

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun Oct 22 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 AM**, CC
- Sun Oct 22 Scripture Study, **9:45 AM**, CC
- Wed Oct 25 Cantor/Choir Rehearsals, **6:30/7 PM**, C
- Fri Oct 27 Scripture Study, **10:00 AM**, CC
- Fri Oct 27 Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, C,
- Sun Oct 29 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 AM**, CC
- Sun Oct 29 Scripture Study, **9:45 AM**, CC
- Sun Oct 29 Rosary led by our K of C, **10:30am**, C
- Sun Oct 29 Sacrament of Confirmation, 11:00 AM,
Celebrant: Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, C

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tue Oct 24 9:00 am Joseph and Irene McIntyre
- Wed Oct 25 9:00 am Bob and Pam Thompson
- Thu Oct 26 9:00 am Dorothy Kelnberger
- Fri Oct 27 9:00 am Charles F. Norris
- Sat Oct 28 5:00 pm Fr. Robert Pittman (L)
- Sun Oct 29 8:30 am Raquel Wuco (L)
- 11:00 am Confirmandii (L)



Flowers on the altar this week are in thanksgiving offered by the Galli Family

Flowers for the altar openings: **Nov. 18/19.** Please call the church office if you wish to reserve a date. (301-994-0607). No "Flowers for the altar" during the Season of Advent.
Note: **All masses** during the month of **November** are for remembrance of the Faithful Departed.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Mon Oct 23 St. John of Capistrano
- Tue Oct 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret
- Sat Oct 28 **Sts. Simon and Jude**

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J.Blackwell; M.Goldsmith; C.Galli; C.Galli
Meals-on-wheels: N.Heisey; M.A.Springer, J.&J.Lenderman
Altar Preparation: M. Goldsmith



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 **Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner** and **Georgene Stearns Braun**, sister of parishioner Bill Stearns. *May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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.

	10/15/2017	10/16/2017	
Gnrl. Collection	\$3188.05	\$4505.95	-\$1085.9
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$912.00	\$680.00	
Identifiable Gifts	121	105	+16
Maintenance	\$70.00	\$90.00	-\$20.00
Poor Box	\$211.76	\$318.00	-106.24
Donations	\$290.00	\$645.00	-\$355.00

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

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

The last line of today's Gospel Reading from St. Matthew contains one of the more well known of Jesus' quotes. When asked a bit of a trick question by the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Jesus responds by asking them whose image is on their Roman coins, to which they respond simply "Caesar's."

Jesus' response to their reply is known to most of us, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The Lord's answer is far more perceptive than we might think, and it gives another message to us, one we must always remember. If we are followers of Christ, and if we work to be His disciple, the Lord might ask us, "Whose image is on your soul?" We have learned in the First Chapter of Genesis that God created us in His image.

The coin may be stamped with Caesar's image, but each of us is stamped with God's image. Thus, Jesus is implying that the coin may be Caesar's but each of us belongs to God. In that regard we should be striving to be all those things to which Jesus called us.

That is in effect what a stewardship way of life is — recognizing that God is in each of us, we are to place ourselves in service to God and to one another. That is what is really meant by "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

OUR PARISH NEWS

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

Thank you to our Knights, Fr. Sebastien DeRose council for coordinating our parish picnic, and ALL who came out to enjoy our parish family time together, with your special side dishes and desserts. A Great Time was had by all.



St. George Biennial Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday, November 25
Community Center**

Interested in donating a basket for the raffle? Please let us know the theme of your basket. Gift certificate donations for Mystery Raffle are also welcome. White Elephant (gently used items for resale) may also be donated – should be received by **11/19**. All craft donations must be at Church by **November 16**. Please call the parish office at (301) 994-0607 or email bazaar@stgeorgercc.org

STUFFED HAM Order for the Holidays

The parish will be selling Stuffed Ham at **\$10/pound** for your Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners again this year. Sign ups will begin this weekend, with a firm deadline of **November 12** for all orders.



Parish Pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine, and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC

Saturday, 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 and neighboring parishioners. Please call the Church office (301) 994-0607 to reserve your ticket. (only 50 tickets available for Bus and Lunch). Bus pick-up and drop-off at St. George Church parking lot. Lunch provided.

