

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun July 15 Bible Study, **9:30am CC**  
 Sun July 15 VBS Prep, **12:00–2:00pm, CC Annex**  
 Tue July 17 “C” Team Softball Game, **6:15pm, Fd4H**  
 Sun July 22 Final VBS Prep, **12:00, CC**

\*C: Church, CC: Community Center

**\*\*Please note:** Due to vacations, VBS and other parish commitments, the Parish Office will be closed to visitors and phone calls from July 16-July 27. Email will be monitored, but any emergencies that arise should be directed to Father John at Our Lady, Medley's Neck 301-475-8403.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tues July 17 9:00 am John & Rosine Hodges  
 Wed July 18 9:00 am Charles Rodger Hazard  
 Thu July 19 9:00 am Brenda Hanson  
 Fri July 20 9:00 am Rick & Rebecca Carroll Family (L)  
 Sat July 21 5:00 pm Bobby Bowes  
 Sat July 21 7:00 pm St. George Parishioners (L)  
 Sun July 22 8:30 am Jaelynn Willey  
 Sun July 22 11:00 am Carroll Lawrence

## LITURGICAL FEAST DAY

Mon, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
 Wed, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis  
 Fri, July 20 St. Apollinaris, *bishop & martyr*  
 Sat, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

## WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Daily Lector:** J. Blackwell; M. Goldsmith; C. Galli; J.Re  
**Meals-on-wheels:** P.Bowes & M.A. Goddard; K.Owens;  
 S. Sierra

**Altar Preparation:** C. Galli

## 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. 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

	7/8/2018	7/9/2017	
<b>Gen. Collection</b>	\$5594.01	\$3299.00	+\$2445.01
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$1062.00	\$912.00	
<b>Identifiable Gifts</b>	129	122	+7
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$415.00	\$115.00	+\$300.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$153.00	\$77.00	+\$76.00
<b>Donations</b>	\$330.00	\$850.00	-\$520.00

*Thank you for your faithful Parish support.*

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](http://www.stgeorgerc.org) – scroll down and click the box for Amazon Smile!

## “The Lord will provide...trust in God!”

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey.” When Jesus sent his Apostles out, He sent them “two by two,” and He basically commanded them to take nothing on the journey: “no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” The point of the Lord is that all they needed was to trust in God. Jesus more or less says the same thing to us.

As long as we trust in God, our needs will be met. That is easily said, but it is a bit daunting to actually do it. Yet, people have been doing that since Jesus' time. It is one of the reasons that the Church has thrived for such a long time.

There is a secondary reason for Jesus' instructions though, one with which we may not be familiar. At that time there was a ruled that you could not enter a temple area with shoes or a moneybag, because you were there to serve the Lord, nothing else and no one else. The Apostles understood that preaching the Gospel and healing in God's name was holy work. Jesus did not want them to exemplify any other motive either.

One of the foundational elements of stewardship is trusting God. What enables us to be good stewards and to think of giving to God first, of ourselves and what we have, is that we truly believe that God will take care of us. God has a plan for each of us, and it is better than our own plan may be.

*“In God we trust”*

## LITURGY &amp; WORSHIP

**FAITH AND WORKS**

“Do Catholics believe that they can “work their way into heaven?” Let’s put it this way...if they think that they can get into heaven, by any means, apart from Christ Jesus, they are completely wrong, and not truly Catholic. Since it was founded by Jesus nearly 2000 years ago, the Catholic Church has always taught that without faith in Jesus, there is no salvation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states it very clearly. In paragraph 161 it says, “Believing in Jesus Christ, and in the One who sent Him for our salvation, is necessary for obtaining that salvation.” And again in paragraph 181 “Faith is necessary for salvation.” It then quotes Jesus’ words from Mark 16:16. The Church has never taught that a person can get to heaven solely on the basis of their good works. But do works play a role in our salvation? According to the Scriptures they do. James 2:24 says, “See how a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.” The Scriptures speak again and again about how we will be judged on the basis of our works. But no amount of works, apart from faith in Christ, will do us any good. Our salvation is “by grace, through faith, working in love.” For further study: CCC 161, 181 James 2:24-26 Mark 16:16 Romans 2:6-10 Galatians 5:6 Ephesians 2:8”

*Excerpt from “A Minute in the Church” 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 am** 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 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

**\*\*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.\*\***

## OUR PARISH NEWS

**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 125<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Thank you, to Mr. Thomas Lynch, who has donated 2 Orioles Tickets, plus a parking pass for this year’s raffle!***

## 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**

Every Sunday: **12:00 - 2:00PM**

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.***

**Sunday Bible Study**

*We are taking a short Summer break and will resume in September. Announcements will be posted on the upcoming study soon.*

**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](http://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](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

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

**Grand Knight: Christopher A. Wilcox**

**CWILCOX@MD.METROCAST.NET**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Officers Installation Ceremony and Reception**

**Rehearsal: Friday, August 3rd at 6:00PM**

**Installation Ceremony:**

**Sunday, August 5th at 12:30pm**

*Reception & program followed in the Community Center*

**NEWS IN OUR AREA**

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>.

Sun, August 5 **Vendor Show**, Hollywood VFD Social Hall, 10am – 3pm. Free admission/free parking. ATM on site. Refreshments will be available for sale. Some of the participating Vendor are as follows: Arbonne, Avon, Buskins, Color Care, Dot Dot Smile, Doterra Oils, Herbal Life, It Works, Jamberry Nails, Jamby Styles, Leilah & Luke, Lemongrass Spa, Lilla Rose, Lime Light, LipSense, Longaberger, LulaRoe, Mary Kay, Melaleuca, Nu Skin, Origami Owl, Pampered Chef, Perfectly Posh, Plunder Jewelry, Pure Romance, Ring Bomb, Rodan & Fields, Scentsy, Sunset Stitches, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-One, Traveling Vineyard, Tupperware, Usborne Books, Young Living, Younique and MORE. We are still accepting applications for other Vendors such as Stampin Up, Creative Memories, Watkins, etc. etc. If you would like to participate please contact Leone Gatton at [Vendorshow@hvfd7.com](mailto:Vendorshow@hvfd7.com).

