



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Happy Mother's Day

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday

6:30 am, 8:15 am and 12:00 Noon

Saturday

8:15 am, 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 Noon

Holy Day Masses - *To Be Announced*

Sacrament of Penance/Confession - Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm and by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism - Please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan at lfbaptisms@gmail.com to schedule your Baptism. First-time parents are required to attend a prebaptismal instruction class. Please contact Deacon Shanahan to register for a class.

Sacrament of Matrimony - Registered parishioners preparing for matrimony should contact one of the priests at the rectory at least six (6) months before a proposed wedding date. A marriage date will be determined after consultation with a priest.

New Parishioners - Welcome to Little Flower Parish. Please register for parish membership by visiting our website lfp parish.org. You are most welcome!

Departing Parishioners - We will miss you. Please notify the rectory if you are moving away.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon Friday, one week before publication date.



Find us on the web

Please visit our websites for the most up-to-date information on our parish and school activities.

lfp parish.org
littleflowerschool.org

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE



NEW & NOTABLE

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Religious Ed Class K - Gr. 5	10:15-11:30 am	School
HSG Dogma & Donuts	11:00 am	RMR
HSG Parish Mass	12 Noon	Church

Sunday, May 21

Religious Ed Class K - Gr. 5	10:15-11:30 am	School
LF Concert Series	4 pm	Church
HSG Mass & Social	5 pm	RMR

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP MASH

All high school students and their friends are invited to us for MASH (Mass + Social/Service Hour) on Sunday, May 21 at 5 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Questions? Contact Fr. Lewis at psplewis@gmail.com.

Stained Glass Window Dedicated to the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Canton have generously donated a stained glass window that was placed in the entrance hall of the school. The beautiful window has the IHM logo and adds a lovely focal point as you enter the school. Thank you Susie and Steve!



Pope Francis wants to hear from you!



In preparation for an international gathering of Bishops (Synod) next year, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. People of all ages, Catholics and non-Catholics, are invited to give their feedback on how the Church can engage and support youth and young adults in making major life decisions. To participate in the survey visit

www.SharewithFrancis.org.



On behalf of the clergy, religious, and staff of the Little Flower Parish, we wish all mothers, grandmothers, mothers to be, aunts and those who love with a maternal heart, a Blessed and Holy Mother's Day.

BABY SHOWER

The Parish Pro-Life Committee invites you to participate in our annual "Baby Shower" to collect gifts for mothers served by Centro Tepeyac, Forestville, and Shady Grove Pregnancy Aid Centers. The past years have been overwhelmingly successful due to your extraordinary generosity. The recipients are so grateful and continually send their heartfelt thanks.



Please simply take a tag from the "Giving Trees" in the front of the Church, and purchase the item on the tag. Please place your gifts and donations on the back three pews on either side of the center aisle when you come to Mass during the month of May.

Our Baby Shower collection will run through Sunday, May 28. Thank you so much for your kind support of these wonderful centers and the mothers in need.

**LITTLE FLOWER 2016-2017
Concert Series**

presents

JUILLIARD ALUMNI ENSEMBLE

Presenting Opera Arias & Overtures, Songs, Spirituals, Folk Songs, Broadway Hits, in Special Tribute to our U. S. Veterans, in honor of Memorial Day!

Sunday, May 21 at 4 pm

Church of the Little Flower

LORNA MYERS
Mezzo Soprano



JUSTIN YOUNG
Baritone / Whiffenpoof



JOHN TOUCHTON / GUEST
VIRGINIA LUM
Duo Pianists



EDWINA HUMPHREYS-FLYNN
Gospel Singer



MARIELLE YOUNG
Soprano



BRITTA LOFTUS
Mezzo Soprano



Admission is free and open to the public



VOCATIONS CORNER



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Pray for our *Deacons*
Archdiocese of Washington Priest Ordination Class of 2017

Deacon Benjamin Garcia Deacon Robert Kilner Deacon Jorge Ubau Deacon Andrew Wakefield

You are invited to pray for those due to be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington at a

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

In Thanksgiving to God

Friday, June 2
12:45 – 2:30 pm

Church of the Little Flower

During the Lenten season, the Vocations Committee invited parishioners to pray each day for the men being called to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Washington. We notified each man with the date we were sending prayers specifically for his vocation. Here are some excerpts of the many grateful replies we received:

“Thank you for your support of my vocation, especially of course for your prayers. It is a blessing to know I am not alone on my way but that God sends me many wonderful people accompanying me.”

“Thank you for your prayers for me and the other seminarians at Pope John Paul II Seminary. I will keep your community in my prayers as well.”