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).

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Honoring their lives of service



The Second Collection for November 4-5, 2017 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please use the second collection envelopes that have been mailed to your homes and/or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews. Thank you in advance for supporting our priests as a gratitude for their many years of service to the Church of Washington

OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION

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

**Confirmation Mass 11:00AM Sunday 10/29/2017
All invited to attend.
Reception immediately followed after Mass,
in the Community Center.**

**BIBLE STUDY in Community Center
every FRIDAY 10:00am - 11:30am
The Bible & the Virgin Mary
Journey through Scripture**

**SUNDAY 10/22: 9:45am - 10:45am
Topic: Handmaid of the Lord**
Reflection on the story of the Annunciation in the Gospel of Luke. We're also going to learn about an important tool for Scripture study called 'typology.'

BOX OF JOY PROGRAM

Sponsored by YFF 8th Grade Class

Through Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy program, you can ensure children are not deprived of Christmas blessings this year. By packing a Christmas gift box and sponsoring the cost of its shipment, you can deliver a Box of Joy to a child in Guatemala or Haiti who would otherwise receive nothing. Pick up your Box of Joy in the vestibule and return by November 4.



YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Group meets Sundays, 5:00pm
Community Center
Mr. Adam Dean, Youth Ministry Coordinator**

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (LFS)

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

EZ MONEY RAFFLE

Grand Prize \$2,500 followed by prizes of \$500; \$250 and four bonus prizes of \$125 each
Drawing: December 15, 2017 at 8:00 PM
\$3 tickets \$25 or \$10 ticket.

Mail payment to: Karen Rowland, EZ Money Raffle,
 P. O. Box 465, Great Mills, MD 20634

Bingo every Wednesday, doors open at **5:30 pm**; early bird special starts at **6:45pm**. Cash prizes! Food and drink are also 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 (@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) 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

"THROUGH OUR PRACTICE OF CHARITY AND FRATERNITY, WE ARE CALLED TO BRING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL TO OTHERS"

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

"WE ARE CALLED TO LOOK BEYOND OUR OWN IMMEDIATE CONCERNS AND TO REACH OUT TO THOSE MOST IN NEED"

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO ST. GEORGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

NEWS IN OUR AREA & AROUND

Thu., Oct. 26 Theology Over Dinner, Camp Maria Retreat Center, Leonardtown. Dinner, 6:00 PM; Talk, 7:00 PM. Guest Speaker: Fr. John Nguyen, Pastor Our Lady's Church at Medley's Neck. Topic: "Practical Ways to Keep Our Family Strong and Healthy". Invite a friend! All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, or a suggestion for a speaker

or topic, please contact Doug Powell at theologyod@gmail.com. Or check us out on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/563805007089061/>

Oct. 27-29 Men's Annual Retreat, Loyola on the Potomac, Faulkner, MD. To reserve your space contact Dan Ichniowski at djichniowski@yahoo.com or (301)-994-1310 or register on-line at www.loyolaontheptomac.com.

Sat., Oct. 28 Spaghetti Dinner, 2nd Dist VFD&RS, Drayden Road, Valley Lee, 5pm-7pm. Adults \$10; Child 6-12, \$5; 5 & under, free. Info: 301-994-9999.

Sun., Oct. 29 Men's Discernment Mass and Dinner, St. Peter's on Capitol Hill, 4:00-7:30 PM. For college-aged through 40's. RSVP required. Please visit www.dcpriest.org

Nov. 3-Nov. 5 Quo Vadis "Come and See" Retreat Please visit www.DCpriest.org and select "Events" to register. Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org with any questions.

Sat., Nov. 4 Craft Fair, 2nd Dist VFD&RS, Drayden Road, Valley Lee, 9am-2pm. Reserved space, \$25. For more information / reserve a space (preferred by 29th of Oct.) call Darlene at 240-434-1095 after 4:00 p.m. – Attend and enjoy a stuffed ham sandwich and find that different Christmas gift.

Quo Vadis "Come and See" Retreat

Young men in Grades 11 and 12 who are considering options for college are invited to Saint John Paul II Seminary from **Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5** to experience seminary life firsthand. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. High school juniors and seniors, consider attending this great weekend event! Please visit www.DCpriest.org and select "Events" to register. Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org with any questions.