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!

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.

**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](mailto:alice.case@loyolaretreat.org)

**Loyola on the Potomac 9th Annual Crab Feast**  
Sunday, September 9, 2pm to 5pm, Menu: All you can eat on site crabs, fried chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, cole slaw, corn on the cobb, and watermelon, Beer, soft drinks, water. Early bird tickets Price \$50 (by August 31), Children 7-12 \$35, 6 & under free. After September 1, Adult ticket - \$65. Contact Alice Case at 301-292-0819, [alice.case@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:alice.case@loyolaretreat.org), Sponsorship Opportunities Available

**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](http://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](http://moments4marriage.org).

**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.



**St. Mary's County Fair Volunteers Needed**

Volunteer & Change a Life at the St. Mary's County Fair, September 20th-23rd. Each year the Catholic parishes of St. Mary's County have a unique opportunity to spread the Good News of Christ and our Catholic Faith at the County Fair. You have been called. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the Catholic Evangelization booth? You don't need to be a television evangelist or a Catholic theologian to inspire others to know Christ. You can make a difference. If interested, please see the following link on St. Aloysius' home page to sign up or contact us at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/countyfair/](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/countyfair/).

**LOCAL PILGRIMAGES:**

- Save the Date - Mother of Africa Pilgrimage - The archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach invites you join a special Mother of Africa Pilgrimage on Sunday, September 16 from 2-4pm in the Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). For further information contact Sandra Coles Bell at 301-853-4469 or [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).
- "Italia Bella" October 13-21, 2018. Rome • Castel Gandolfo • Assisi • Florence • Tuscany • Venice • & more... \$3,600.00 - 9 days. Call ProCatholic Tours at 612-730-2890 to register and for more info or visit: [https://www.procatholictours.com/trip-store/?action=trip\\_registration&tripid=1055](https://www.procatholictours.com/trip-store/?action=trip_registration&tripid=1055)
- Join Fr. Rory T. Conley, pastor of St. Mary's Bryantown, on a pilgrimage to Rome, Sorrento, Naples, Assisi and more. See firsthand the major shrines and basilicas of Rome, visit the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican museums, Padre Pio's church where he received the stigmata, the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano, and much, more. Breakfast, lunch & dinner are included and accommodations are first class. Dates: 10/13/19-10-23/19 with a possible two day extension to Florence. For more detailed information visit our website at [www.pilgrimages.cpm/frconley](http://www.pilgrimages.cpm/frconley) or contact Sam Oliver at [Samuel\\_oliver@comcast.net](mailto:Samuel_oliver@comcast.net) or at 301-848-3206.
- Save the Date for World Youth Day in DC – January 26, 2019: Registration begins late summer 2018, For more information visit [www.wyddc.org](http://www.wyddc.org). #wydDC

**REFLECTION ON THE SACRED SCRIPTURE****AM 7: 12-15; PS 85: 9-14; EPH 1: 3-14; MK 6: 7-13**

"In God We Trust" has been the official motto of the United States for more than 50 years — declared so by unanimous votes in both the House of Representatives and the Senate in 1956, and signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Most of us are aware that this declaration and motto have been challenged in courts through the years, but it is sending a message to us as Catholics that is similar to the messages in the Holy Scripture on this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our First Reading is drawn from the Book of Amos. Amos is one of the Minor Prophets — however, he is said to have had a great influence on Isaiah, with whom we are more familiar perhaps. Like the other prophets, as well as each of us, God called Amos, a shepherd and farmer. Any response to the call of God requires a combination of courage and trust in the Lord.

In today's reading, Amos says, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel'."

Although we may not be called to prophesy, we are indeed called by God, and one of the driving forces in our lives should be to discover, pursue and follow that calling.

Yet, just as it did for Amos and many others, it will require our total trust in God.

After his dramatic conversion, St. Paul submitted his life to serving God. He trusted the Lord implicitly. Paul faced insults, rejection, and trial after trial, but he remained content with his life. Why? Because he surrendered his will to the Lord. Paul learned that God always has our best interests at heart. Paul would have each of us ask "Who is in charge of your life?"

In effect, that is what he maintains in our Second Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. St. Paul may not say it directly, but that trust is implied when he says in this reading, "In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit."

Paul is telling us that our trust is based on our view of life in general. He makes it clear that God's guidance and help works in our lives, but we must cooperate with that by hearing the "word of truth," accepting it, and believing in it. Paul consistently tells us that his view, and ours as well, is of eternity, not of the things of this earth.

Jesus confirmed to His Apostles how trust in God was paramount with His instructions to them in today's Gospel from St. Mark. Jesus understood full well that if His apostles did not trust God and did not convey that trust to others, they could not effectively tell others to trust in God. That is why He told them to travel lightly, because that assured that they had to trust in God for everything.

Our belief as Catholics is that Jesus' Apostles did exactly what He told them to do. At the same time, though, this can be quite the challenge for even the most committed and active Catholic. We can hear Jesus' Word over and over, but until we actually follow it and live it out through stewardship, we are not truly fulfilling our calling. That is why we say that stewardship requires action on our part. We can not only talk the talk. We must also walk the walk. We need to show others that we understand it and embrace it by how we live our lives. As stewards, we must vividly demonstrate that we completely and wholeheartedly trust in God.