

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sun Nov 6 KofC Pancake Breakfast, **9-10:30am**, CC  
 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 AM**, CC  
 Altar Server Workshop, **3-5 PM**, C  
 Youth Group, **5:00 PM**, CC  
 Youth Group Family Mass, followed  
 by Pot Luck Dinner, **5:00PM**  
 (Mass open to all parishioners.)
- Wed Nov 9 Cantor/Choir Rehearsal; **6:30/7:00PM**, C
- Thu Nov 10 Apologetics Class, **6:30 PM**, CC
- Fri Nov 11 Comm. Center Interior Painting, **9:30 AM**
- Sat Nov 12 Community Center Interior Painting, **8 AM**
- Sun Nov 13 Youth Faith Formation, **9:30 AM**, CC  
 Fr. Barron's *Catholicism* Series, **9:30AM**  
 Youth Group, **5:00 PM**, CC  
 Altar Server Workshop, **3:00-5:00 PM**, C

**MASS INTENTIONS**



- Tue** Nov 8 9:00 am All Souls
- Wed** Nov. 9 9:00 am All Souls
- Thu** Nov 10 9:00 am All Souls
- Fri** Nov 11 9:00 am All Souls
- Sat** Nov 12 5:00 pm All Souls
- Sun** Nov 13 8:30 am All Souls  
 11:00 am All Souls



**Note:**  
*All masses during the month of November will be celebrated for the Souls of All 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**

- Wed Nov 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
- Thu Nov 10 St. Leo the Great**
- Fri Nov 11 St. Martin of Tours**

**WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

- Daily Lector:** J.Blackwell; M.Goldsmith; C. Galli, Volunteer
- Meals-on-Wheels:** P. Keen, W.&B. Walker, G.Crawford
- Altar Preparation:** L. Dean



**Flowers on the altar this week** are in memory of **Steve Beggs**, gift of his wife Maribel and family.

**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**

	10/30/2016 *5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11/1/2015 *1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	
<b>General Collection</b>	\$4063.64	\$4708.60	-\$645.34
Identifiable Gifts	104	117	
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$220.00	\$1301.00	-\$1081.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$269.19	\$375.86	-\$106.67
<b>Donations</b>	\$165.00	\$915.00	-\$750.00
<b>E-Giving</b>	\$782.00	(17 donors)	

*Thank you for your faithful parish support.*

**Stewardship Lesson from the Sunday's readings:**

The last verse of today's Gospel Reading from St. Luke declares, "...and he is not God of the dead, but of the living." This concept of the "living God" is used by the Lord to emphasize the power and assurance of the Resurrection. This explanation provided by Jesus to the Sadducees appears in all three synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The term "living God" occurs several times in Holy Scripture.

In Psalm 84, for example, the psalmist sings "My heart and flesh cry out for the living God," and later in that same psalm we hear, "O lord of hosts bless the man who trusts in you." How often do we see the phrase "In God we trust?" — more often than we probably take note. Yet that is the exact message of Jesus to us in this Gospel.

Another phrase which may ring familiarly to us is, "Our hope is in the Lord." Trust and the hope which results from that trust are at the heart of lives of stewardship. It is the "living God," His covenant with us and His promise to us of everlasting life which allows us to trust Him and to have that hope which strengthens that trust.

Having hope in the Lord is what can give our lives meaning. At a World Youth Day in 200,2 St. Pope John Paul II opened his message to the young people gathered by saying, "Trust Christ because Christ trusts you." Our trust in the Lord provides us hope. His trust in us fortifies us to be good stewards.

**OUR PARISH NEWS**

**Annual Collection for Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington — November 5/6**

Our archdiocesan priests have been there for you and your families, and the number of retired priests in the archdiocese has increased significantly in the last ten years. Please be there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service. Some parishioners may have received envelopes mailed directly to them for the Retired Priests Collection during tis weekend of November 5-6. Special envelopes will also be provided in the pews this weekend. To view a video and donate online, you may visit [www.adw.org/annual-retired-priests-collection](http://www.adw.org/annual-retired-priests-collection). Thank you for your generosity!

**Community Center Interior Painting**

Anyone who is able to help with this project is invited to come **Fri., Nov. 11, 9:30am** and/or **Sat., Nov. 12, 8:00 am**. Contact information: Kim Browne, 301-994-0638 or [kim.browne@stgeorgegcc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgegcc.org)

**Stuffed Ham for Thanksgiving and Christmas**

**Order Deadline (FIRM): Nov. 13 for both times**

Whole ham \$140; half \$75; Per Pound \$10

Thanksgiving Pick Up Date: **Tues., Nov. 22,**

10:30am-12:30pm

Christmas Pick Up Date: TBA

Leave phone number with order to be called.

