6 Apologetics Class, **6:30 PM**, CC
- Fri Oct 7 First Friday Mass/ Holy Hour, **9AM**
 Bible Study, **10:30AM**
- Sat Oct 8 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM**, Church
- Sun Oct 9 Parish Picnic, Cecil Park, **12:00 PM**

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tue Oct 4 9:00 am Joseph Trinh Van Luan
- Wed Oct 5 9:00 am William Grider
- Thu Oct 6 9:00 am Rosine Hodges
- Fri Oct 7 9:00 am Joe Hayden
- Sat Oct 8 5:00 pm Charles & Virginia Caprone
- Sun Oct 9 8:30 am James A. Lawrence (Lil' Jimmy)
- Sun Oct 9 11:00 am Lester & Gwinnette Wible

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Tue Oct 4 St. Francis of Assisi**
- Thu Oct 6 St. Bruno**
 Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
- Fri Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J.Blackwell, M.Goldsmith, C.Galli, D.Orwig
Meals-on-Wheels: V.Royston, W.&B. Walkder, G. Crawford
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.

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 honor of the 63rd Wedding Anniversary of **Howard and Kitten Britton**.

STEWARDSHIP - FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	9/25/2016	9/27/2015	
General Collection	\$4804.00	\$4904.00	-\$100.00
Identifiable Gifts	127	131	
Maintenance	\$5.00	\$50.00	-\$45.00
Poor Box	\$157.00	\$192.00	-\$35.00
Donations	690.00	\$580.00	+\$110.00

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

Stewardship Lesson from the Sunday's readings:

Our First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Habbakuk is once again from someone we consider to be a minor prophet. However, Habbakuk, like other divinely-inspired writers of the Bible, captures the essence of messages and prophecies that have universal applicability not only in his time, but to us today.

Habbakuk was writing more than 600 years before the birth of Christ that is more than 2,600 years before now. Yet he addresses a stewardship approach to life in ways that are significant to us today. Scholars generally agree that the overall theme of Habbakuk is trying to grow from a faith that might be termed perplexing and sometimes doubtful to a point where we place absolute trust in God.

In today's reading, Habbakuk deals with the situation of when someone believes in God, but when they look at the world around them, it does not seem to match what God wants. Isn't that true of today's world as we are inundated with tragic and horrible news almost on a daily basis?

Trust in God is the key for us to be good stewards, and it is at the crux of the power of faith. In his *Memoirs* Pope Benedict XVI said, "The more I reflect on it, the more I understand that the nature of human life is that it is ever Holy Saturday, not Easter Sunday. We are still awaiting Easter; we are not standing in full light, but walking toward it full of trust." That trust is the secret!



OUR PARISH NEWS

e-Giving with Faith Direct

Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is MD769.

Introducing: FORMED a gift from Father Paul

Please enjoy this FREE subscription to Formed.org where you can stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers!

Some of the programs included in your FORMED subscription are:

- Catholicism Series (Study with Bishop Robert Barron)
• Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained (RCIA and Faith Formation for the entire parish)
• YDicle (4 year Discipleship Group Youth Program)
• Opening the Word (Weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings)

And much more! See the flyer insert in this week's bulletin.

Monthly 5:00PM Mass on Sunday

St. George Youth Group is inviting all Youth & Family to Mass every 1st Sunday at 5:00PM. Mass is open to all the public, organized by our parish youth group.



Introducing ...

St. George Dinner Theater

Sunday, October 23, 6:00pm

Theme: A Night on Broadway

\$20/ticket

Tickets will be on sale after the Masses.

Advance purchases only - no tickets will be sold at the door!

[See Flyer insert in today's bulletin]



St. George Parish FALL Picnic at the Park

Sunday, October 9, after 11:00 AM Mass

Where: Cecil Park (next to the church)

Parish will provide main dish (meat, shrimps, etc.)

Families to bring: salads/sides/desserts

Please sign up at the end of Masses in the Vestibule

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 (For more info., contact Dennis Hackathorn 301-994-9673)

Father Sebastien de Rose KofC Council will be serving their famous pancakes breakfast this morning, Sunday, October 2 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM at the Community Center. Join us for food & fellowship.

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 (YFF)

Pre-K - Confirmation

9:30-10:45 AM, Community Center

Sun., Oct. 2 - Children's Liturgy, 11:00 AM, Church Catechist's Meeting, 12:00 PM, CC

Catechists and catechist's aid needed: if you are interested in teaching or assisting in Children Sunday's School, please contact Kim Browne for more information: Kim Browne (301) 994-0638.

