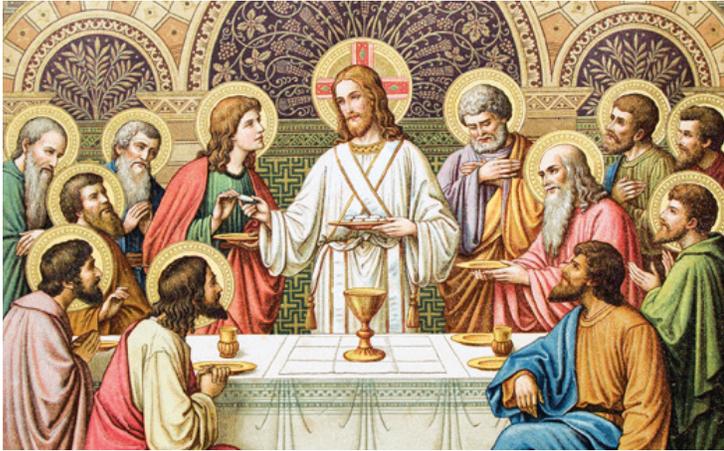




CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

June 18, 2017

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday

(during Summer)

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*

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The Rectory Office is open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, *Pastor*
Rev. Patrick S. Lewis, *Parochial Vicar*
Mrs. Patty Whitty, *Parish Secretary*
Rev. Msgr. William J. Kane, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. George E. Stuart, *In Residence*
Rev. Dylan Schrader, *In Residence*
Deacon Don Longano, *RCIA Coordinator*
Deacon Jim Shanahan, *Coordinator of Special Sacraments*
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Mr. Joe Burns, *Business Manager*
Mr. Danny Wilbur, *Youth Minister*

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



NEW & NOTABLE

Religious Education



Registration is now open!

Religious Education registration for the 2017-18 school year for students in K-8 is underway. Please visit the parish website to register online by August 1, 2017. For more information and questions, please contact Sr. Roberta at 301-320-5233.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Little Flower and St. Elizabeth Parishes will again co-host Vacation Bible School during the week of June 26-30.

VBS is open to all in grades K through 6 and space fills very quickly. This program takes place during the mornings, from 9:00 to 12:20. At just \$70, VBS is a great value, and certainly exposes our children to the richness of Old and New Testament scripture stories. There is also a great need for teen and adult help (babysitting provided to helpers.) Enrollment forms can be found on the parish website.



The Monsignor Kane Field is available and open for use by all Little Flower parishioners. Because the field was recently resurfaced, at a substantial investment by the Little Flower Home and School Association and the parish, an access control system is used for entry.

To access the field, when not being used by a preauthorized LF-sponsored group, **please enter the updated code 4538 on the gate keypad.** The code will open the gate only during times of field availability. The code will not work when another parish group has reserved the field or whenever services are underway in the Church.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES Building a Personal Relationship with the Bible



The Bible is the most important book in the world, God's written text for humanity. But it can be intimidating to crack open, especially when we're not accustomed to reading it for ourselves.

If you'd like to build your confidence and familiarity with the Bible this summer, please join our summer seminarian, Christian Huebner, for a series of talks, "**Building a Personal Relationship with the Bible.**" Tuesdays at 7 pm in Little Flower Hall, Christian will lead a study of one of the most fascinating little books of the New Testament, 1 Thessalonians. Along the way, we'll gain practice in reading the Bible and understanding how it can speak to our lives today.

Join us at 7 pm in Little Flower Hall on the following Tuesdays:
July 11 - What the Bible says about Joy
July 18 - What the Bible says about Leadership
July 25 - What the Bible says about Longing
August 1 - What the Bible says about Living Well
August 8 - What the Bible says about the End of our Lives

Each talk is free-standing, so feel free to come as often as you can. Hope to see you there!

The Little Flower Social Concerns Committee is collecting school supplies over the summer months to assist school-aged children in need.



Paper bags with a list of suggested supplies will be distributed in the coming weeks and will be available throughout the summer months for your convenience. Please return your donation to Little Flower Parish by August 7, so that we may distribute the supplies before the new school year. Cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes/ Lysol spray/ hand sanitizer) and boxes of tissues are always welcome by all of the schools. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the students, the families and the faculty to support education and learning.

We are sincerely appreciative of your kindness and generosity always. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Casey at 301-299-1090.



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

We never know what little gestures or habits will seep into the mind and heart of a child (or an adult for that matter!). Each of us has the ability to nurture the faith of others just by being who we are. This Father's Day weekend, I thought I would write a reflection on some important things I learned from my Dad, who probably never set out to teach me these lessons, but just lives in his own good way.

My Dad is a musician and from my earliest days our house was filled with joyful song. I learned that to give of your talents is to honor the God from whom all gifts originate. I also learned the power of music and the necessity of sharing it with others. God, Creator of all good gifts, help us to be generous in sharing the talents you have bestowed upon us.

My Dad grew a vegetable garden in our backyard. I learned that if you are careful of and attuned to the wonder of Creation, the earth will give back its plenty and there will be abundance to share. God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, help us to be gentle with and respectful of your marvelous Creation.