“Thank you for your prayers and support as I continue to follow the Lord’s will for my life.”

“It is an incredible blessing to know of your thoughtful prayers. Please know you’ll be in mine as well.”

“I will certainly keep the intentions of the Little Flower community in my prayers.”

“As I draw closer to my ordination date for the Diaconate, it means a great deal to me to know I am supported by prayers.”

“It warms my heart to know of your spiritual support as I make this journey of priestly formation.”

If you wish to continue praying for these men, a flyer is available at the back of church for you to take home. If someone you know may be called to the priesthood or consecrated life, invite them to contact the ADW Vocation Director, Fr. Mark Ivany at ivanym@adw.org, or the ADW Delegate for Consecrated Life at (301) 853-4576. Of course this parish is filled with wonderful resources in our priests and Sisters who would welcome a conversation with anyone discerning a vocation.

If you take a look through the missalette in the pew, you’ll find the readings for the day, the antiphons, the Eucharistic prayers, and some hymns. There is also a little section of prayers that are timely for the liturgical season. I found the litany below in the missalette a few years ago, and I liked it so much that after the time for the book was over, I brought it home, cut out the prayer, and pasted it in my own prayer book. Since this weekend is both Mother’s Day and the mid-point of Mary’s month, I thought I would share this lovely litany with you. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. -Sr. Rachel

Litany for Peace

Mary, Mother of the poor:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Laboring Mother at the bolted door:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Mother who fled to safety with her child:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Mother who saw the death of holy innocents:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Bearer of the Christ:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Bearer of immense responsibility:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Bearer of the light of possibility:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Bearer of the good news:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Woman who said yes to the Divine:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Woman who pondered miracles in her heart:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Woman arrayed with confidence:

Help us bear peace to the world.

Woman clothed in undying faith:

Help us bear peace to the world.

MISSING SACRAMENTS?

Sometimes children or adults miss the traditional timing for receiving the Sacraments. Whatever the reason, we are always happy to welcome these individuals and their families and will guide them through the process. For more information, please contact Deacon Shanahan at deaconschanahan@gmail.com.

EDUCATION



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Prayers and special greetings to all of the mothers and grandmothers of our parish. Have a wonderful day!

MEETING

The final Advisory Board Meeting for this school year will take place on Tuesday evening, May 16, at 7:30 pm in the Faculty Room of the school.

**FACULTY MEETING/KINDERGARTEN SCREENING
PRE-KINDERGARTEN WELCOME**

All students registered for the Kindergarten Class of September 2017 will be at school on Wednesday, May 17, for special screening interviews. Our students in Grades Pre K, K and 1 will not have class on this day. There will be a 12:15 Dismissal for our students because of a Faculty Meeting.

LAST MEETING

The last Home and School Meeting for this school year will take place on Thursday evening, May 18, at 7:30 pm in the school hall. We invite everyone to come out and celebrate all that this school year has accomplished. The Student Art Show and Social will begin at 7:00 pm and will continue after the general meeting.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

FRIDAY, MAY 19 ~ 6:30 PM AT MONSIGNOR KANE FIELD

Cookout for the Family Sponsored by the Father's Club - \$25 per family - Register online - Event is for all families of the parish.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL

...that is committed to strong spiritual and moral values, academic excellence, and concern for others and is a vibrant school community - then we invite you to seriously consider Little Flower School. There are limited openings in our school. Please call 301-320-3273 to schedule a tour and obtain more information.

**ATTENTION Parents of rising 8th graders attending
Private Catholic School.**

If you would like your child to participate in Little Flower Parish Confirmation preparation classes in the fall, please contact Sr. Roberta Thompson for an important informational packet and to ensure we have current contact information for you. rthompson@lfschool.org or 301-320-5233.

LITURGY



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

This is a voluntary program for the children from age 4 through 4th grade at the 9:00 am Family Mass. Before the first reading, the children leave the church and go to the Rectory Meeting Room to hear the first and second readings, as well as the Gospel. The children return to the church after the homily. Parents should feel free to join on any Sunday.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
Maplewood Park Place



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

MOTHER'S DAY

"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creatures. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...."What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother."

(The late Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary)

SAINTS AS MODEL STEWARDS

May the saints whom we commemorate this week inspire us to use our own God-given talents and opportunities as He would have us do.

Monday - St. Isidore the Farmer (d. 1130), a devout and kind soul who worked diligently, while sharing what he had with the poor. He inspires us, no matter what we do, to sanctify our work. He is the patron saint of farmers - and not to be confused with his namesake, St. Isidore of Seville, the patron saint of computer users (whose requests to him for intercession must be growing exponentially.)

