

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun Oct 23 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30AM**, CC
Coffee, donuts, & Faith Talk, **9:45AM**
Commissioning of Ministers, **11 AM**
Youth Choir Rehearsal, **12 PM**, C
St. George Dinner Theater, **6PM**, CC
- Tue Oct 25 Adult Faith Enrichment, **7:00 PM**, CC
- Wed Oct 26 Cantor & Choir Practice, **6:30; 7 PM**
- Thu Oct 27 Apologetics Class, **6:30 PM**, CC
- Fri Oct 28 Bible Study, **10:00 AM**
- Sat Oct 29 Rosary Devotion, **4:30 PM**, Church
- Sun Oct 30 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30AM**, CC
Faith Series (all welcome!) , **9:45AM,CC**
KofC led Rosary, **10:30 AM**, Church
Children's Liturgy (All Saints) **11AM**
Festival of Saints –Family event, **12PM**
Youth Group Meeting, **5:00 PM**, CC
- Tue Nov 1 Holy Day Masses for Feast of All
Saints: **9 AM & 7 PM**

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 **Agnes Barnes**. *May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

STEWARDSHIP - FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	10/16/2016	10/18/2016	
General Collection	\$4505.95	\$4391.00	+\$114.95
Identifiable Gifts	105	119	
Maintenance	\$90.00	\$105.00	-\$15.00
Poor Box	\$318.00	\$188.56	+\$129.44
Donations	\$645.00	\$415.00	+\$230.00
E-Giving	\$440.00	(10 donors)	

Thank you for your faithful parish support.

Stewardship Lesson from the Sunday's readings:

The First Reading today comes to us from the Book of Sirach, which was once known as the Wisdom of Sirach. As is the norm with Sirach, he gets right to the point in the first verse of the reading: "The Lord God is a God of justice who knows no favorites."

We are all familiar with the idea of favorites: we may have a favorite color, or a favorite food, or a favorite flower. However, it is comforting to know that God has no favorites. We are all His children. This fact is reinforced over and over in the Bible.

Consider the following: "For there is no favoritism with God." (Romans 2:11); "For the Lord your God is the God of gods...who favors no person and accepts no bribe." (Deuteronomy 10:17); St Peter opened a sermon with these words: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." (Acts 10:34). We may sense that God does not have favorites, that He loves us all equally, that we all can be saved, but we also need to note that God cannot be bribed or bought.

What God expects of us is for us to be disciples, to be good stewards, to live righteous lives. If we sincerely do that, if we pursue holiness as we are called to do, then

MASS INTENTIONS

- Tue Oct 25 9:00 am Catherine Thompson
- Wed Oct 26 9:00 am Rex Wood
- Thu Oct 27 9:00 am Linda Dean (L)
- Fri Oct 28 9:00 am John & Rosine Hodges
- Sat Oct 29 5:00 pm Parishioners
- Sun Oct 30 8:30 am Anthony Sacco
- Sun Oct 30 11:00am Wallace & Genevieve
Berry & Joyce Herbert

Note: All masses during the month of November will be celebrated for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. You may remember your deceased loved ones by using the envelopes in your monthly packet or envelopes in the vestibule of the church. All remembrances will be placed on the altar for the entire month.

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Mon Oct 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret
- Fri Oct 28 **Sts. Simon and Jude**

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Daily Lector:** J.Blackwell, T.Buckler, C. Galli, Volunteer
- Meals-on-Wheels:** B. Adams, W.&B. Walker, M.A. Rymer and N.J. Jubeck
- Altar Preparation:** P. Browne

Flowers on the altar this week are for the Special Intentions of the **Robertson Family**, gift of Anne Robertson.

truly as the Lord tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." God is good — to all of us.

OUR PARISH NEWS



St. George Dinner Theater
Sunday, October 23, 6:00pm
Theme: A Night on Broadway
 \$20/ticket



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



WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. While some go on to serve in other countries to develop the Church and serve its people, all of us are called to pray and support the Missions from right here where we live. Please continue to pray for the World Missions.

Hurricane Matthew Relief

All donations made to our parish "Poor Box" this week will be given to the Disaster Relief Fund for **Haiti**, other parts of the **Caribbean, Florida**, and the **mid-Atlantic coast**. Thank you for your generosity. Please keep the people affected by this recent tragedy in your prayers.

WINTER COAT DRIVE NEXT WEEK:

Please bring your used winter coats for the St. George Coat Drive to be held this coming weekend of 29-30 October. Also needed are hats & gloves.

