

PARISH CALENDAR

Tues June 19 August Dinner Planning Meeting, **6pm CC**
 Wed June 20 Evangelization Committee, **6:30pm, C**
 Thur June 21 "B" Team Softball Game, **8:15pm, Fd 4H**

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues June 19 9:00 am Peter Conrad
 Wed June 20 9:00 am Bobby Bowes
 Thu June 21 9:00 am Pope Francis (L)
 Fri June 22 9:00 am Brenda Hanson
 Sat June 23 5:00 pm Lorraine Quick
 Sat June 23 7:00 pm Catherine Holden
 Sun June 24 8:30 am Michael Wilson (L)
 Sun June 24 11:00 am St. George Parishioners

SUMMER MASSES NOW open at St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Saturdays at 7:00pm on St. George Island.

LITURGICAL FEAST DAY

Tues, June 19 St. Romuald
 Thurs, June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga
 Fri, June 22 St. Paulinus of Nola
 Sts. John Fisher & Thomas Moore, *Martyrs*
 Sun, June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell; M. Goldsmith; C. Galli; J. Re
Meals-on-wheels: P. Bowes & M.A. Goddard; K. Owens;
 J&J Lenderman
Altar Preparation: M. Goldsmith

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYER

Please remember our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those in the nursing homes and hospital, 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.



New registrations are always welcome. Please use the on-line census by going to our website (www.StGeorgeRCC.org) and following the links. Forms also available in the rack in the church front entrance. **Help us keep our parish records up to date.** If you have recently changed your mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, or plan to be away temporarily, please use the on-line census to update your information.

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	6/10/2018	6/11/2017	
Gen. Collection	\$3337.59	\$3269.97	+\$172.62
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$1062.00	\$957.00	
Identifiable Gifts	127	129	-2
Maintenance	\$240.00	\$160.00	+\$80.00
Poor Box	\$297.00	\$253.00	+\$44.00
Donations	\$240.00	\$170.00	+\$70.00

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Did you know that St. George participates in Amazon's Smile program? This means that if you list St. George as your charity of choice, a portion of your purchases will be donated to St. George by Amazon. The easiest way to do this is to visit our parish web site – www.stgeorgerc.org – scroll down and click the box for Amazon Smile!

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

REFLECTING ON ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

We have stated previously that St. Paul had a way with words. He was able to take a very complex concept and summarize it in a few words and phrases. In today's Second Reading from Second Corinthians, Paul says simply, "...we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5: 7). That statement by Paul has inspired hymns and treatises.

Yet, it is in reality what we are all about as Catholics and Christians. There is no question that it is one of the most difficult notions for us as Catholics and Christians to grasp and accept. The word translated as "walk" can also be translated as "live." Thus, we could say "We live by faith, and not by sight."

This was a popular and consistent theme for St. Paul, his point being that we need to build our lives around the eternal prospects, not those of this world. In this society "things" seem so important to us. However, the truth is that they have no eternal significance. That is an ongoing message in the concept of stewardship — basically who we are and how we live is more important than what we own and what we may appear to be. That can be tough for us.

The late Billy Graham, who died earlier this year, was fond of saying, "My home is in Heaven. I am just traveling through this world." St. Paul would agree with that attitude.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

PATRON SAINTS:

“Catholics have a long tradition of praying for the intercession of the saints. We can call on any or all of the saints and angels to join us in prayer. Often, we call on patron saints. A patron is a special intercessor with God for a church or locality – cities, states, nations, even continents. A patron can also be a special intercessor for occupations or specific causes. Normally this is done because the saint had something to do with that particular occupation or cause, or because miracles were attributed to the intercession of that saint regarding a particular cause. Here is a brief list of some well known – and not so well known – patrons and their causes: St. Anthony of Padua – lost articles, St. Jude Thaddeus – impossible causes, St. Peter – fishermen, St. Gerard – pregnant women, Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patroness of the Americas, St. Peregrine – cancer patients, St. John Vianney – priests, St. Roch – dogs and dog lovers. There’s a patron saint for just about every cause and profession. Some professions and, causes have multiple patrons, and many saints are patrons of many causes and locations. An online search will yield lots of results for a list of saints and their patronage. Wherever you are, whatever you do or whatever you’re going through, chances are there’s a saint you can call upon to lift up your cause before the throne of God!”

