

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon Aug 13 August Dinner Prep, CC, **9am**
 Tue Aug 14 August Dinner Prep, CC, **9am**
 Wed Aug 15 **Feast of the Assumption Mass, 9am**
 August Dinner Prep, CC, **9am**
Feast of the Assumption Mass, 7pm
 Thur Aug 16 August Dinner Set-up, CC, **6pm**
 Fri Aug 17 August Dinner Prep, CC, **10:30am**
 Sat Aug 18 August Dinner Prep, CC, **9am**
 Sun Aug 19 August Dinner, CC **12pm – 5pm**
 Mon Aug 20 August Dinner Clean Up, CC, **9am**

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues Aug 14 9:00 am Peter Conrad
 Wed Aug 15 9:00 am In Thanksgiving (L)
 7:00 pm Jaelynn Willey
 Thu Aug 16 9:00 am Brenda Hanson
 Fri Aug 17 9:00 am Anne Wheeler Patton
 Sat Aug 18 5:00 pm Annette Madel
 Sat Aug 18 7:00 pm Bubby Knott & GMTradingPost (L)
 Sun Aug 19 8:30 am St. George Parishioners
 Sun Aug 19 11:00 am Deacon Joel & Barbara Carpenter (L)

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

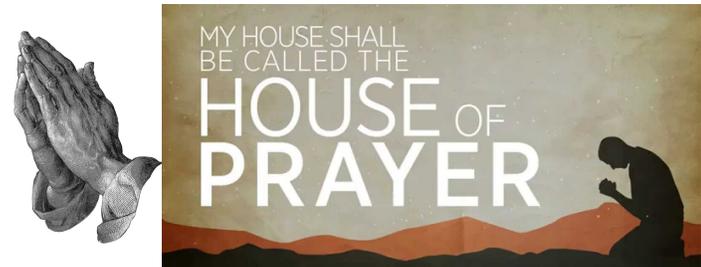
Mon. Aug 13 Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
 Tues. Aug 14 **St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyr**
 Wed. Aug 15 **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM ***
 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 Thur. Aug 16 St. Stephen of Hungary

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell; M. Goldsmith; J. Re; J. Re
Meals-on-wheels: I.Hardy; K.Owens; MA.Rymer/NJ. Jubeck
Altar Preparation: L. Dean

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.



STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	8/5/2018	8/6/2017	
Gen. Collection	\$3886.00	\$4125.75	
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$1022.00	\$912.00	-\$264.75
E-Giving (Monthly)	\$890.00	\$1025.00	
Identifiable Gifts	120	131	-11
Maintenance	\$1966.00	\$810.00	+\$1186.00
E-Giving (Maint.)	\$490.00	\$460.00	
Poor Box	\$235.00	\$182.00	+\$53.00
Donations	\$600.00	\$1190.00	-\$590.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

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“The Stewardship way of life”

“This is enough, O Lord! Take my life.” Talk about a bad day! Haven’t we all been through this at some point in our earthly life journey, whether in the parish ministry we are trying to do, at home with our family or in our profession — we get worn out and worn down.

Elijah’s plea — melodramatic to be sure — is a form of the pillar of prayer, for prayer is simply lifting mind and heart to God. And God responds, sending restorative food and drink. Rejuvenated, Elijah is able to walk for 40 days until he arrives at the destination God had in mind for him all along!

Contrast this with the Gospel reading. The people, hearing Jesus’ message, do not understand. But rather than take their complaint to Him as Elijah did, they begin to complain amongst themselves about him — that’s murmuring, and it is counterproductive.

Feeling worn down at times is actually part of the journey. It means we are giving our all to the life God is calling us to live. But it is also a sign to us that we need to find new strength.

How? Ask the Lord! He will meet your physical needs. Even more, He will send you His own Son, the Bread from Heaven, to strengthen you with the Eucharist and the living Word of the Scriptures.

A stewardship way of life takes all the strength we have to give. The beauty of this way of life is that we have a God who delights in giving us every bit of strength we need to live it!

LITURGY & WORSHIP

STATUES

Part of the First Commandment says, "You shall not carve idols for yourselves...you shall not bow down before them or worship them." You may even know it as the Second Commandment..."You shall make for yourself no graven images." Do Catholic Churches break that Commandment by having statues? And do Catholics really worship statues? Let's check the Bible. We see that Commandment in Exodus 20. Yet in Exodus 25, God tells Moses to "...make two Cherubim of beaten gold..." for the Ark of the Covenant. Two golden statues! And in Numbers 21:8-9, God tells Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. So, was God telling Moses to break the Commandment He had just given him? Clearly, the Commandment tells us that God did not want the people worshipping inanimate objects. Or attributing the power of God to anyone or anything. Statues for Catholics are like family pictures. They help us to remember those we hold dear, those we wish to imitate in holiness. So, just like you have reminders of the family in your house, so it is in God's house. For further study: Exodus 20:2-5 Exodus 25:18-20 Numbers 21:8-9 CCC 1159-1162"

Excerpt from "A Minute in the Church" 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.