(POC Dennis Hackathorn 301-994-9673)



Elections

On November 8, Maryland residents will head to the polls for the general election. To help you learn more about those who are seeking your vote, the Maryland Catholic Conference surveyed candidates for the U.S. Congress about their positions on issues of interest to Catholics. To view the responses of the candidates in your legislative district, and to find resources on the Presidential Election, and faithful citizenship, please visit <http://adw.org/faithfulcitizenship>. In addition, look to the Catholic Standard and El Pregonero for a full listing of all survey results. **See inserted pamphlet for more info.**

OUR FAITH FORMATION

Youth Faith Formation at St. George (YFF)

Pre-K — Confirmation

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:45 AM Community Center

Sun., Oct. 30 Children's Liturgy, 11:00 AM (*Students may dress as saints*)

Sun., Oct. 30 **Festival of the Saints, 12:00 PM** in the **Community Center** — Carnival style event; open to all parish families. Seventh and eighth grade students prepare games for saints of their choice. Families play to identify each saint.

Our Youth Group meets every Sunday, 5:00 PM

Please see the items listed on the Youth Group bulletin board. If you would like to make a donation, please take a card. Thank you for helping with things needed at our meetings.

Adult Faith Formation during children's Sunday School

Beginning **October 30, 9:30 AM** in the **Community Center**. **"Journey around the World and Deep into the Catholic Faith"** with Bishop Robert Barron's **Catholicism Series**. This program will take place on the **second and third Sundays** each month. **All parishioners are invited!**

Apologetics 101:

Thur, Oct. 20 — Topic: "Which Separation of Church and State?" 6:30-7:30PM, Community Center.

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Little Flower School News

Tue, Oct. 25 - School Mass in Holy Face Church **10:15am**
 - 3rd Grade Bake Sale, **11:20-12:10pm**

Wed, Oct. 26 -Learn 2 Earn fundraiser starts **BINGO IS BACK!** Doors open at **6pm**; Early bird special at **6:45pm**. Cash prizes! Food and rink for sale.
Every Wednesday night!

Fri, Oct. 28 - First Grade Parent/Student Mass; **8am**
 4th Gr. Parent/Student Lunch;**11:45am**
 End of 1st Quarter; Halloween Family
 Bingo/Trunk or Treat at LFS! **5-8pm**

EZ Money Raffle tickets are available for purchase after select masses or at the school office though December 1. Tickets are 3 for \$25 or \$10 each.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091

Grand Knight: Dan Bogan

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Events for Saturday and Sunday Oct. 22/23

- Father Sebastien de Rose Knights of Columbus Council is conducting a membership recruiting drive. Information will be presented at each of the Masses and Knights will be present in the vestibule afterwards to answer questions and take new applications.
 - Are you already a Knight enrolled at another council? Please consider transferring your membership to Father Sebastien de Rose Council **13091** to more directly assist Saint George Church parish community.
- Tootsie Roll Fund Drive will be held at the NAS Patuxent River commissary 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The annual fund drive provides assistance to persons with intellectual disabilities. Proceeds from contributions will be donated to two local charities; St Mary's County Special Olympics and Southern Maryland Community Resources, Inc.
- Complimentary coffee and donuts will be provided during the monthly Social & Faith Talk in the Community Center after the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Families (FOM) and Knights (KOM) of the month:

July FOM = The Wilcox Family

July KOM = Bill Stearns

Aug FOM = The Warren Family

Aug KOM = Wayne Blackwell

Sep FOM = The Nguyen Family

Sep KOM = Roland Demers

Oct FOM = The Pugay Family

Oct KOM = Tony Newman and Thomas Saxon

KoC Fun Facts:

- Charity is our Order's first principle. In 2015, the Knights set a new all-time record for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and 73.5 million hours of service.
- President John F. Kennedy joined the Knights of Columbus after returning from naval service in World War II and was active for nearly 20 years up until his assassination in November 1963.

NEWS IN AND AROUND OUR AREAS

Sun., Oct. 23 Annual Fall Dinner, Sacred Heart Hall, Bushwood, MD, Noon-'til?? Fried Oysters, Stuffed Ham, Turkey w/Stuffing & Gravy, Sweet and Parsley Potatoes, etc. All You Can Eat, served buffet style. \$25; \$6; Drive-thru carry outs \$25. Info: 301-769-3100.

Oct. 28-30 Southern Maryland Men's Annual Retreat, Loyola on the Potomac, Faulkner, MD. Retreat theme: "Entering into the Father's Joy". Give a weekend to God-"Come Away and Rest Awhile".