My Dad read me a bedtime story every night until I graduated from high school. I learned that I was loved enough to spend precious minutes with. God, Lover of us all, help us to be attentive to those who have been entrusted to our care.

My Dad converted to Catholicism and has made the Church a central part of his life. I learned to follow the tugging of your heart toward God and to respond generously, even if it is not an easy or convenient thing to do. God, our Light and our Way, help us to listen to your promptings and to follow your path.

My Dad dedicated his life to serving persons with mental and physical disabilities. I learned from him to see the blessedness and dignity of all people and to accept others with joy and kindness. God, Giver of life, help us to see you in each person we encounter, especially in the most vulnerable.

Take some time today to thank the people in your life who have taught you lessons just by the way they live. Happy Father's Day to all you Dads out there!

-Sr. Rachel

Summer Masses

Starting tomorrow, Monday, June 19, all Masses Monday - Friday during the summer months will be held in Little Flower Parish Hall. Masses on Saturday and Sunday will be held in the Church.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

FATHERS DAY

Today we honor fathers, who are entrusted by God with the loving care and stewardship of their children. The Little Flower parish community offers them our prayers and best wishes. May St. Joseph, the perfect paternal model, intercede for our fathers.

SAINTS AS MODEL STEWARDS

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

Monday - St. Romuald (d. 1027), a Benedictine hermit, was committed to a life of prayer and solitude. Although we are not hermits, we, as Christian stewards of the time God has given us, should make quality time available for prayer, spiritual reading and reflection. Please seriously consider putting aside some time each day during your summer vacation to nurture your interior lives. Participation at daily Mass would be a superb addition to your routine.

Wednesday - St. Aloysius Gonzaga was born into a noble family, but gave away his inheritance and became a Jesuit. While nursing poor patients during the plague of 1591, he contracted the disease and died in 1591 at age 23. He is the patron saint of youth and students. In "Journal of a Soul" Saint John Paul XXIII wrote, "God wants us to follow the examples of the saints by absorbing the vital sap of their virtues and turning it into our own life-blood, adapting it to our own individual capacities and particular circumstances. If St. Aloysius had been as I am, he would have become holy in a different way."

Thursday - Saints John Fisher and Thomas More were beheaded in 1535 for refusing to recognize the validity of King Henry VIII's divorce and re-marriage. May their example give us the courage to proclaim our faith by the witness of our lives.

Thursday is also the memorial of St. Paulinus (d. 431), a retired lawyer who gave away most of his wealth to take up a monastic lifestyle and set up a hospice to care for the sick and house pilgrims to the shrine of St. Felix. After the death of his wife, he was called upon to be Bishop of Nola (Italy), where he used his considerable talents in the service of the Lord. His words: "...hope and faith are of much more value than all the riches of this world."

Friday is The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"Heart of Jesus, rich unto all who call upon Thee, Have mercy on us. Heart of Jesus, Fountain of life and holiness, Have mercy on us. Heart of Jesus, Propitiation for our sins, Have mercy on us." (From the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

(Portions of the above paraphrased with permission from "Steward Saints for Every Day," "Voices of the Saints," and "My Catholic Source")

TREASURE

Offertory, June 11	\$17,561
Offertory Goal	\$21,500
Poor Box	\$ 2,423

Poor Box

Donations in June will go to the Missionaries of Charity. Their ministries include the Gift of Peace (a home in northeast Washington for the homeless and terminally ill, including persons with AIDS) and the Queen of Peace Shelter in Southeast DC (a home for unwed mothers, a soup kitchen and an after-school program for children.) They also have a contemplative convent at St. Teresa's parish.



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GIVE ENVELOPES A PERMANENT VACATION!

Did you know that June 21 – the first day of summer in 2017 – is National eGiving Day?

Little Flower parish can take particular joy in this celebration, as the response to eGiving in our church has been wonderful.

To build on this success, I am setting a National eGiving Day Challenge. My goal is for Little Flower families to put envelopes on a permanent “summer vacation” and make the switch to eGiving.

By embracing this practice, you will simplify your giving and help provide our parish with consistent support. This is especially important in the summer months, when many families may be out of town some weekends and Little Flower does not receive their envelopes. It's easy for people to forget to catch up once they're back, and our weekly offertory can fluctuate as a result – making it harder to predict how much we will have to sustain our year-round ministries.



Being part of this challenge is simple: **visit faithdirect.net and use our parish code: MD730.**

The more families who welcome the beginning of summer by taking this National eGiving Day Challenge, the more consistent and predictable our offertory will be month after month – and this will help us do even more to spread Christ's love throughout the community.

I ask you to give eGiving your prayerful consideration, and give envelopes a permanent vacation this summer. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly this summer and throughout the year!

