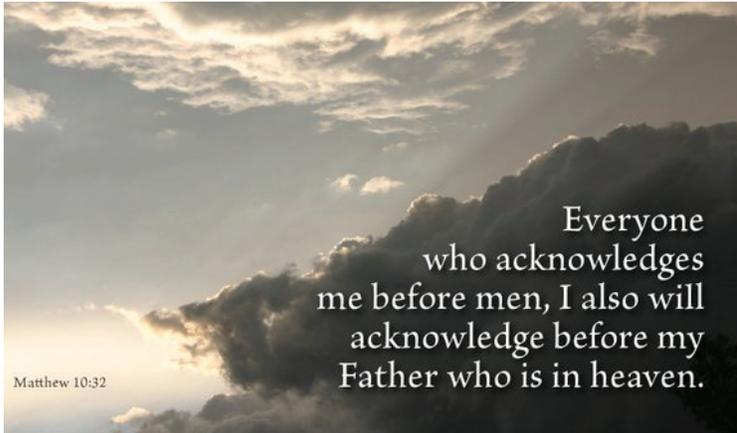




# CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

June 25, 2017

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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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CCD	301-320-5233
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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*  
Mrs. Laura Kallen, *Director of Communications & Website*  
Mr. Terry N. Eberhardt, *Director, Music Ministries*  
Mrs. Ginny Curtin, *Director, Music Ministries*  
Sister Rosemaron Rynn, IHM, *School Principal*  
Sister Roberta Thompson, SNJM, *Dir. of Religious Education*  
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](mailto: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](http://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](http://lfp parish.org)  
[littleschool.org](http://littleschool.org)



**NEW & NOTABLE**

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

Last summer Fr. Lewis led a successful Summer College Group on Sundays after the noon Mass. If you are an 18-22 year-old and would be interested in meeting this Summer for fun, fellowship and faith enrichment, please contact Fr. Lewis at [psplewis@gmail.com](mailto:psplewis@gmail.com).

# 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.

### Summer Masses

**REMINDER - 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.**



## LITTLE FLOWER TURF FIELD USE

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.

### 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 July 1-2 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.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE)

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Thank you for your generosity.



## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Over the next two months, many of us will be taking well deserved summer vacations. Pursuant to Jesus' command, "we will go to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk 6:30). As we escape the 3 Hs of a Washington summer in the mountains, by a lake or on the shore, I recommend two excellent summer reads. The first book, *Laudato Si*, is Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical about the global environmental deterioration of our common home, Mother Earth. Pope Francis expresses his hope that this encyclical "can help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face" (LS 15).

The encyclical leaves little doubt that climate change is mainly the result of human activity. The encyclical describes how human beings are: destroying the biological diversity God's creation, stripping the earth of its natural forests, and contaminating the earth's waters, its land, its air and its life.

The Pope acknowledges that this human activity, "often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful... We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something we have created ourselves" (emphasis added) (LS 34).

To better understand paragraph LS 34 in the encyclical, I recommend a second book to read/re-read: *The Lorax*, by Dr. Seuss. The Lorax provides a wonderful example illustrating what is "irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty"...it is called a Truffula Tree.

Interestingly (and perhaps coincidentally), *The Lorax* was published the same year Bl. Pope Paul VI wrote the Apostolic Letter, *Octogesima Adveniens* (14 May 1971). In this Letter, Bl. Pope Paul VI warned that "due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation."

Despite the many challenges, Pope Francis remains confident change is possible because "the Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home" (LS 13).

*The Lorax* concludes with a similar message of hope. At the end of the story, the little boy receives the very last Truffula Seed. The antagonist begs the boy to plant a new Truffula Tree and re-grow the forest.

After reading these two books, we all need to ponder the following questions: Are we prepared to: replace consumption with sacrifice? greed with generosity? wastefulness with a spirit of sharing? Are we ready to plant the last Truffula Seed?

Peace,  
Deacon Jim

p.s. In many respects, the Pope is the Lorax. Pope Francis "speaks for the trees, for the trees have no tongues."



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Summer vacations are a time of physical, mental and spiritual renewal. Please consider joining "the silent army of Catholics" (to quote our pastor) who attend daily Mass, hear the Word, receive the Body of Christ, pray and reflect – doing so in memory of Him. Starting on June 19, as in previous summers, there will be two Masses on Mondays through Fridays, at 8:15 and noon, in the parish hall. Is there a better way to spend your time?

### 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.

**Tuesday - St. Cyril of Alexandria** (d. 444), the outspoken and forceful bishop, who at the Council of Ephesus defended Mary's status as Mother of God and condemned Nestorianism, a heresy that eroded the doctrine of the Incarnation. May we too put our best gifts at the service of God.

**Wednesday - St. Irenaeus** (d. 220), bishop and martyr, a spokesman for apostolic succession and a defender of the faith against Gnosticism. This scholarly and diplomatic man was more intent on winning over his opponents than on proving them wrong – a wonderful example for us as evangelists.

