



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday

(during Summer)

8:15 am and 12:00 Noon

Saturday

8:15 am and 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*
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Rev. Msgr. William J. Kane, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. George E. Stuart, *In Residence*
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Sister Rosemaron Rynn, IHM, *School Principal*
Sister Roberta Thompson, SNJM, *Dir. of Religious Education*
Mr. Joe Burns, *Business Manager*

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

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 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!

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.

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.

JOIN THE LITTLE FLOWER RUN FOR VOCATIONS TEAM!



All parishioners are invited to join Alex LaFrankie, Father Stuart and Claire Munter on our official Little Flower RFV 2017 team.

The 10k run will take place on Sunday, October 22. Help support our seminarians, get in shape, and have fun! Novice runners and walkers are welcome. Training runs will start soon and continue throughout the summer.

Registration fills up by the end of July so now is the time to register by visiting:

www.dcpriest.org/promote/run-for-vocations/register-to-run

Team members will also have the option to enjoy a walk or two with our Team Captain, Father Stuart. Contact Claire (rfv@adv.org) with questions.

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 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.

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.





PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

“A sower went out to sow some seed.”

A sower goes out into the field. He generously tosses the seed all over the place, not particularly attentive to where it's landing. Some seeds land in one place, and other seeds land in another. The sower has little control over which seed might sprout. Some of it will eventually grow and die, some won't grow at all, but other seed will grow and be strong.

So it is with the spread of the faith. We say a word defending the faith, we recommend a book about a saint, or we offer help or encouragement. We give a homily, we teach a catechetical lesson, or we say prayers that people will return to the practice of the sacraments. Jesus reminds us - It's outside of our control how the recipient will respond. Some people are struck momentarily, some people are changed for life, and for some people the faith just doesn't seem to stick. Jesus never says that we're responsible for the outcome. We just have to do our part.

A mother recently told me that she came to realize that her children are really just on loan for a short time. She does her best to teach them the Catholic faith, to help them understand the fullness of Church teaching, and to lead them to God – but, ultimately, they are God's. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can truly enliven their faith, hope, and charity.

Last week, the bishops of the United States gathered in Florida to discuss the spreading of the Gospel. People from all over the country came together to share ideas, stories, and perspectives about what it means to spread the Gospel. The task of the Church is to tell people the news about Jesus and the new life he offers. When we take our missionary responsibility seriously, we very easily can be frustrated and disappointed by an apparent lack of results. Jesus uses this parable as a reminder – Don't be frustrated. You might speak the words, but it's the Holy Spirit who changes hearts.

-Fr.Lewis



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“What is a man able to find so valuable that he can give it for the ransom of his soul? Yet one thing was found that was worth as much as all men together. It was given as the ransom price for our souls, the holy and most precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He poured out for all of us; we were, therefore, ‘bought dearly’.”

(St. Basil the Great, Doctor of the Church)

SAINTS AS MODEL STEWARDS

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

Monday – St. Camillus de Lellis (d. 1614), is now invoked as the patron saint of health care providers. Camillus was born into a noble family and was addicted to gambling. While in a hospital recovering from ill health, he was appalled by the suffering he saw, gave up gambling, became a priest, and dedicated the remainder of his life to caring for the sick. In the spirit of St. Camillus, health care professionals in our parish are invited to volunteer their time and talents with Catholic Charities' Health Care Network. (See Volunteer Opportunities in the penultimate paragraph.)

Wednesday - St. Apollinaris was said to have been ordained a bishop by St. Peter himself, and sent to Ravenna. He was renowned for his powers to heal in Christ's name. St. Apollinaris was frequently exiled, tortured and imprisoned for the faith and, finally, martyred.

Thursday - St. Lawrence of Brindisi (d. 1619 in Lisbon), minister general of the Capuchin Friars, Doctor of the Church, papal emissary, polyglot and compelling preacher. St. Lawrence used his many talents in the service of the Church throughout Europe.

Friday - St. Mary Magdalene played a key and inspirational role in Christian history. Cured by Jesus, she watched His crucifixion, and it was to her that He first appeared after His resurrection. Pray for us, Mary Magdalene, so that we too may persevere even when all looks lost.

(Portions of the above paraphrased from “Steward Saints for Every Day” and “Voices of the Saints.”)

**Give envelopes a permanent vacation!
sign up with Faith Direct**

I am asking Little Flower parishioners to put envelopes on a permanent vacation and make the switch to eGiving.

Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to Little Flower via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. This is a great way to simplify your giving – and it's the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly way for us to receive your gifts.

Sign up is easy, and can be done in just a minute by visiting: faithdirect.net and enter our parish code **MD730**

I hope you have a safe and satisfying summer full of fun and faith and that you return well rested and ready for another great Little Flower year. We will be here waiting for you.

-Msgr. Vaghi

TREASURE

Offertory, July 9	\$19,763
Offertory Goal	\$21,500
Poor Box	\$ 266

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Charities Health Care Network connects low-income patients with specialty medical and dental care. Last year, the Network made over 5,000 appointments for close to 2,000 persons in the Archdiocesan area. Any medical professionals interested in hearing more about seeing these patients pro bono should contact Sandra Maciuba at Sandra.maciuba@catholiccharitiesdc.org, or call (202) 481-1424).

POOR BOX

Donations during July will go to the Dinner Program of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Washington, a program that furnishes meals to the needy.



