

PARISH CALENDAR

Tues June 12 "C" Team Softball Game, **6:15pm**, Fd 2A
 Wed June 13 Cantor Practice, **6:30pm**, C
 Wed June 13 Choir Rehearsal, **7pm**, C
 Thur June 14 "B" Team Softball Game, **6:15pm**, Fd 3H

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues June 12 9:00 am William F. Owens
 Wed June 13 9:00 am Lawrence W. Smith, Jr.
 Thu June 14 9:00 am Brenda Hanson
 Fri June 15 9:00 am John M. Hodges
 Sat June 16 5:00 pm All Fathers
 Sat June 16 7:00 pm All Fathers
 Sun June 17 8:30 am All Fathers
 Sun June 17 11:00 am All Fathers

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

LITURGICAL FEAST DAY

Mon, June 11 St. Barnabas, *apostle*
 Wed, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua

WEEKDAYS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell; T. Buckler; C. Galli; D. Orwig
Meals-on-wheels: I. Hardy; W&B. Walker; K. Raley
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 (www.StGeorgeRCC.org) and following the links. Forms for this purpose are also in the rack in the church front entrance for those who are not able to use a computer.

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 by going to our website (www.StGeorgeRCC.org) and following the links.

STEWARDSHIP — FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	6/3/2018	6/4/2017	
Gen. Collection	\$3583.00	\$1573.00	
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$1062.00	\$2193.00	-\$108.00
E-Giving (Monthly)	\$950.00	\$1937.00	
Identifiable Gifts	121	133	-12
Maintenance	\$2142.00	\$1498.00	+\$674.00
E-Giving (Maint.)	\$490.00	\$460.00	
Poor Box	\$291.00	\$291.00	+/- \$0.00
Donations	\$780.00	\$660.00	+\$120.00

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 THE STORY IN GENESIS

In today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis we hear the story of Adam and Eve and their sins, defying God. However, when God was present in the garden, the man and woman hid themselves. Adam responds to God's question why in part by saying "I was afraid... so I hid myself." Did he, do any of us really think he could hide from God?

As children many of us may have hidden from a parent when we did something wrong and it was in violation of some specific order we had received. Our efforts to hide what we did and to hide ourselves were probably no more effective than Adam's.

As humans we know the temptation of following our own plans, even if they are contrary to God's. We think we know better and we may try to still have it our way. If what we have done is particularly shameful, we may try to hide our sins from God.

The sincere truth is that we cannot hide from God any more than Adam and Eve could. Psalm 139 declares, "Where can I hide from your spirit (God's)? From your presence where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol (the place of the dead) you are there, too. If I say 'Surely darkness will hide me'... Darkness is not dark for you."

What are we hiding from? In recent weeks we have learned over and over how much God loves us. It is time for us to accept that and not hide.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION, PART II:

“Can non-Catholics receive Communion in a Catholic church? The general answer is no, with a few exceptions, such as members of the Orthodox and other Eastern Churches. Let’s talk about why. First, know that all are welcome at the celebration of the Eucharist, or Mass. In John 17:21, Jesus prayed “that they may all be one.” That is certainly the prayer of the Church. Sadly, though, that is not the reality. As Catholics, we believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship of believers. We also believe that Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. As such, to offer the Eucharist to those who are not in full communion with the Church would be an act of hypocrisy rather than unity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1400 says this: Ecclesial communities derived from the Reformation and separated from the Catholic Church, “have not preserved the proper reality of the Eucharistic mystery in its fullness, especially because of the absence of the sacrament of Holy Orders.” It is for this reason that, for the Catholic Church, Eucharistic intercommunion with these communities is not possible. Many churches offer an opportunity for our non-Catholic brothers and sisters to receive a blessing in lieu of Communion. In the end, we should all pray for one another, and continue to pray for complete unity in the body of Christ. For further study: *CCC 1398–1401. Code of Canon Law – Canon 844*”

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.