Sat., Oct 29 Free Financial Workshop, offered by Catholic Charities, 9am-2pm, Gonzaga College High School, 19 Eye Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. This will help parishioners struggling financially to learn new steps to increase income, build assets, conquer debt and avoid financial scams. This workshop is also excellent training for parish volunteer leaders who are assisting families with financial needs. Michelle Singletary, syndicated columnist for the Washington Post, will be the keynote speaker. Free Transportation. Register at: www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/fw16

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.

Sat., Nov. 5 Annual Pat Suit Memorial 5K, St. John's Catholic School, Hollywood, MD, 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). Numerous awards and door prizes. Visit www.sjshollywood.com for more information.

Sun., Nov. 6 Jerusalem's Magnificat Institute in Concert, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC, 4 PM Students from the acclaimed Magnificat Institute in Jerusalem will perform this free concert. A Franciscan school, the Magnificat is a place of dialogue and education in peaceful coexistence, with 250 Christian, Jewish and Muslim students, drawn together by a love of music. Selections will be wide-ranging, including Mozart, Schubert and songs from the Holy Land. Free-will offering. Free parking. Information: myfranciscan.org or 202-526-6800 x895.

WHITE RIBBON AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY WEEK**October 30 – November 5, 2016 (WRAP)**

Pornography is on the rise, not only because it is easier to access, but because of the lack of awareness about the negative and harmful effects associated with this addictive material. Is your family protected against the devastating effects of pornography? The archdiocesan Office for Family Life provides anti-pornography resources on its website www.visiblesign.org. Please see the flyer on the parish bulletin board in the vestibule.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S WORD OF GOD

SIR: 35: 12-14, 16-18; PS 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 TM 4: 6-8, 16-18; LK 18: 9-14

One of the most repeated, quoted, and well known lines from Holy Scripture appears in today's Second Reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. Paul writes, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Paul had the ability to put things in terms that all can understand, and that is certainly one of those brief statements that falls into that category. In addition to that message in today's readings, it is made clear to us in the First Reading and the Gospel that God loves us all always. Keeping the faith under those circumstances should be easier for us.

The First Reading is derived from the Book of Sirach in the Old Testament. This book has gone through various names through the centuries, one of the longer and more endearing being the Book of the All-Virtuous Wisdom of Joshua ben Sira. Scholars estimate that it was written about 200 years before the birth of Christ. It is interesting in that it was written in Hebrew originally, but then was translated into Greek by the author's grandson. Portions of that Hebrew version were found among the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The proposition in today's reading can basically be found in the opening sentence that declares, "The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites." This will be echoed in the Gospel Reading for today also. This reading continues to point out that "The one who serves God willingly is heard." Obviously, the key for us is to serve God. That is what it means to be a disciple. That is what it means to strive for holiness as a good steward of the gifts we have received.

St. Paul understood as much as anyone that he had been gifted and blessed by God. This Second Letter to Timothy is believed to be the final letter Paul wrote. That is why he is looking at the inevitability of his nearing martyrdom, and perhaps philosophizing about his life. In part he is telling Timothy that he (Paul) may soon be gone, and telling him he (Timothy) must carry on. Paul is saying the same thing to us through Holy Scripture. Paul says, "The crown of righteousness awaits me." In Greek there

are two words for "crown"—one referring to a royal crown and the other to a crown of victory. In this instance Paul uses the Greek *stephanos* that means the crown of victory.

Paul concurs with Sirach from the First Reading that this crown is available to all; that God will award it to anyone who remains faithful and lives out their life as a true disciple of the Lord. Paul has been criticized by some as speaking too much about rewards, but that is the result of a righteous life. We will be rewarded, and we must never lose sight of that fact as we sacrifice and share and live our lives as best we can.

We have been hearing a succession of parables proclaimed in the Gospel from Luke over the past few weeks. The popular title of this week's parable is the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. We all understand what a tax collector is, but a Pharisee is more difficult to define, even though Jesus makes reference to them often. The Pharisees were more religious than political; however, they tended to be represented by comfortable middle class men. Their weakness was reducing relationships with God to being more ritualistic than real. It is as if in this Gospel Reading, Jesus might be saying what we have heard in the first two readings: God views all equally, but it is important to be genuine and honest and righteous in our relationship with the Lord and our dealings with others.

Jesus reiterates that God can see us all exactly the way we are. Whether we are wealthy or poor, learned or not, God looks into our hearts. That is why Jesus reminds us "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility, the understanding that God and those around us are more important than we are, is a key aspect of stewardship.