Excerpt from “A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ” by Gus Lloyd. This book and three other books with one-minute teachings about Catholic life and liturgy may be found in our bookrack in the vestibule.

SUMMER CHOIR

All Are Invited to Join Our Summer Choir!

As with the past two years, we will have a ‘pick-up’ choir over the summer at the 11am Mass. Anyone wishing to sing should come at 10:15 in order to go over the Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and any special music we may have. A complete list of dates is below:

- June 24** 11am Pickup Choir
- July 1** 11am Pickup Choir
- July 8** 11am Pickup Choir
- July 15** NO CHOIR
- July 22** 11am Pickup Choir
- July 29** 11am Pickup Choir *(KoC says the rosary at 10:30am, so practice will be brief)*
- August 5** 11am Pickup Choir
- August 12** 11am Pickup Choir
- August 19** 11am Pickup Choir

August 26 11am Pickup Choir
****Choir rehearsals will begin August 22 this year in order to have a rehearsal prior to the SFX Anniversary Mass on August 25. The choir will sing for this special Saturday evening Mass.****

NOW HIRING: PARISH SECRETARY

The mission of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is to spread the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. In the faithful pursuit of this mission, **St. George Catholic Church** is seeking a **part-time** Parish Secretary. For a job description and application, please call the parish office or email the parish at secretary@stgeorgegcc.org.

Please note: Applicant should be computer proficient.

CARENET BABY BOTTLE BLITZ

Due TODAY!

Please fill the baby bottles and return by **Sunday, June 17**



Save These Dates!

Friday – August 10 – Parish Fundraising Event at **Bluecrabs!** Buy tickets for the game using our parish code, and the church gets \$5! (Altar Servers are being treated to the game by the parish – **please let us know if you can come!**)

Sunday – August 19 – **Parish Dinner** (and save the week before to help prepare!)

Saturday – August 25: Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Chapel on St. George’s Island. **Mass** begins at **6pm**, with a reception to follow in the Island Association Building. **(NO 5PM MASS ON AUGUST 25!)**

OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH'S FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

Registration for the 2018-2019 year is on-going.
Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,
kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

Vacation Bible School

July 23-27, 9am – 12pm
SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS
Fee: \$25

Registration for Participants (preschool to 5th grade) and Volunteers (6th grade - 12th grade):
In the Church Vestibule after Masses
Online: vbspro.events/p/fcf610

Vacation Bible School Work Days

Sundays beginning **June 10: 12:00 - 2:00**
Everyone welcome. There's a job for everyone.
Cutting, painting, building, decorating, organizing,
ironing decals... **Please come to the Community Center to lend a helping hand.**

Adult Faith Formation

The Bible and The Sacraments

Exploring our faith

This **Sunday, June 24th**

9:30-10:45AM

Community Center

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group is taking a break for the Summer.
We are looking for a Youth Leader, if interested
please contact the church office.

OUR REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (LFS)

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

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 (@LFSpatriots)!

Interested in learning more about Little Flower School? Call (301)994-0404 or (LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091

Grand Knight: Christopher A. Wilcox

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NEWS IN OUR AREA

Sun, June 17 **Breakfast**, 2nd District VFD - All-You-Can-Eat; 8am - 11am – Cost: \$9/adults, children 6 – 12: \$5, children 5 & under: free; Menu: 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
Sat, August 25 **Yard Sale**, 2nd District VFD, Saturday; Time: 7am – 12pm; Reserve a space \$10 (by 20th August) or mark your calendars to attend; For more information: Call Kelly at 240-299-5261 - Good time to get rid of items no longer needed!

“Faith, Food & Fellowship”

CMRC's Series of Spiritual Related Presentations & Discussions Inaugural Evening: Monday, July 9, 2018, 6 - 8pm, At Camp Maria Retreat Center Air Conditioned Dining Hall. \$20/person. "SCNs - So Now We Don't Just Teach" Members of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth will be with us to share their mission in today's world — both in the United States and throughout the world. Of course, they will share their history in St. Mary's County - both past and present. Time also for us to share our SCN memories as well. Dinner will be provided by our chef, Terri Williams, with time to spend with others before and after the presentation. Invite your friends & family. For more information, contact Ann Kovalcik, at 301-475-8330 or director@campmaria.org

Quo Vadis Camp

The Office of Priest Vocation's annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD from **July 15-18**. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org! Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In the second reading it says: “Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.” Learn what graces God bestows on marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on August 3-5, 2018 in Hanover, MD, and November 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended.