Gratefully,
Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi
Pastor

JUNE 18, 2017
SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS



Readings for Next Sunday:

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Gospel: **Matthew 10:26-33**

2nd Reading: **Romans 5:12-15**

June 17, Saturday

Second Corinthians 5:14-21 / Matthew 5:33-37

8:15 am Eileen Wilton

Exodus 19:2-6 / Matthew 9:36--10:8 / Romans 5:6-11

5:00 pm Maria Carmen Miranda

June 18, Sunday

Exodus 19:2-6 / Matthew 9:36--10:8 / Romans 5:6-11

7:30 am Adelene Peck

9:00 am Jack Morrissey

10:30 am Dr. Joseph Swift

12 Noon Patrick Colliton

June 19, Monday

Second Corinthians 6:1-10 / Matthew 5:38-42

8:15 am Marta Casas

12 Noon Kathleen Royals

June 20, Tuesday

Second Corinthians 8:1-9 / Matthew 5:43-48

8:15 am John Ryan

12 Noon Patrick Colliton

June 21, Wednesday

Second Corinthians 9:6-11 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

8:15 am Jack Morrissey

Michelle Pangallo

12 Noon Londano Family

June 22, Thursday

Second Corinthians 11:1-11 / Matthew 6:7-15

8:15 am Paul Finney

12 Noon Dorothy Kim Shigamura

June 23, Friday

Deuteronomy 7:6-11 / Matthew 11:25-30 / First John 4:7-16

8:15 am LF Parishioners

12 Noon Joe Hickson

June 24, Saturday

Isaiah 49:1-6 / Luke 1:57-66, 80 / Acts 13:22-26

8:15 am All Souls

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Matthew 10:26-33 / Romans 5:12-15

5:00 pm Eileen Heim

June 25, Sunday

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Matthew 10:26-33 / Romans 5:12-15

7:30 am Adelene Peck

9:00 am All Souls

10:30 am LF Parishioners

12 Noon Jack Morrissey

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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, Jim Lawson, Blaine O'Donoghue, John F. O'Kane, Louise Packer, Bob Raczynski, Antonio Ramos, Dorothy Rose, Dorothy Schmeidler, Sara Meneses Tamayo, Alice Wakszynski, 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, Bill Gearon, Jean Connors Glose, Bill Graefe, Will Hughes, Adam Hunter, Gerald Juha, Pat Lawson, Laurence H. Leong, Daniel Liguori, Mark Limke, Bill Luksic, Jane Markel, Hugh McElhennon, Elizabeth McGahran, Rita McMahon, John McMarty, Lawrence Menapace, Sr. Anne Miriam, S.C., Angela Murphy, Rebecca Noble, Kathy O'Brien, Patty O'Brien, Susan O'Donnell, Colin Potts, Anne Ramachandran, Charles S. Robb, 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.

Charlotte Cecilia Nace (Matthew and Cristin Nace)

Maia Guadalupe Perea (Raul and Zoraya Perea)

Christian Louis Sigrist (Mark and Sara Sigrist)

Grace Quincy Wheeler (William and Caitlin Wheeler)



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.



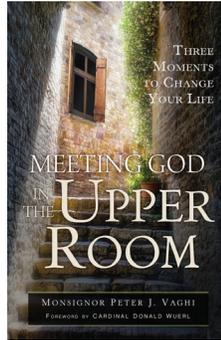
OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS
Will resume in the fall!

Msgr. Vaghi's newest book is available for purchase!

Recalling his own Holy Land pilgrimage experience, Msgr. Vaghi explores three significant events in the life of the early Church that can be traced back to the Upper Room in Jerusalem (sometimes called the "Cenacle") in order to guide us to a deeper appreciation and understanding of living the Christian life in prayer, worship and service.

Meeting God in the Upper Room is available for purchase on shop.franciscanmedia.org or amazon.com.



CYO FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

OPEN TO ALL LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS



CADET 1 CO-ED TEAM - Fee \$100

CADET 2 - Fee \$100

ROOKIES - Fee \$125

JV- Fee \$125

VARSITY - Fee \$125



Registration Questions: Trish Jones lfcyosports@gmail.com

Soccer Questions: Alex Mays lfssoccer@gmail.com

TO REGISTER VISIT: lfparish.org/cyo

SACRED HEART CHURCH ANNUAL DINNER

Fr. Lickteig's parish, Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, MD, is hosting their annual June dinner on Sunday, June 25. The event will start at 12 Noon and continue until the food is gone! The Menu includes fried chicken, crab cakes, country ham, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, beets, rolls, tea or coffee. All you can eat, served buffet style. Adults \$26 and children 12 and under \$6. Drive-thru carry-outs \$26. Country store, cake stand and raffle.

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 11:30 am-10 pm. Register online at www.wydunite.com/register.

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.

CARITAS COUNSELING CENTER

Caritas Counseling Center, a ministry of Saint Luke Institute, offers confidential, professional, and compassionate therapy for individuals, couples, and groups. They understand the importance of faith and will assist you with recovery from grief, depression, stress, difficult relationships, and more. For more information, please contact Dr. Crystal Taylor-Dietz, director, at 301-431-6865, or visit caritas-sli.org. Calls are confidential. Caritas centers are located in Silver Spring, MD and Towson, MD.

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.