SUMMER CHURCH ATTIRE

It’s that time of year again - Summer is here! With temperature rising and the summer heat and humidity hovering over the air, it’s good to reflect on what is appropriate and how we should dress for church when we come for Mass. Like everything else, there is appropriate dress for different occasions, seasons, and special events in our life. Daily we also take care to dress appropriately when we go to work, when we play, and when we go to sleep. We should also take care to dress appropriately for church.

I used to be very self-conscious about how I would dress when I go to special events like a wedding or to a meeting with an important person. I just didn’t want to be over-dressed or under-dressed, or out of place. Now, it’s much more simpler — I just put on my blacks

(clerical garment), despite the heat or the cold, rain or shine.

Often time, when I hear complaint about the Summer heat and how some feel that they want to be comfortable in their flip flops, t-shirt and short coming to church, I would tell them about what I wear when I come to church to celebrate Mass. I would have on my undergarments, my black clerical attire, a white robe called an Alb, and a chasuble — four layers of clothings. And priests dress like this when celebrating Mass in the Summer heat indoor or outdoor, with or without air-conditioning. I don’t mind this at all because the purpose of this event is so important to me that I don’t even think about my own comfort. All that matters to me when celebrating Mass is about the ultimate sacrifice Jesus did for us on Calvary. The Mass ought to bring our mind and heart to that moment. It’s no longer about me. It’s about Him. So I don’t mind a little heat and sweat.

I like the “old-fashioned” saying about “Sunday’s best.” Growing up in a tropical environment, where the heat and humidity is so strong and we didn’t have air-conditioning in church, and walking in the “summer” heat all year long (not just from May to August) to church, I always put on my Sunday’s best to come to church. I guess we are conditioned to where and how we live. As the old priest used to tell me: “a little sacrifice for the Good Lord.”

So, what is my take on this question about how we should dress for church? For me, I don’t mind people coming to Mass in their sandals or short, IF that’s their “best” to come and partake in the banquet with the King of the Universe. In a time where many Catholics are not making the time and priority to come to church, the big question is not about how we are to dress to church, but how we can help bring back those fallen away from the church.

As many parishes placed notices in their bulletin about the appropriate attire during the summer, I would like to remind myself and you that what is pleasing to the Lord in our worship and liturgy is not the outward holocaust and burnt offerings, but the offering of ourselves. In other words, our spiritual disposition and preparation is important. It would be good for us to come to the feast in our baptismal garment unstained, our spiritual garment cleansed of all stains of sins. And as with all things, what is inside also reveals in the outside. An idea or thought may begin inside our mind, but it only counts when that that idea is actualize in deeds either through writing or speech or actions. So the same goes with the manners in which we come to Mass. I look forward to seeing you at church. God bless you!

Fr. Paul

OUR PARISH NEWS

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@stgeorgerc.org.

Please note: *Applicant should be computer proficient.*

Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need,
 Then God combined these qualities,
 When there was nothing more to add,
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it ... Dad

- Author Unknown



Prayer of Blessing for our Dad

God, our Father
 Bless these men,
 that they may find strength as fathers.
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
 Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
 may honor them always
 with a spirit of profound respect.
 Amen.

Baby Bottle Blitz

Don't forget to fill your bottles and return them by
 Father's Day – **June 17!**

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

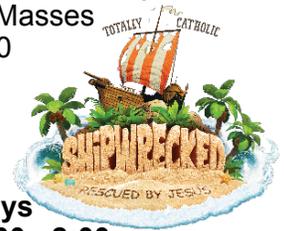
Fee: \$25

Participants: , Volunteers: 6th grade - 12th grade

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 9:30-10:45AM**

Community Center

All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Adam Dean, Youth Ministry Coordinator

email: youthgroup@stgeorgerc.org

Meets on Sundays from 5-8pm

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

Congratulations to our New Officers for the Fraternal Year 2018-2019. Officers installation ceremony and details will be coming soon. God bless you and the work that the Lord has begun in you.