Music Director Wanted

Music Director Position open at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park, MD. Candidates must have at least a BA in Music, be able to play piano proficiently, and conduct choral and instrumental groups. Please contact Fr. Marco Schad at 301-863-8144.

Finding God in All Things!

A Summer Day Camp for youth ages 8-14

St. Inigoes Youth Camp@Loyola on the Potomac, Daily Snack and Lunch provided, July 16-20, 2018, Fee: \$100 a week plus a one-time registration fee of \$25, Register on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/findingGod18>, Hosted by Loyola on the Potomac in conjunction with Camp Fire.

His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl cordially invites the faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington to attend the **Episcopal Ordination** of Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher, as Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, on **Friday, June 29, 2018 at 2PM** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. A reception will follow immediately after at the Basilica.

REFLECTION ON THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

EZ 17: 22-24; PS 92: 2-3, 13-16; 2 COR: 5: 6-10; MK 4: 26-34

"I think that I shall never see...A poem lovely as a tree." That is the opening stanza of a poem by American poet Alfred Joyce Kilmer. We know Kilmer better as a poet, but in his time he was also considered to be a great Catholic apologist. He was often compared to his English counterpart G. K. Chesterton. Clearly Kilmer had a great fondness for trees that is Biblically sound.

Trees have always had significance in the Bible. They are first mentioned in the second Book of Genesis with the "Tree of Life." Along with mountains and the sea, trees are bigger than we are; they stand when we fall, and they endure when we pass away. Yet, unlike the sea and the hills, we can muster the power to overcome trees. We can chop them down and put them to use.

In today's readings trees are significant from a number of standpoints. One of our problems in Biblical interpretation lies in our inability to see the world as charged with the power and glory of God. We decide that, for example, the "tree of life" means something in particular. Yet, we can feel trees and smell them in many instances. Trees are important in today's readings.

The First Reading from Ezekiel makes reference to a tree to be planted by God: "I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain." This is Ezekiel's version of the prophecy by Isaiah: "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch will grow out of its roots." In other words, from something that was thought to be dead, God promises to bring forth a wonderful and productive growth — Jesus.

St. Paul offers another perspective of being a branch or a limb from a tree. The Body of Christ, the Church, can also be compared to a tree with many branches, perhaps

each serving a different purpose, but all combining to produce the whole. That is what we as a Church are like and why each of us in his or her own way is important to the total. It is all held together by the Holy Spirit.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in Paul's life gave him great confidence, a confidence he feels we should share. When Paul writes, "We are always courageous," we must realize that the Greek word translated as "courageous" can also be translated as "confident." With the confidence he had, Paul knew that God was at work within him. Paul reminds us often that this confidence comes from the realization that we are to "set our minds on things above, not things on earth."

Thanks to the Lord we are part of the Body of Christ, what might be termed the great Tree of Life.

At the Heart of our Gospel Reading from St. Mark is the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Speaking of this seed,



Jesus says, "But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches." Our Lord and Savior is the perfect teacher. It was through parables that He was able to present profound spiritual truths. His parables were often intended for simple people, but also to an agrarian population — that is, people familiar with agriculture and agricultural terms.

The mustard seed and mustard plant were something that would have been familiar to most of His listeners. As is the case with everything Jesus said, scholars have studied and examined and developed opinions on what He meant. The mustard seed was not the smallest seed, and the plant it produced was not the largest, but yet even to this day there are wild mustard plants over ten feet tall near the Jordan River. Jesus was most likely referring to black or white mustard seeds and plants. Mustard, as we know it, was made by grinding the seeds.

There were three important features of the mustard plant that the Lord knew his audience would understand — the small size of the seed, the large size of the plant, and the rapid germination and growth of the plant. That is part of the importance of all trees and large plants as they tend to come from seeds, perhaps not always tiny ones, but they come to life and they grow. That is what is supposed to be happening to us as well.

The last stanza of Kilmer's famous poem about trees is the most telling. It is, "Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree." Only God can truly make us what we are to be and what we are called to be.