**On Thursday we celebrate the two giants of the early Church – Sts. Peter and Paul**, who put their very different talents at the service of Our Lord. In our own cases, we can be sure that God has also given us the gifts we need to answer His call to us. We pray that we too will respond unequivocally, as did Sts. Peter and Paul. This date, June 29, also marks the 32nd anniversary of Monsignor Vaghi's ordination. Let's remember to pray for him, and thank God and him for his vocation.

**On Friday we commemorate the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.** In answering the call of Christ and putting our gifts at the Lord's disposal, it is likely to make us counter-cultural in our own time. May the courage of those first martyrs inspire us to follow Jesus – no matter the cost.

**Saturday – St. Junipero Serra** (d. 1784) was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the Church in California. He founded nine of the first 21 missions in California, and it was because of these tireless efforts along with his acts of piety that he was canonized, right here in Washington in September 2015. He said, "Of all the things of life, a happy death is our principal concern. For if we attain that, it matters little if we lose all the rest. But if we do not attain that, nothing else is of any value."

### TREASURE

Offertory, June 18	\$17,820
Offertory Goal	\$21,500
Poor Box	\$ 249

### 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.



## GIVE ENVELOPES A PERMANENT VACATION!

The response to eGiving in our parish has been wonderful. To build on this success, I am asking 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](http://faithdirect.net) and use our parish code: MD730.**

The more families who welcome summer by enrolling in Faith Direct, 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

### EDUCATION



### 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**



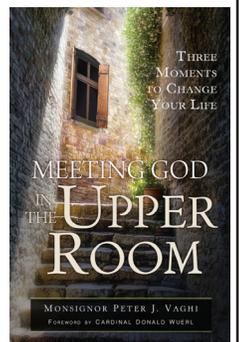
Registration Questions: Trish Jones [lfcyosports@gmail.com](mailto:lfcyosports@gmail.com)  
Soccer Questions: Alex Mays [lfssoccer@gmail.com](mailto:lfssoccer@gmail.com)

**TO REGISTER VISIT: [lfparish.org/cyo](http://lfparish.org/cyo)**

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](http://shop.franciscanmedia.org) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS



Readings for Next Sunday:

1st Reading: **Second Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

Gospel: **Matthew 10:37-42**

2nd Reading: **Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

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

June 26, Monday

Genesis 12:1-9 / Matthew 7:1-5

8:15 am All Souls

12 Noon Gregory Lorenzo

June 27, Tuesday

Genesis 13:2, 5-18 / Matthew 7:6, 12-14

8:15 am LF Parishioners

12 Noon Paul Finney

June 28, Wednesday

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 / Matthew 7:15-20

8:15 am Jennie & Joseph Rynn

12 Noon Mr. & Mrs. Harry Stokes, Sr.

June 29, Thursday

Acts 12:1-11 / Matthew 16:13-19 / Second Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

8:15 am All Souls

12 Noon Roberto Casas

June 30, Friday

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 / Matthew 8:1-4

8:15 am Agnes Leonard Family

12 Noon Fr. William Wiethorn, OFM

July 1, Saturday

Genesis 18:1-15 / Matthew 8:5-17

8:15 am Marie Hyde Family

Second Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 / Matthew 10:37-42 / Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

5:00 pm Priests of LF

July 2, Sunday

Second Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 / Matthew 10:37-42 / Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

7:30 am Robert F. Mawhinney

9:00 am Frances Underhill

10:30 am LF Parishioners

12 Noon James Gibbs & Family

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](mailto: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 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, 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 McMary, 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](mailto:pwhitty@lfparish.org).*

Newly Baptized are warmly welcomed to our parish.

Benjamin Patrick Barnes (Timothy and Dawn Barnes)

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](mailto: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 July 1-2. Thank you for your generosity.

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## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COFFEE & DONUTS Will resume in the fall!



### CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Board of Directors of the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County invites you to attend its monthly Friday Networking Breakfast Meeting to be held on Friday, July 14, 2017 at 7:30 am.

Our guest speaker for July is William "Bill" Fralin. Bill is an estate planning attorney who founded The Estate Planning and Elder Law firm. He speaks frequently on topics relating to life care planning for seniors, elder law, asset protection and preservation and estate and incapacity planning. Please join us to hear from Bill and network with area business leaders.

We meet on the second Friday of every month at Lahinch Restaurant near the Cabin John Mall (Lahinch Tavern & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane Potomac, Maryland). Parking is conveniently located outside the restaurant. Please register to attend at [www.cbnmc.com](http://www.cbnmc.com)

### SACRED HEART CHURCH ANNUAL DINNER

Fr. Lickteig's parish, Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, MD, is hosting their annual June dinner TODAY, 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.

### ATTENTION FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS!

Help motivated people to break the cycle of poverty. Join Catholic Charities "Financial Stability Network" of financial professionals who will offer pro bono financial education, financial coaching, and tax return preparation services for low-income families and individuals in the Archdiocese of Washington. If you have any type of financial experience, consider joining the new network. For more information and to apply, please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan [jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org](mailto:jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org).

### 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.wydone.com/register](http://www.wydone.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 shrine's 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](http://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](http://masstimes.org), a website for Catholics to get to Mass by helping them find churches and worship times worldwide. The [masstimes.org](http://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.