* Login to FORMED.ORG to see what's new.

Celebrate the Feast of Saint John Paul II

In honor of this beloved saint's feast day on October 22nd, follow his journey from his youth in Poland through the late days of his papacy as he touched millions, changing the face of the Church and the world, and defending the dignity of mankind. WATCH NOW on formed.org (Download FORMED app on your mobile device and watch for Free...use our parish code to login)

Watch **Finding Fatima**, a movie that unveils the 1917 Marian apparitions in Fatima. Now on FORMED.org

Help us keep our parish records up to date. If you are new to the parish or have recently changed your contact info., please use the on-line census to update by going to our website (www.StGeorgeRCC.org) and following the links.

REFLECTION ON THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

IS 35: 1, 4-6; PS 96: 1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 THES 1: 1-5B; MT 22: 15-21

From the moment that Isaiah reminds us in the First Reading that God says, "I have called you by your name... though you knew me not," until Jesus closes the Gospel with "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," we are reminded how much a part of our lives the Lord is, or should be. All the readings on this Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time point to this important relationship to God.

God speaks through Isaiah and the other prophets. When we hear the word "prophecy," we tend to think of a prediction, and indication of what is to come. However, the prophets did more than foretell events in the future. They also served as interpreters for God; thus, they did a combination of preaching as well as foretelling. In this particular passage of Holy Scripture God is indeed speaking through Isaiah to the people, to us. Therefore, when God says to us "I have called you by name," it does foretell the idea that the Lord knew us in the womb, by name. And, of course, we are called.

At another point in the Book of Isaiah, God says, "I have called you by name; you are mine." We might say that we are each marked by God, each identified, and with that identification and relationship come expectations. Twice God declares in this reading, "I am the Lord and there is no other." That is something on which we need to reflect and which we need to take to heart. God needs to be at the center of our lives.

Our Second Reading comes from the opening of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Paul had personally founded the Church in Thessalonica on his second missionary journey. Although he was only there a short period of time the Church there continued to thrive and be active. His love and concern for this particular Church prompted this letter. You will also note that Paul opens his letter including greetings from Silvanus and Timothy. Each of those men was a long-time companions of Paul on his various missionary journeys. Silvanus had accompanied Paul to Thessalonica on his second missionary journey, and is also cited as having been with him on other journeys. Like Paul, he was imprisoned there, which was one of the reasons for Paul's abbreviated stay.

Later in this letter Paul points out that his other close cohort Timothy had been sent there by him earlier. The point of this is that Paul did not work alone. Paul firmly believed in working as a team, which this greeting reinforces. Scholars believe that this may have been

the first of Paul's many letters, and it was inspired when Paul was in Corinth and Silvanus and Timothy brought him news of how the Church in Thessalonica was strong and thriving. Paul always understood that any success he might have or have had was the result of God and his relationship with the Lord. There is also another significant comment by Paul in this Second Reading. When speaking of his prayers of gratitude, Paul says simply "...your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ." Even though he cites these three many other times in his writing, this is the first time that Paul clearly identifies "faith, hope, and love."

It always seems that it is the Gospel that captures perfectly the essence of the message. Today's Gospel from St. Matthew falls directly after the Gospel of last week. We are told that the Pharisees were plotting ways to entrap Jesus. The results of their plans brought the question they ask: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" As is the case with many of their planned questions to the Lord, Jesus found Himself in a dilemma relating to the answer. If He said the taxes should be paid, He would be saying something that would upset the Israeli people; if He said, they should not be paid, He would be at odds with Caesar and the government.

The Lord's answer, "...repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," was of course perfect. Jesus would seem to affirm that the government makes legitimate requests to us. In a sense we are responsible to God in all things, but at the same time we must be have some obedience to our government in matters civil and national. At one point in First Peter, St. Peter says, "Fear God; honor the King." As Catholics and Christians we have more or less a dual citizenship. We are citizens of the country in which we live, and are obliged to support public services. At the same time, we are also citizens of the Kingdom of God. Jesus makes it clear that we can be citizens of His Kingdom as well as the civil rule under which we live.