- Fr. Paul

NEWS IN OUR AREA

June 15, 16, & 17 2nd District VFD **Fundraiser for New Building @ Chief's** in Tall Timbers, 11am – 9pm, 5% of Food and Bar Tab will go to the “New Building Fund”, 50/50 Raffle Each Day – Drawing Time 9pm, For more information contact: Dee Dee Johnson: 240-561-2750 or Georgia Wheeler at 301-994-1960

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

NOW HIRING: MUSIC DIRECTOR

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.

REFLECTION ON THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

GN 3: 9-15; PS 130: 1-8; 2 COR: 4:13-5:1; MK 3: 20-35

The Feasts in May and June have been called a “liturgical love feast.” They should help us to realize the persistent love of God. On May 20, we received the Holy Spirit Who pours the love of God into our hearts. The following Sunday we celebrated the Blessed Trinity. On June 3, last week, we celebrated the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Out of love Christ gave us the gift of Himself. He is always available to us, ready to listen and ready to support.

This past Friday, we commemorated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the revelations of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus promised, “Sinners shall find My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy. I will console them in all their troubles.” What we hear in the Word at every Mass should be a source of inspiration and affirmation about the love of God toward us.

Adam and Eve were certainly aware of God’s love. In the First Reading from the Book of Genesis, when they “hear” that God is in the garden, they know full well that He wants to be with them. It is difficult for us to conceive of how intimate and close God was to that first couple. What made them “afraid” of God was sin, something that probably makes all of us afraid of the Lord at times. Ever since Adam we as humans have tended to run from God’s presence and we surely do not always wish to listen to His Word.

Nevertheless, we must always keep in mind that we are made in God’s image, so as fearful of Him as we may be, we still want to be in the presence of God. As we note in the reading, Adam tried to blame Eve for his sin. That is something we may tend to do as well — blame others for

our sins and faults. In 2 Samuel, David declares, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Each of us has to consider taking that responsibility for our actions as David did.

St. Paul had a way with words to be sure. During Paul’s lifetime many felt his life was a failure. At the height of his success in life, he chose to leave it for a career that from our perspective is much higher. We view St. Paul as the great evangelizer and the equivalent of an Apostle. Paul left a comfortable life for a life of hardship, suffering and persecution.

His message to us and to the Corinthians in this reading is that faith creates testimony. Paul believed deeply that God had a purpose in his sufferings. Paul understood and embraced and truly believed in resurrection. At the trials he faced, and all the trials we may face, are trivial in relationship to the life that is to come. Suffering can destroy us; they could have destroyed Paul. Paul recognized that we tend to see the outward, not necessarily the unseen eternal things. He speaks, nevertheless, of the “eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.” That is where his focus was and where our focus needs to be — not the present but what is in our future.

President Abraham Lincoln is often given credit for saying “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” This was the theme of a speech he gave when he was nominated for the United States Senate in 1858. However, we see it in today’s Gospel Reading from St. Mark: “And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.”

Jesus is quoted as saying that in all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

Lincoln was a man familiar with scripture, and he knew that Jesus said this. He also knew most likely that most of his audience knew that. Jesus gave this answer to the Pharisees in all three instances in the Bible, including today’s reading. It was a response the Lord made when accused of being the agent of Satan. It is a logical thought because we all know that any community, including our parish, which is divided will run into problems. Success and cohesion, whether in a family or in an organization or the Church itself, is reliant upon congruency.

We face this in many ways in daily life all the time. It does not matter whether it is a sports team, a government, a family, or our own minds, things must work together in order to accomplish goals. God expects unity among believers because once conflict enters into the picture, the whole organization becomes weaker. That is part of what stewardship demands of us. There are times when each of us must place his or her personal preferences to the side for the good of the group. That is never easy to do, but to be the kind of community we wish to be and need to be it is absolutely necessary. Psalm 133 says, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.” Indeed!