***(order taken at end of all Masses in the Vestibule)***

**Save the Date . . .**

**Sunday, December 11, 11:00 AM.**

**Anointing of the Sick (Healing Mass)**

(Special reserved seating for those who are not mobile)

**OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

**Youth Faith Formation at St. George (YFF)**

Pre-K — Confirmation

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

***"Journey around the World and Deep into the Catholic Faith"*** with Father Barron's Catholicism Series. This program will take place on the **second** and **third Sundays** each month in the **Community Center, 9:30-10:30 AM**. All are welcome!

**Catholic Outreach Box of Joy** for a needy child!

Send a Christmas blessing that says "God loves you and so do I!"

All boxes are due by **Sunday, November 13**. If you did not have a chance to obtain a box, and would still like to participate, you may fill a shoe box or plastic box with lid of similar size. Information is available online at [crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy](http://crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy). Note: Please enclose a \$9 donation for shipping [as noted with the shipping label].

**Additional message from Catholic Outreach:** Extra loose items are needed for kids in the hurricane-affected area of Haiti. Especially needed are flashlights, bar soap, extra school supplies, socks and underwear, t-shirts and flip-flops.

**Apologetics 101:**

**Thur, Oct. 20 — Topic: "Jesus of Nazareth, Lord, Liar, Lunatic, or Legend?" 6:30-7:30PM, Community Center.**

**OUR YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**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.

**Sun., Nov. 6, Monthly Family Mass, 5:00 PM in Church, followed by Pot Luck Dinner and Family Fun in Community Center**

**OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Little Flower School News**

Nov. 6 –Nov. 10 - Scholastic Book Fair at LFS!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are also happening this week.

Tue., Nov. 8 - School Mass, Holy Face Ch., **10:15am**

Advisory Board meeting, 6pm

Wed., Nov. 9 - **BINGO IS BACK!** Doors open at **6pm**;

Early bird special at **6:45pm**. Cash prizes! Food and drink for sale. Every Wednesday night!

Thur., Nov. 10 - Veterans Tribute in LFS gym; **10am**

All are welcome!

Dismissal today: **12:45pm**

Fri., Nov. 11 - No School; Veterans' Day

Report cards go home today!

**Learn 2 Earn** - Little Flower students are reading to raise money for our school! Want to support their efforts? Go here: [https://api.whooosreading.org/school\\_orgs/kathryn-sealey?open\\_public\\_donation](https://api.whooosreading.org/school_orgs/kathryn-sealey?open_public_donation)

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!

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](mailto:LFSEZMoney@gmail.com).

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](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

**Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091**

**Grand Knight: Dan Bogan**  
[dan.bogan@gmail.com](mailto:dan.bogan@gmail.com)

**Sun, Nov.6 Pancake Breakfast, 9am-10:30am, C.Ctr.**

#### **Save the Date: Pro-Life Marches**

National March for Life: **Friday, January 27, 2017.**  
National Mall, Washington, DC.

Maryland March for Life: **Monday, March 13, 2017.** St. Mary's Church, Annapolis, MD.

The Knights will assist parishioners with transportation to and from these events. Details to follow.



#### **Coat Drive Thank You!**

St. George parishioners donated a total of 156 coats & jackets last weekend plus many scarves, hats & gloves to help the needy of our community. Our Coat Drive was a great success. **THANK YOU!** If you forgot to bring your coats to donate last weekend, please bring them this weekend and put them in the gray bins.

#### **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>. of all survey results.

#### **NATIONAL NOVENA PRAYER (OCT. 30 — NOV. 7)**

*Prayer to Mary, the Immaculate Conception,  
Patroness of the United States*

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

### NEWS IN AND AROUND OUR AREAS

**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](http://myfranciscan.org) or 202-526-6800 x895.

**Nov. 11,12,13** Bishop McNamara High School Fine Arts Department Presents Fall Musical **Man of La Mancha.** Tickets \$10. Info:301-735-8401 ext. 136

**Sat., Nov. 12 Child Protecting Training Class,** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park, **10am-1pm.** RSVP and sign up through your VIRTUS account <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>.

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Seating is limited Register soon.

**Sun., Nov. 13 All You Can Eat Buffet Breakfast, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist VFD&RS, Drayden Road, Valley Lee. 8-11am.** Adults \$9; Child 6-12yrs \$5; 5 & under free. Excellent Menu, including BACON!

