PARISH CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 9 YFF **CC 9:30am**
Domestic Abuse Seminar **CC 9:40am**
9th Grade Confirmation Class **CC 3:30pm**

Wed. Sept.12 Cantor Practice C **6:30pm**
Choir Practice C **7pm**

Sun. Sept.16 YFF **CC 9:30am**
Apologetics C**C 9:30am**
Catechist Meeting **CC 12pm**
9th Grade Confirmation Class **CC 3:30pm**

C*: Church, **CC: Community Center*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues	Sept. 11	9:00 am	Rick & Rebecca Carroll Family **(L)**
Wed	Sept. 12	9:00 am	Brenda Hanson
Thu	Sept. 13	9:00 am	Anne Patton
Fri	Sept. 14	9:00 am	Annette Madel
Sat	Sept. 15	5:00 pm	Maria Lien Phan
Sun	Sept. 16	8:30 am	St. George Parishioners
Sun	Sept. 16	11:00 am	Anne Patton

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Thurs. Sept. 13 St. John Chrysostom
Fri. Sept. 14 **The Exaltation of the Cross**
Sat. Sept. 15 **Our Lady of Sorrows**

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell; M. Goldsmith; C. Galli; J. Re
Meals-on-wheels: I.Hardy; K.Owens; M.Rymer; N.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.

Update Your Information

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!**

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

CONTENT NOT AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

SECOND Collection Today is for Catholic University

100% to Catholic University of America. This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools. Thank you for your generous donation.

Reflection on the Sunday's Scriptural Reading

This Sunday's readings once again illustrate the timeless message of stewardship interwoven throughout the Word of God. Today's readings offer beautiful illustrations of two of the "Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship" — hospitality and service — and the joy that a life lived for others can bring.

The first reading from Isaiah starts off with a powerful message of hope meant to be shared. "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." What a message of encouragement and consolation the prophet is instructed to give!

By virtue of our Baptism, we modern-day prophets are entrusted with this same message. We, too, are called to share the good news of salvation with others, starting in our own families and circle of friends and extending to all in our parish and community. Sharing this Good News is the true goal of hospitality.

In our second reading, from the letter of St. James, we see that all are equally worthy of our hospitality. "If a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Sit here, please,' while you say to the poor one, 'Stand there,' or 'Sit at my feet,'…have you not become judges with evil designs?"

Clearly, we are to welcome and serve everyone who walks through our church's doors, extending warmth and a dignified greeting to all. The person who wanders in late to Mass, who is not dressed to our personal standards, may be just the person who is most in need of the message of hope we read of in Isaiah this week. Sometimes we can offer that message simply with a smile and offer to come and sit next to us in "our" pew.

The Gospel reading from Mark gives further illustration of hospitality and service, and the connection between the two. In this passage we find Jesus on the go, and "people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him."

These people had already heard the Good News that Jesus was preaching. In response, they reached out to a man who literally could not hear and brought him close to Jesus so that he could receive the Good News, too. This is true service. This is hospitality at its finest.

Jesus responds immediately to this act of service and hospitality, opening the deaf man's ears and removing his speech impediment! And what about the people whose service and hospitality had made this encounter possible? Jesus blessed them for it, confirming their faith to such a degree that they were "exceedingly astonished" and could not stop themselves from proclaiming the miracle they had witnessed.

This scripture passage illustrates a wonderful aspect of stewardship living – we simply cannot outdo our God in generosity. The more we give of ourselves to welcome and serve others for His sake, the more He blesses and strengthens our own faith. This week let's challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may just find ourselves astonished at what miracles He accomplishes!