Saturday - St. Bernardine of Siena (d. 1444). Before becoming a Franciscan, he spent two years caring for those stricken by the plague. He then spent the next 12 years as a contemplative before starting his immensely successful ministry as a preacher, crisscrossing Italy on foot. Bernardine accepted his "lofty vocation" and used his gifts of energy, enthusiasm and devotion to fulfill it.

(Portions of the above paraphrased with permission from "Steward Saints for Every Day," "Voices of the Saints" and other sources)

TREASURE

Offertory, May 7	\$21,731
Offertory Goal	\$21,500
Poor Box	\$ 279

POOR BOX

Donations in May will be for Covenant House, the largest privately funded, nonprofit childcare agency in the U. S. As such, it helps abused, neglected, homeless, runaway and other at-risk youth. Their services include street outreach, health care, job placement, academic remediation, vocational training, substance abuse treatment and prevention programs, advocacy and legal services.

"God has two arms - an arm of love and an arm of fear. With both arms he embraces the sinner who desires to return to him. If you want to be loved by him, love him and he will prosper (bless) you.

And if you fear him, he will protect you from every danger.

(St. Bernardine of Siena, whose memorial is on Saturday.)

ONLINE GIVING

We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes. Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Little Flower with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. [Visit faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and use our parish code: **MD730**. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS



Readings for Next Sunday:

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Gospel: John 14:15-21

2nd Reading: First Peter 3:15-18

May 13, Saturday

Acts 13:44-52 / John 14:7-14

8:15 am Ann Brennan

Acts 6:1-7 / John 14:1-12 / First Peter 2:4-9

5:00 pm Dianne Carberry

May 14, Sunday

Acts 6:1-7 / John 14:1-12 / First Peter 2:4-9

7:30 am LF Parishioners

9:00 am All Souls

10:30 am Dorothy Schmeideler

12 Noon Elizabeth Billings

May 15, Monday

Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26

6:30 am All Souls

8:15 am LF Parishioners

12 Noon Dianne Carerry

May 16, Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31

6:30 am Joseph Shelley

8:15 am William Smith - SI

12 Noon LF Parishioners

May 17, Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8

6:30 am Stanley Slackman

8:15 am All Souls

12 Noon James W. Smith

May 18, Thursday

Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11

6:30 am LF Parishioners

8:15 am All Souls

12 Noon Joseph Patrick Rafferty

May 19, Friday

Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17

6:30 am LF Parishioners

8:15 am Linda Morgan

12 Noon Dorothy Schmeideler

May 20, Saturday

Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21

8:15 am Maria Carmen Miranda

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / John 14:15-21 / First Peter 3:15-18

5:00 pm Dianne Carberry

May 21, Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / John 14:15-21 / First Peter 3:15-18

7:30 am LF Parishioners

9:00 am Frederick Snyder

10:30 am Flexie Gazelle

12 Noon Patrick Colliton

PRAYERS



Prayers for Our Military — Brian Czech, Christopher Demanski,



Michael Herman, Michael Hostage, Patrick Keogh, Aaron Palmer, Jamie Parker, David Phillippi, Matthew Pohl, Charles Samaris, Jonathan M. Watson.

We ask for updates as to whether these wonderful service personnel are back home or are still serving. Send name and APO address to Patty Caldwell at patty.caldwell@verizon.net.

Prayers for the Deceased — Please pray for the repose of the

souls of Eleanor Argonis, Ruth Aurora de Lasso, Dianne Carberry, Patrick Joseph Colliton, Louise Connor, Hollis Doherty, Mary Jo Flanagan, Dorothy Flynn, Maurice Flynn, James Hartley, Maria Haywood, Ann Kelly, Joan Kernan Kelly, Blaine O'Donoghue, John F. O'Kane, Louise Packer, Antonio Ramos, Dorothy Rose, Dorothy Schmeideler, Sara Meneses Tamayo, Alice Waksmunski, Joseph Whalen. May they rest in peace.

