

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun July 01 Bible Study, **9:30am CC**
 Sun July 01 VBS Prep, **12:00–2:00pm, CC Annex**
 Wed July 04 HOLIDAY — Parish Office CLOSED
 Fri July 06 1st Friday Mass & Devotions, **9am C**
 Sat July 07 1st Saturday Mass & Devotions, **9am C**
 Sun July 08 Bible Study, **9:30am CC**

**C: Church, CC: Community Center*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues July 3 9:00 am Peter Conrad
 Wed July 4 9:00 am Rick & Rebecca Carroll Family (L)
 Thu July 5 9:00 am Bobby Bowes
 Fri July 6 9:00 am William F. Owens
 Sat July 7 9:00 am Vocations to the Priesthood,
 Diaconate, Religious life
 Sat July 7 5:00 pm St. George parishioners (L)
 Sat July 7 5:00 pm Leonard Johnson
 Sun July 8 8:30 am Dennis & Ludivina Stachowski (L)
 Sun July 8 11:00 am Dale Coots (L)

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

LITURGICAL FEAST DAY

Tues July 3 ST. THOMAS, *Apostle*
 Thur July 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria
 St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 Fri July 6 St. Maria Goretti, *Martyr*

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell; D. Orwig; C. Galli; J. Re;
 M.Goldsmith

Meals-on-wheels: J/V. Royston, MA. Rymer & NJ. Jubeck

Altar Preparation: C. Cantrill

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.



*Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Raymond Alvey Davis, Sr.** May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	6/24/2018	6/25/2018	
Gen. Collection	\$3616.86	\$3879.00	-\$157.14
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$1062.00	\$957.00	
Identifiable Gifts	122	127	-5
Maintenance	\$35.00	\$105.00	-\$70.00
Poor Box	\$146.00	\$108.00	+\$38.00
Donations	\$280.00	\$390.00	-\$110.00

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!

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CHARITY — THE GIFT OF GIVING

"Your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs." This is the fourth time in 2 Corinthians, chapter 8 that St. Paul addresses the issue of giving. What Paul is trying to explain is that the motivation for giving should be similar to God's motivation for gifting us. In the passage which constitutes today's Second Reading Paul says, "As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also."

In the original, Paul uses the old Greek word *charis* to describe the giving to which he is making reference. We can probably see that the roots of that word are very much the same as the roots of the word "charity." Giving and sharing are definitely the work of God's grace in us. In fact, our motivation should be very much the same as that of the Lord. He gives to us because of Who He is, not because of what or who we are.

We, too, must give if we wish to show holiness, or to at least aspire to it. That is also what we mean when we say that we are all called to stewardship, to be good stewards. It is one thing to be faithful, but it is another to give. At times we may think there are too many collections, but it is the results of these opportunities to give which support the Church's work both locally and around the globe.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

“RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

Why would I mention the Constitution of the United States during A Minute in the Church? Because religious liberty is being chipped away and this issue needs to be front and center. In the Bill of Rights in the Constitution, the first freedom is freedom of religion. “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” Some in government have begun to talk about “freedom of worship.” They want to try to relegate the practice of religion to the four walls of the church. But this flies in the face of the Constitution every person’s God-given right to practice their religion in every facet of life. As Christians, we don’t leave our religion at the door of the church. We have an obligation to live out our faith – at church, at home, in the workplace, everywhere. The examples of this chipping away at religious liberty are myriad – the closing of Catholic adoption agencies because they believe that every child deserves a father and a mother, ministries being told they can’t minister to the poor unless they advocate and refer for abortion, and, of course, the government trying to force people of faith to violate their consciences through the HHS mandate in the health care bill. Religious liberty is a God-given right, and one that must not be taken away on any level.

For further study: Please read *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty* from the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty. Available at <http://bit.ly/GVSr7U>

Excerpt from “A Minute in the Church: Vol II” by Gus Lloyd. This book and three other books with one-minutes 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:

July 8	11am Pickup Choir
July 15	NO CHOIR
July 22	11am Pickup Choir
July 29	11am Pickup Choir (<i>KoC says the rosary at 10:30am, so practice will be brief</i>)
August 5	11am Pickup Choir
August 12	11am Pickup Choir
August 19	11am Pickup Choir
August 26	11am Pickup Choir

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!***)

Needed NOW for our **August Dinner:**

- Canning jars, pint and quart
- Sugar
- Vinegar
- Cucumbers

*Items can be brought to the **parish office**, or dropped off to **Pat Bowes** directly.*

We are looking for prizes for our raffle! If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact the parish office. Some prizes we have had in the past include: \$250 Cash, Redskins Tickets, and Orioles Tickets including parking.

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@stgeorgercecc.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.***

JULY 01, 2018

The Bible and The Sacraments

Exploring our faith in the Bible Study
This **Sunday, July 1st and every Sunday**
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 (@LFS patriots)!

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, July 8th, 2nd District **Breakfast All-You-Can-Eat**; starts 8 & ends at 11, Cost: \$9/adults, \$5/children 6 – 12, 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 & Coffee; For more information: 301-994-9999 – NOTE: AUGUST BREAKFAST PRICE INCREASE TO \$10/ADULTS

Fri, July 27 **Dinner and a film at St. Joseph Church, Pomfret.** Food starts at 6:30pm, film begins at 7:30pm. Celebrating the beauty of the Church's teaching on married love, join us for a viewing of "Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae," a brand-new film that examines the effects of the free-love experiment of the Hippie Generation and the prophetic encyclical Humanae Vitae. Food, film and childcare all FREE (donations gratefully accepted). RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/StJoesMovie>.