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

PAPAL INFALLIBILITY:

Are popes perfect? Of course not. Then what's the deal with this thing Catholics call "papal infallibility?" Well, it might be easier to first say what it's not. The doctrine of papal infallibility doesn't mean that everything a pope says is perfect, right or even true. After all, if the pope said the sky is green, and the sky wasn't green, then we don't have to believe that the sky is green. It also does not mean that a pope cannot sin. All popes are sinners. The doctrine of papal infallibility has to do with the pope's teaching authority. If the pope makes a formal declaration as head of the Church on a matter of faith and morals, then Catholics believe that that falls under the realm of papal infallibility. Now, understand that infallible statements are actually pretty rare. The doctrine of the Assumption in 1950 is one. In John 16:13, Christ promised the Apostles that the Holy Spirit would "guide you into all truth." And in Matthew 16:19, He gave Peter, the first pope, the ability to bind and loose, or teach authoritatively. By virtue of that promise and the power of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Father cannot teach error on matters of faith and morals. That is papal infallibility. For further study: Matthew 16:19 John 16:13"

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

Bottles and Brushes
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018
St. George Community Center
Come paint with our own parish artists!

*The theme of the painting is "**The Barn**"*
Enjoy snacks, wine, and fellowship as we paint.

Please sign-up and reserve your ticket after Mass in the vestibule. Space is limited, only 40 spaces are available, so get your ticket today.

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

Domestic Violence Initiative Seminar

Through the efforts of the Domestic Violence Initiative Committee, the Archdiocese of Washington is working to increase awareness of domestic violence in all of its forms. If you, or someone you know, is suffering and in an abusive relationship, please know there are options. Information and support is available. Please join us between Masses next **Sunday, Sept.9**, at **9:40-10:45am** in the **Community Center,** for a presentation on **Domestic Violence.**

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,

YFF Classes start TODAY: September 9th

WELCOME BACK TO OUR YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

APOLOGETICS course coming back to our parish and will be held on **2nd & 4th Sunday of each month** between the Sunday Masses**, 9:30-10:45 AM** in the **Community Center, beginning Sunday September 16. The topic for discussion is "*Sex Abuse Scandal & its Misconceptions.*"**

BIBLE STUDY

*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 Group** will return in September. More information will be available soon.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group 2018-2019 will be co-led by Chris De Piazza, Kelly Carpenter, and Omotayo Ojo under the Spiritual Direction and supervision of Deacon Joel Carpenter. Gratefulness and Congratulations to our Youth Team Leaders. We are planning a Kick-Off Youth Group meeting with games and fun and friendship on Sunday, September 16. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome to participate. We look forward to a great year of Youth Group faith, fun-filled activities.

Save the Date for World Youth Day in DC – January 26, 2019: Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18-39) for a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. Experience World Youth Day in Panama including world-renowned speakers, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! Registration begins late summer 2018, For more information visit www.wyddc.org. #wydDC

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

Upcoming Events:

Sept 20th— 4th degree FAW Assembly @7:30PM St. George
Sept 29th— Tootsie Roll Drive at PAX Commissary **10AM-4PM**
Sept 30th— 5th Sunday Rosary 10:30AM at St George
Oct. 6th— Columbus Day Ball at BWI Marriott
Oct. 7th— Columbus Day Parade in downtown Baltimore
Oct. 8th— Columbus Day Celebration at Union Station Washington DC
Oct. 10th— 1st degree at St. Michaels
Oct. 13th— Tootsie Roll Drive at PAX Exchange **10AM-4PM**

The Fr. Sebastian De Rose Council #13091 will be selling tickets after Masses through September for the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus 49th Annual Car Raffle benefit. The drawing will be held on Oct 6. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.

GRAND PRIZE: 2019 Ford Mustang or $18,000 Cash
2nd PRIZE: iPad Air 2
3rd PRIZE: $200.00 Gift Card

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Workshops for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Waldorf will be hosting workshops for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers on Saturday October 27. Lectors are 1PM-4PM and Extraordinary Ministers are also at 9AM-12PM. There is a fee of $5 at the door. Please RSVP by contacting the Office of Worship at liturgy@adw.org or 301-853-4594 and leaving your name, phone, email, and parish name.