Prayers for the Sick — Please include our sick in your prayers

this week. Clip out the list and post it at home or insert it in your prayer book. Claire Alexander, John Berube, Rosemary and Melville Blake, Madeleine Brown, Brooks Cabe, Greg Coffy, Flynn Conley, Kaitlin DeMarco, Damien Dufour, Randy Duncan, Olivia E., Raymond Fenstermaker, Elizabeth Forst, Christian Francois, Jean Connors Glose, Bill Graefe, Will Hughes, Adam Hunter, Gerald Juha, Pat and Jim Lawon, Laurence H. Leong, Daniel Liguori, Mark Limke, Bill Luksic, Jane Markel, Hugh McElhennon, Elizabeth McGahran, Rita McMahan, John McMary, Lawrence Menapace, Sr. Anne Miriam, S.C., Angela Murphy, Rebecca Noble, Kathy O'Brien, Patty O'Brien, Colin Potts, Anne Ramachandran, Brian Slawta, Ted TePas, M.D., Frank Vita, Joan Voigt, Nicholas Warddell, Richard Whalen, Ernest Yambot.

N.B. — Please note that if after a month's time you wish to continue to be included in the prayers for the sick, call 301-320-4538 or e-mail, pwhitty@lfparish.org.

Newly Baptized are warmly welcomed to our parish.

Reid Fisher Thompson (Brendan & Lindsay Thompson)



OUTREACH

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you or a member of your family are unable to attend Sunday Mass and wish to receive the Eucharist, our parish has ministers of Holy Communion who are happy to make arrangements with you to receive the Eucharist at home. Please call or email Helen Taney, 301-229-1488, hgtaney7@verizon.net.

HELPING HANDS

Fellow parishioners are available to help you in transportation to church, groceries and/or doctor's appointments. Call Sue DuFour at 301-986-1386 or Linda Kildea at 301-257-1789 for assistance.

LF SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

The next collection will be the weekend of June 3-4. Thank you for your generosity.



OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS

Attention Coffee and Doughnut lovers!
All are welcome after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses in Little Flower Hall.
We look forward to chatting with you over a hot cup of joe!
May 14 - CCD - 4th Grade



2017 JUBILARIAN MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage, honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years, will be held Sunday, June 25 at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will preside at the Mass. If interested, please contact Patty at pwhitty@lfparish.org or 301-320-4538.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

On Sunday, May 21, the 23rd Annual Memorial Mass will be held to honor those who have served and are serving in our nation's armed forces. The Mass will take place at 4:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). The principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform, and civilians should wear business attire. Parking is limited and carpooling is advised. To register and to request group seating, please visit www.milarch.org/memorialmass/laity-registration. For more information, contact Jo Ann Redmond at administration@milarch.org or 202-719-3600.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

St. Andrew Apostle Parish in Silver Spring is offering a Mass with Healing Prayers for Children and Families on Friday, June 9, at 6:30 pm. All families with infants and families with children through 8th grade, are welcome! Following a teaching mass for children, families will be invited forward to kneel together before Our Lord in adoration, and the children will receive healing prayers through the priesthood. Confession will also be available throughout the evening. For more information, please visit the parish website <http://standrewapostle.org> or contact paula.a.zelaya@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: 100TH ANNIVERSARY

To mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal, the Catholic Standard is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the holy site on the exact date of the famous "miracle of the sun." The Marian shrines pilgrimage from October 11-20 also includes visits to Lourdes, Guadalupe, Zaragoza, and Madrid. Call 1-800-777-7432 for details.

WORLD YOUTH DAY UNITE

All young adults and families are invited to World Youth Day UNITE taking place on Saturday, July 22. It will feature artists Audrey Assad and Tony Melendez, TED-style talks by dynamic Catholic bishops, and opportunities for Confession and Adoration. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington. The festival theme this year, chosen by Pope Francis, is "The Mighty One Has Done Great Things for Me and Holy is His Name." The event will take place at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) from 11:30am-10pm. Register online at www.wydate.com/register.

HOPE CORPS

Catholic Charities is recruiting young adults to work in teams to lead volunteer events once a month for the next year. Choose your project. Each month, Hope Corps members lead volunteers in one-time, short projects that make a big difference in a few hours: clean up a shelter, pack breakfast bags (Cup of Joe) for people who stay in our shelters, help load up food packages, and more. Hope Corps members receive training, swag, and gratitude! Get information and apply at www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer.

MASS TIMES WEBSITE

If you will be traveling please visit masstimes.org, a website for Catholics to get to Mass by helping them find churches and worship times worldwide. The masstimes.org website provides worship times, church locations, contact information, website links and maps.

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

- The Archdiocese of Washington airs a Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine Sundays at 10:30 am on WDCW-50. Trouble finding the Mass on Channel 50? If you have Verizon then the Mass will appear on your Channel 3.
- ABC Family airs Mass from 6:30 to 7:00 am each Sunday.
- CatholicTV broadcasts a weekly Mass from the Basilica of the National Shrine on Saturdays at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.