OUR PARISH NEWS

Save These Dates!

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 at St. George Church ON AUGUST 25! Please join us on the island for the Vigil Mass)

Bottles and Brushes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

St. George Community Center
Come paint with our own parish artists!



Bakers Needed!

St. Mary's College of Maryland's Catholic Campus Ministry has a Mass on campus every Sunday at 7:30 PM. This year we would like to have fellowship nights twice a month following Mass. These events will help build friendships among the Catholic students and will help build up the Catholic presence on campus. I am in need of volunteers

to bake cookies and other treats and to provide drinks for these events! If you are interested in helping out please contact Peter Farrell at 913-426-4074 or campusminister@catholicseahawks.org



SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 12-5 PM

- ▶ CRAB CAKES
- ▶ FRIED CHICKEN
- ▶ BAKED HAM
- ▶ ALL THE TRIMMIN'S

Baked Goods, Raffles,
White Elephant Table

- \$28 Dine-in Adults
- \$20 Children 6-12 yrs.
free for children under 6
- \$26 all Carry-outs from
drive-thru Carry-out

19197 St. George Church Rd.
Valley Lee, MD 20692
301-994-0607
stgeorge.md@adwparish.org

This is a fundraising event for St. George Catholic Church, part of the Archdiocese of Washington, a 503(c)(3) organization.

- Please use the sign-up sheets in the pews to let us know how you can help this year!
- You can also start bringing your gently used items for our White Elephant room.
- **Calling all St. George Bakers!** Please plan to bake your favorites for our church dinner on August 19. Some requests we are asked for include pound cake, lemon meringue pie, coconut cake, pineapple upside down cake and fruit pies. People coming to our dinner look forward to your **homemade** treats! Thank you in advance for generously donating your home-baked goods. Please label your donations as to what it is and bring them to the Community Center Annex on Saturday or Sunday, August 18 or 19.



Choir Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 22 at 7pm in the Church choir loft!



New members are always welcome! Please email Barbie (music@stgeorgerc.org) if you plan to join so that there is music ready for you at rehearsal.

We are also seeking people who wish to train to become cantors. Email Barbie (music@stgeorgerc.org) to schedule training sessions. Training is held in the church during normal cantor practices on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Recently married? Had a baby? New to the parish? Help us keep our parish records up to date. 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. **It is especially important for newly married couples to have their own registration in the parish!**

Encounter Grace!

A new women's ministry in Southern Maryland!

Encounter Grace (www.encountergrace.co) a NEW Catholic Christian women's ministry is hosting their inaugural event, Encounter Grace: Reconnect on Friday, November 9, from 6pm – 9pm at the Waldorf Jaycee Hall. The evening is for women (21+) and will include a buffet dinner, keynote address by Catholic author and national speaker, Mary Lenaburg, and musical guests, The Miller Sisters, featuring recording artist Marie Miller. Come and discover how, just like Our Blessed Mother Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, women of all ages and stations in life can and should stay connected in the faith. Register online today at www.encountergrace.co/events Interested in being a sponsor or vendor? Email the team at encountergraceco@gmail.com

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

Adult Faith Formation

We are taking a short summer break and will resume in September. Announcements will be posted on the upcoming study soon. In the meantime, please look at FORMED.ORG for lots of good studies, reading and movies about the Catholic faith. Our parish code is M23284 to access your free subscription, a gift to you from the parish.

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

CWILCOX@MD.METROCAST.NET

Upcoming Events:

- Aug 19: Run Carry Out @ August Dinner
- Aug 25: SFX Anniversary Mass, 6pm
- Aug 28: Officer's Planning Meeting, 6:30pm
- Sept 4: Business Meeting, 6:30pm



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

NEWS IN OUR AREA

Sun, August 12 – 2nd District VFD **Breakfast All-You-Can-Eat**; 8am - 11am \$10/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 call 301-994-9999 – NOTE: AUGUST BREAKFAST PRICE INCREASE TO \$10.00 for ADULTS

Sat, August 25-**Car Wash**, 2nd District VFD Time: 7am–12pm; Complete Wash \$10; Coffee and Donuts on sale while you wait; POC: Dee Dee Johnson 240-561-2750

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, September 15 2nd District VFD **Chicken Carry-Out Dinner**, 4pm – 6pm; Cost \$12; Menu : 1/2 chicken; Coleslaw; Green beans; Parsley potatoes; & Dinner roll; Preorders Accepted; Contact Robin to preorder / for more information: at 301-737-4366(H) or 240-577-0270(C)

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.

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.saintaloyuschurch.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.
- Join Fr. Rory T. Conley, pastor of St. Mary's Bryantown, on a pilgrimage to Rome, Sorrento, Naples, Assisi and more. 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 or contact Sam Oliver at 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. #wyddc

REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6: 41-51

"On this Sunday, we continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse" found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of

these themes are repeated in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life."

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/19th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection>



**Give us
this day
Our
Daily
Bread!**