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Kelly at 240-299-5261 - Good time to get rid of items no longer needed!

Sat, October 27 2nd District **Craft and Vendor Fair**, 9am – 2pm; Reserve a space \$2 (by 20th October) or mark your calendars to attend; For more information: Call Darlene at 240-434-1095 After 4pm.

"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

**Loyola on the Potomac, A Jesuit Retreat House,
60th Anniversary Luncheon Cruise Aboard the
Spirit of Washington:**

600 Water St., SW, Washington, DC 20024, Sunday, Aug. 12, Boarding time: 10:45 am, Cruise time: 11:30 - 1:30 pm, Bountiful Luncheon Buffet, Cash bar, DJ Entertainment, Raffles. Tickets must be purchased from Loyola on the Potomac to get discounted price. \$60 before July 15, \$75 July 16 & later. For Reservations/Tickets Contact Alice Case @ 301-392-0819 or alice.case@loyolaretreat.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"My God is now my strength!" Let God be the strength of your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on August 3-5, in Hanover, MD, or November 2-4, 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. For more information visit our website at: moments4marriage.org.

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.

COMEDY UNLIKE ANYTHING YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE!

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is pleased to announce a brand new fall fundraiser: Comedy Night with 321 Improv! This event will be held on Saturday, September 15th at Patuxent High School. We've reserved a limited quantity of tickets for our churches and supporters at an early bird price of \$22 per ticket (all seats are general admission). These early bird tickets will be available first-come first-serve, while supplies last or until July 15th (whichever comes first). Regular pricing will be

\$27 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased online at comedynight.info (ticket sales are only available online).



St. George Parish Staff and Fr. Paul wishes you a Happy Fourth of July as we celebrate our nation's Independence Day. God bless America!

REFLECTION ON THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

WIS 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24; PS 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 COR 8: 7, 9, 13-15; MK 5: 21-43

In the Gospel Reading taken from the Book of Mark, Jesus says at one point, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." We have heard that put in so many ways, but for many of us it is somewhat difficult to grasp and accept. Yet it is the basic message of all of the Word of God and the words of the Lord Jesus that have been recounted to us.

The First Reading on this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time comes from the Book of Wisdom. There was a time when this Book was called *The Wisdom of Solomon*. We have pointed out previously that the Book of Wisdom is part of what are called the wisdom books, which include Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Job, and Sirach. Even the meaning of "wisdom" is elusive. Obviously, the central theme is "wisdom" itself — wisdom as it applies to us and wisdom as it applies to God. One of the intentions is to make it clear that "wisdom" as it applies to us shows itself in action. This would seem to parallel what we believe about stewardship — that it shows itself in what we do, our actions, more so than in any other way.

This particular reading serves as a prelude for what is to come in the other readings. It maintains that the wisdom of God from the beginning was to prepare us for, and to gift us with eternal life. That is the great gift of our salvation thanks to the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. To know that is "wisdom."

The underlying of St. Paul's message in 2 Corinthians, from which our Second Reading comes, is the idea of giving. If wisdom involves understanding the need to give, it follows that there are reasons for that. There was some friction between Paul and the Corinthian community. Paul sent his follower Titus to hand carry this letter and present it to them, because Paul wanted Titus to be able to explain and enhance.

It appeared that the Corinthian Christians probably intended to give. They certainly thought about giving. They were responsive to the idea of giving. However, the toughest part was actually getting them to, in Paul's words, "complete this grace." That is true to many of us as well. We may understand what it means to be a

good steward, and we may even be willing to live lives of stewardship, but the most difficult part is actually doing it.

Paul, and for that matter the Lord, too, is not "commanding" the Corinthians to give. Paul understands that giving out of a sense of commandment is not giving at all. We tend to call that kind of giving "taxation." Paul rightfully points to Jesus as the ultimate example of giving. Paul says in this reading, "for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." Rich does not always mean having lots of assets or money in the bank. It means you have the wisdom to see that through Jesus' promise to you, you are richer beyond imagination.

In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus shows us what "healing" and "wisdom" really are. Wisdom is one thing, but faith is another. Even the greatest of scholars, gifted with wisdom, are not always the holiest of people. There are two instances of healing in this Gospel, and they are very different. In the first mentioned, although not the first that occurred, Jesus is approached by a "synagogue official" with the request to heal his daughter, who was near death. His example shows us what we need to do for healing also. First, we must put ourselves in the presence of Jesus; next, we must humble ourselves before the Lord (note that this official "fell at his feet"). Third, we must make our request sincerely ("pleaded earnestly with him"); and finally, we must believe and have confidence in the Lord ("Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.").

However, before Jesus heals the daughter, He experiences a woman in need of healing. Because of her condition, she was considered "unclean" by others; in fact, if she touched anyone else or any part of their clothing, they, too, would be made unclean. With Jesus, that is not the way it works though. Because of the power of God, Jesus was not made "unclean," but the woman was cured. "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

Note that the Lord called her "Daughter." There is no other instance in all of Holy Scripture when Jesus calls someone by this name. Jesus wanted her to know that He had something special to give her. Jesus has something special to give to each of us also.

Next the Lord raises Jairus' daughter from death. As quoted in the introduction, Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Jesus is saying two things to Jairus, and the same two things to us. Before Jairus and we can trust Jesus we need to put away our fears. To "have faith" is to believe. We do not have to figure everything out. Everything does not have to make sense to us. Jesus brings us all hope, just as He brought it to Jairus. And look what happened!