Apologetics 101:

Thur, Oct. 6 - Topic: Why doesn't God make Himself more obvious? 6:30-7:30PM, Community Center.

Youth Group NEWS:

Family Masses coming the First Sunday of each month! beginning October 2, at 5:00pm,

Followed by a potluck dinner and Family Feud

(All parishioners are welcome to attend these Masses!)

We are going to start putting items on our bulletin board once again. If you would like to make a donation, please check the bulletin board in the vestibule and take a card.

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Little Flower School News

Mon., Oct. 3 - Winter dress begins.

Tue., Oct. 4 - School Mass, Holy Face Church (Feast of St. Francis) 10:15am

- Blessing of the Animals; 2pm

- Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm.

Wed., Oct. 5 - BINGO IS BACK! Doors open at 6pm;

Early bird special at 6:45pm. Cash prizes!

Food and drink for sale. Every Wednesday night!

Thur., Oct. 6 - Interim reports go home.

Fri., Oct. 7 - No School for students; Professional Day for faculty at St. Mary's Ryken High School
 EZ Money Raffle tickets are available for purchase after select masses or at the school office through December 1. Tickets are 3 for \$25 or \$10 each. The grand prize is \$2500, other cash prizes include \$500, \$250, and four \$150 bonus prizes. The drawing will take place on **December 15** during our Christmas Program. For more information, contact: LFSEZMoney@gmail.com.

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 SUNDAY READINGS

HAB 1:2-3; 2: 2-4; PS 95: 1-2, 6-9; 2 TM 1: 6-8, 13-14; LK 17: 5-10

The Gospel Reading for this 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time from St. Luke, chapter 17, opens with this line: "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith'." That is sort of a summation of all of today's readings. In fact, it might be an accurate statement of what many of our prayers entail: "Increase our faith." That is what we all most likely strive to achieve.

St. Thomas Aquinas may have described faith most accurately in his famous quote, "To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." It is this faith that is at the nucleus of all of our readings today.

Scholars and theologians have concluded that the theme of the entire Book of Habbakuk, the Old Testament prophet who gives us our First Reading, is to grow from a faith of doubt to a faith that is fulfilled by an absolute trust in God. Habbakuk points out that each of us may see our weaknesses and our inability to trust in God in ourselves; however, this is not truly a weakness. It keeps us humble, which is an important element of faith and stewardship, and it makes us value salvation even more.

For the prophet Habbakuk faith is quite clear and obvious. In today's reading he says, "Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time.....and will not

disappoint...The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live." Faith means life.

Our Second Reading is from one of St. Paul's letters to Timothy. It is believed that this letter may have been the last written by St. Paul, which has come to us through Holy Scripture. Paul was in prison and his death was imminent; yet, his advice to Timothy had everything to do with faith. From Paul's perspective Timothy was not bold enough in his faith; he did not practice it with the confidence Paul felt he should. Paul says in this reading, "Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us."

As is usually the case, that is advice to all of us. St. Paul's message to Timothy and to us is that faith is not intended to remove our difficulties; faith is there to see us through the difficult times. That is the beauty and joy of faith. However, as St. Paul indicates, it is only something we can grasp and hold with the help of the Lord, the "help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us."

Is it any surprise that the Apostles appeal to the Lord to "Increase our faith?" This man, the Son of God, whom they have given up everything to follow, keeps reminding them of what they must do be good followers, good stewards. He has told them that they have to be forgiving; He has made it clear that they are expected to love everyone, including their enemies. They are fully aware that without Him they cannot accomplish this. That is so true of us as well.

Jesus speaks of faith the size of a mustard seed. Most of us have become aware how minute a mustard seed is. The Lord's meaning is that even a little faith can be quite powerful. He says that faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. You need to be aware that the roots of a mulberry tree were known to be extraordinarily deep and strong. Many believed that mulberry trees survived for centuries and could not be uprooted or killed.

That is what Jesus is teaching in this Gospel Reading. We may have unforgiveness and bitterness deeply rooted within us. However, through faith, even a small amount, the Lord can rip those roots out of us. What is important about our faith is not how much there is, but what kind of faith it is. A small amount of faith can accomplish great things if that small amount of faith is placed in a great, mighty, and all-powerful God.



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There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up to the confidence and trust that our children place in us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with just a little faith. In family life we also learn about obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks that family members do for one another and for the household are simply the manifestations of our responsibilities to one another.