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
Soccer Questions: Alex Mays lfssoccer@gmail.com

TO REGISTER VISIT: lfparish.org/cyo

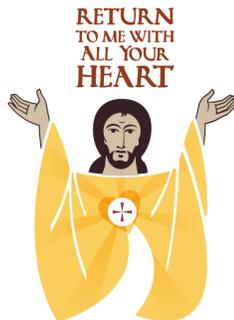
The Joy of Becoming Catholic

Are you searching for a relationship with God?

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Were you baptized Catholic and want to complete the Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist and Confirmation?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a spiritual formation journey for those seeking to become Catholic. The Little Flower RCIA process will begin in September and we welcome new participants. Please contact Deacon Don Longano (deacondonlongano@gmail.com) for more information.



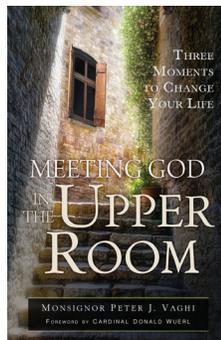
Is Your Child Missing Sacraments?

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

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.



LITTLE FLOWER
MEN'S MINISTRY

NEW PROGRAM
COMING THIS FALL

REGISTER NOW!

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!

MEN'S MINISTRY FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Little Flower is again hosting the men's faith development program,

That Man Is You (TMIY) Year Two

Each session consists of a social & breakfast, 20-minute video by the program leader, and 30-minute small-group discussion.

Men of all ages, at any stage of their faith journey are invited to join the more than 40 men who participated last year. That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Church of the Little Flower - Little Flower Hall
Saturdays, beginning on September 23
6:45 – 8:00 am

SCHEDULE

6:45 am - Breakfast
7:00 am - Video Presentation
7:30 am - Small Group Discussion
8:00 - Session Ends

REGISTRATION

Please register online for this free program by visiting:
lfparish.org/mens-ministry

CONTACT

For more information, you may contact
Father Lewis at psplewis@gmail.com or
Chris Terry at christopher.pterry@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS



Readings for Next Sunday:

1st Reading: **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:24-43**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:26-27**

July 15, Saturday

Genesis 49:29-33; 50:15-24 / Matthew 10:24-33

8:15 am Alice Waksmunshki

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 13:1-23 / Romans 8:18-23

5:00 pm Nuns of LF

July 16, Sunday

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 13:1-23 / Romans 8:18-23

7:30 am All Souls

9:00 am LF Parishioners

10:30 am All Souls

12 Noon Lola Froman

July 17, Monday

Exodus 1:8-14, 22 / Matthew 10:34-11:1

8:15 am John Roca

12 Noon Luis Checa - SI

July 18, Tuesday

Exodus 2:1-15 / Matthew 11:20-24

8:15 am Dwyer Family

12 Noon Robert Healy

July 19, Wednesday

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 / Matthew 11:25-27

8:15 am John Roca

12 Noon Londano Family

July 20, Thursday

Exodus 3:11-20 / Matthew 11:28-30

8:15 am Mary Wyble

12 Noon All Souls

July 21, Friday

Exodus 11:10-12:14 / Matthew 12:1-8

8:15 am William Haiss

12 Noon LF Parishioners

July 22, Saturday

Song of Songs 3:1-4 / John 20:1-2, 11-18

8:15 am Larry & Fely Tracy

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Matthew 13:24-43 / Romans 8:26-27

5:00 pm LF Parishioners

July 23, Sunday

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Matthew 13:24-43 / Romans 8:26-27

7:30 am All Souls

9:00 am LF Parishioners

10:30 am All Souls

12 Noon Francis X. Dee

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 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, William Potts, Bob Raczynski, Antonio Ramos, Dorothy Rose, Dorothy Schmeidler, 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, Beth Bernard, 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 McMahan, 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.

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 August 5-6. Thank you for your generosity.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Dennis Kehoe Landscape Contractors



OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS Will resume in the fall!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

The theme for Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week, July 23-29, is "It's time! Say 'Yes' to God's plan for married love!" NFP Awareness Week is a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of NFP. These methods reflect the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promoting openness to life and the gift of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving nature of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. For more information about NFP visit, www.adw.org/nfp.

HELP 'EM SMILE!

By joining the Mid-Maryland Dental Mission of Mercy and Health Equity Festival, you can help 2,000 uninsured people experiencing dental calamity obtain \$2M worth of emergency treatments. Dental and medical professionals and general volunteers, at least 18 years old, are welcome and must register in advance. Shifts are half a day: serve one or more shifts. Volunteers get an amazing experience (and a T-shirt). The event is September 7, 8, and 10 at the University of Maryland Xfinity Center in College Park, MD. Get more information and register at www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/MOM.

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.

ENJOY BASEBALL AND SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Come to Prince George's Stadium on Sunday, July 23 for Catholic Charities Day with the Bowie Baysox, supporting Catholic Charities' work in Prince George's County! Don't miss Catholic Charities President and CEO Father John Enzler throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Baysox take on the Altoona Curve at 2:05. A portion of each ticket purchased using the code CATHOLIC will directly benefit Catholic Charities. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit baysox.com/tickets.

SUMMER OF SERVICE

Looking for a fun family activity this summer? Are you and your friends, fellow parishioners, or co-workers looking for a way to build community? Catholic Charities invites you to join them for the inaugural Catholic Charities DC Summer of Service! The three-month long volunteer campaign features 70 unique service opportunities throughout the Washington area. For more information, or to register for a service project, visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

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.

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.