**Sun., Nov. 13 St. Joseph's, Morganza, MD Annual Fall Dinner,** held at Mother Catherine Academy, Helen, MD, **12 Noon-5:00 PM.** Buffet style menu: fried oysters, country ham, roast turkey with all the trimmings .Adult \$25; child 6-12 yrs. \$8, under 6, free; Drive-thru carry outs \$25. All major credit cards accepted. Info: 301-475-3293.

**Tues., Nov. 15 Men's Evening of Recollection, Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico, MD, 7:00 PM.** Meditation by Fr. Charles Gallagher.

**Sat., Nov. 19 Olde Fashioned Christmas Bazaar, St. Francis Xavier Church, Compton, MD, 10am-3pm.** Cafe style luncheon, bake sale, and many craft vendors. **Newtowne Manor Open House** will be decorated for Christmas and open for tours. All are welcome.

**Tue., Nov. 22 Women's Evening of Recollection, Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico, MD, 7:00 PM.** Meditation by Fr. Charles Gallagher.

**Sat., Dec. 3 Winter Dinner & Dance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. VFDRS, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee.** Doors open 5 PM, Dinner 5:30 {M; Dancing 7 PM. Catering by "Rita B" Info: Heather Bean, [Fundraising@SDVFDRS.org](mailto:Fundraising@SDVFDRS.org) or 240-925-4822.

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### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

**2 MC 7: 1-2, 9-14; PS 17: 1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 THES 2: 16- 3: 5; LK 20: 27-38**

Resurrection is at the core of today's readings. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#647) states, "... Although the Resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the apostles' encounters with the risen Christ, still it remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history." It is something to which we attest in every creed. For example, the Nicene Creed includes this statement: "We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead and life in the age to come."

The Resurrection is reinforced by Jesus Himself as well as throughout Holy Scripture. Today's First Reading comes to us from the 2nd Book of Maccabees. It tells the story of a mother and her sons who died for their faith. It is the first story of martyrdom for the faith in the Bible. History tells us that some 100 years before the birth of Christ the Seleucid King Antiochus IV outlawed temple worship, the observance of holy days, and the keeping of the *Torah*. That is the setting for this particular story.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seven brothers and their mother are called before the king because they have violated his orders relating to worship and practice of the faith. He asks that they do something that is against their practice of faith. The first son declares at the point of death, "...you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world (Jesus Christ) will raise us up again to live forever." The king then proceeds to martyr the rest of the brothers and finally their mother. When the 4th brother is martyred he first declares, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him." It is this hope that gives us the strength to be Christ's disciples. We are not asked to necessarily die for our faith, but we are asked to be committed to the faith so that we have the courage to live lives of stewardship.

This hope is the same as that to which St. Paul refers in the Second Reading from his 2nd Letter to the Thessalonians. Paul opens this particular reading by writing, "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."

We are all familiar with the importance of faith, hope, and love. Paul wants the Thessalonians, as well as those of us to whom the Holy Word is also addressed, to recognize how closely faith and hope are associated. In two simple phrases he emphasizes this: "for not all have faith...But the Lord is faithful." It is the Lord who provides us with hope; it is His promises on which our faith is based. It is those same promises that assure us that discipleship and stewardship should be our goals.

The Sadducees, who are at the center our Gospel Reading from St. Luke, are mentioned often in the Bible. They are different from the Pharisees; however, both groups continuously made attempts to discredit Jesus. As an affluent political group, the Sadducees had specific roles and beliefs. One of their beliefs was that the soul is not immortal; they believe there is no afterlife, thus the question posed to Jesus about seven brothers (interestingly the same number as in the First Reading from Maccabees), their responsibility due in relation to a widow married to one of the brothers, and the complexity of heaven if there indeed was one. In the society at that time if a husband died childless, it was the duty of his brother (or in this case each brother in succession) to marry and be responsible for the widow.

Jesus immediately recognizes the challenge of the question in relation to Resurrection; in spite of this, the Lord chooses to change the focus and make it clear that we are in error if we think heaven is like life on earth. Often in scripture we hear that heaven and the promise of heaven is beyond our ability to comprehend. That does not lessen the promise nor reduce our hope. Jesus reminds us that life in heaven is eternal, and although it shares some characteristics to our existence on earth, it is a different life per se. "They can no longer die, for they are like angels, and they are the children of God." Our entire lives and the focus of our lives need to be based upon this hope and belief.