NEWS IN AND AROUND OUR AREAS

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. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Dan 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 reserve online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com. "Come away and rest awhile".

**St. Mary's Ryken 5K and Blaine Whorl Family
Fun Run
Saturday, October 22nd at 8:30 a.m.
St. Mary's Ryken High School**

Join SMR for a day of fitness & fun for the whole family as it hosts its 5K and Blaine Whorl Family Fun Run! The 3.1 mile course is USATF certified and registration is \$25 until Oct. 1, 2016 and \$30 after. SMR Staff/Faculty/Student discounts available. Kids 10 and under can register for a FREE 100 meter pumpkin dash. T-shirts will be included with early registrations. Music, refreshments, games and family fun will be a part of the day. Awards will be given for top qualifiers. Runners, walkers and sponsors can find all necessary information online at www.smrhs.org/5K. Don't miss out! Register today!!

Sun., Oct. 2 Natural Family Planning Introduction Class, Our Lady's Church, Medley's Neck, 2:00-4:30 PM, Info: Kelly and Wayne Van Ryswick, 301-475-6710. Learn respect for God's gift of fertility.

Oct. 2 - 10 24th International Week of Prayer and Fasting. Info: Email: info@iwopf.org.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Oct. 3 - 6 27th Annual East of the River Fall Revival, Mount Calvary Catholic Church 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD **7:00 pm.** Revivalist: Father Anthony Bozeman. Info: 202-439-3360

Tue., Oct 4 Client Advocate Training for CareNet Volunteers begins. Morning classes are offered at 9:30 to 12:30 in Calvert County and evening classes at 5:30-8:30 in St. Mary's County. The whole training takes approx. 18 hours and is split up into 6 sessions. For more info: 301-737-4604.

Sat., Oct. 8 FREEDOM IN CHRIST RETREAT DAY, 11AM-7PM, St. Mary's, Bryantown, MD. Presented by UNBOUND Maryland, it will blend talks/presentations on practical ways to increase Freedom in Christ. Mass at 6PM. Info: call Fr. Conley, 301-870-2220 or frconley@comcast.net

Sat., Oct. 8 St. Mary's County NAACP Freedom Fund Gala, 6:00 PM, Leonardtown Fire Dept. Social Hall. Reception/Seating **6PM**, Dinner **6:30PM**, Program **7:00pm**. Info Mrs. Ernestine Pence, 301-373-5909, Ms. Andrea Bowman, 301-481-2753,

Sun., Oct. 9 All You Can Eat Breakfast, 2nd Dist. VFD&RS, Drayden, MD, 8-11 AM. Excellent menu! The best in town!! Adult \$9; child 6-12 yrs \$5. 5 & under, free. 301-994-9999.

Sun., Oct. 9 5th Annual Oyster Scald, Camp Maria Retreat Center, Leonardtown. Noon-4:00 PM. Live Music, Vendors & Crafters, Variety of food choices. Raffle, Local wines, beers, etc. (held rain or shine!) Info: www.campmaria.org/ 301-475-8330.

Mon., Oct 10 St. Mary's Ryken Fall Open House, 8:30a.m. Join us for coffee with administrators, an admissions presentation, student-led campus tours and a Q & A session with SMR leadership. To RSVP, visit <http://www.smrhs.org/openhouse> or contact the Admissions Office at 301-373-4183.

Sat., Oct, 15 Prayer on the Square, (Leonardtown Square – across from Heavenly Presents Store.) This 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade joins with over 15,500 gatherings across America to pray for our country. Opening prayer: **11:45am**; Rosary: **12 Noon** . Info:301-475-9770

Sat., Oct. 22 St. Mary's Ryken 5K & Blaine Whorl Family Fun Run, 8:30am. Info online: www.smrhs.org/5K. Register today!!

Sat., Oct. 22 Rhythm & Riches Event to benefit St. Michael's School, at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Music, Raffle with cash prizes totaling \$20,000. \$50 per ticket - Only 2500 raffle tickets will be sold. Also available at the event: Cornhole tournament, games of chance, food & craft vendors, and beer & wine. For more info or to buy a ticket, visit the website - www.rhythmandriches.com or call 240-587-7111.

Sat., Nov. 5 Craft Fair (Fall & Christmas Items – crafters only fair), 2nd Dist. VFD&RS, 9am-2pm. Reserve a space: \$25. Call Darlene, 240-434-1095 after 4:00pm.