NEWS IN OUR AREA

September St. Mary's Hospice **Volunteer Training** Volunteers provide support in a variety of ways – companioning the patient, cooking meals for the patients at the Hospice House in Callaway, helping in the office (Answering Phones, filing, data entry), and helping out at our fund raising events throughout the year. Criminal background checks and drug tests required, and are provided at no cost to the volunteer. As a volunteer, hours are very flexible. If you would like an application or more information, contact Katy Crowell, Volunteer Coordinator at Hospice of St. Mary's , 301-994-3075 or email at mary.crowell@medstar.net.

Mon. September 10th Valley Lee VFD is hosting a **Blood Drive** in the Community Room. Please contact 800-RedCross or log onto www.redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code "Valley Lee VFD" to schedule your Life-saving donation

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, September 15th Camp Maria Retreat House- **Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria,** Guest speaker will be Diana Phelps, author of the book about the ministry of Fr. John Lubey! The breakfast will begin at 8:30 am at Camp Maria Retreat Center (41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown) overlooking the beautiful Breton Bay! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. Register now by stopping by Heavenly Presents or by calling Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139. You can also register online at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org the cost is still only $15 if you register in advanced by Thurs. September 13. Registration at the door will by $17 All are welcome!

Sat. Sept. 15th The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is hosting **Comedy Night with 321 Improv** starts at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-night-with-3-2-1-improv-tickets-45946229409 Tickets are $22 before July 15th (limited ticket quantities available at this price) and $27 beginning July 16th (or after early bird tickets sell out). All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland. No additional donations or offerings will be requested at this event.

Sat. Sept.22- St. John Paul II Shrine will be hosting **Stronger- Retreat for Men** from 9am-4:30pm a retreat focused on strengthening Christian men. Learn how God calls you to lead as a son, husband, father, and missionary disciple in today's world! This event will feature engaging talks by Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington and Captain Joseph McInerney, USN, PhD. The day will also provide time for Confession, personal prayer, a sacred art tour, or a self-guided tour of The Shrine's permanent exhibit on Saint John Paul II. Daily Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Loverde. More information and registration is available at strongerretreat.everbrit.com.

Sun. Sept. 30th Sacred Heart Parish in La Plata is hosting a **Country Fix'ns Dinner** in the Friendship room from 12-5pm. The menu includes fried chicken, pulled pork, baked crab balls, parsley potatoes, green beans, corn pudding, baked apples, coleslaw and rolls. Carry out and drive thru is $16. Dinning in is $25 for adults, $10 for children 6-12 children under 6 are free. Delicious desserts and baked treats will be available for purchase. Raffle tickets for prizes of $1500,$1000 and $500, as well as a 50/50 raffle that are available at the Parish Office and will be on sale prior to 5pm. For more information, call the Sacred Heart Office at 301-934-2261

Sat. Oct. 6th St. Mary's Church in Bryantown is hosting a **Retreat on Divine Healing**. The day will focus on Healing Prayer with presentations on praying for physical and inner healing. The retreat day will conclude with the evening Mass and opportunities to receive prayer for healing and the Sacrament of Anointing. You can register at www.eventbrite.com/e/healing-prayer-retreat-tickets-49560541915

Fri., October 26-28th LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC-Jesuit Retreat House, Faulkner, MD, **Men's Annual Retreat "God's Dream"** Our Ignatian Weekend Retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The retreat is conducted in silences and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer For more information or to make a reservation contact Dan Ichniowski at djichioski@yahoo.com or (301)-944-1310; or online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com deposit is $115 with a registration form to secure your room. The fee for the weekend is $245 ($195 for first time retreatants and/or young adults to 30 and under) "Come Away and rest while".

Sat, October 27th 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.

Sat. Nov.3 2nd District VFD **Spaghetti Dinner** 5pm-7pm Menu Consisting of: Spaghetti with sauce or Spaghetti with meat sauce, Green beans, Garden Salad, Bread & Butter Homemade Dessert Table – Donations Accepted Drinks: Coffee, Tea & Water will be provided; Prices: ADULTS - $10.00; CHILDREN 6 – 12 - $5.00; Children 5 and under are free

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 http://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/countyfair/.