



# CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

July 23, 2017

Sixteenth 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*  
Rev. Patrick S. Lewis, *Parochial Vicar*  
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Rev. Msgr. William J. Kane, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. George E. Stuart, *In Residence*  
Deacon Don Longano, *RCIA Coordinator*  
Deacon Jim Shanahan, *Coordinator of Special Sacraments*  
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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](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 [lfparrish.org](http://lfparrish.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.

[lfparrish.org](http://lfparrish.org)  
[littleflowerschool.org](http://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 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 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.



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**God looks with love upon every one of us.**



**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](http://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.



A list of suggested supplies will be available, at each entrance, 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

It is a custom in our IHM Congregation that before a sister takes her final vows she makes an extended retreat in preparation for these vows. During that time of retreat the sister meets with a spiritual director and takes a long, loving look at her life in Christ. While making my retreat, my director guided my prayer by assigning a specific grace to ask for each day. About 5 days into retreat I was asked to pray for the grace of shame and confusion before God's goodness. I struggled with this, first not knowing how shame and confusion could possibly be a grace, and second not really wanting to receive this grace if I did indeed ask for it! I put my trust in my director and in the Spirit, and I prayed. It was uncomfortable to be sure, but it was also a day of beautiful revelation about God who is not just a good and benevolent being, but who is the source of all goodness even, perhaps especially, in the midst of human sin and evil.

In our psalm today we repeat the refrain, "Lord, you are good and forgiving." We know in our brains that God is good and that God forgives us; we sing it and say it and pray it all the time in liturgy and devotions. But how often do we let that wonder seep into our hearts? How often do we marvel that God is not just a benevolent judge, patiently forgiving our myriad faults, but is Goodness itself? God is Goodness. He is Mercy, He is Love.

The question my spiritual director posed to me during my day of the grace of shame and confusion was "What have you done for Christ in this world of darkness and light?" It is a solid question to return to. What have I done? What have I done for Goodness in this world of darkness and light? For Mercy? For Love? God helped me understand that I don't have to work miracles to be enough for him. He is enough where I lack. I love him and serve him. I seek him and choose him and that is enough. In whatever way I make choices because I have encountered him, I have done something for Christ in this world of darkness and light.

"Lord you are Good and Forgiving, abounding in Kindness to all who call upon you."

-Sr. Rachel

## 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](http://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



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"In the Blessed Sacrament...  
you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity,  
and the true way of all your loves upon Earth." (J. R. R. Tolkien)

### STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

For a rewarding change in your routine this summer, act on Tolkien's exhortation by attending daily Mass and spending some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament. It is also not too late in this vacation season to pick up a copy of that spiritual book you've been meaning to read "when you have time." If you would like suggestions, you will find rewarding St. Therese of Lisieux's "Story of a Soul," St. Teresa of Avila's "The Inner Castle" or books by other doctors of the Church. You can order them on-line or pick up a copy at the Catholic Information Center or at the Basilica's book store.

### 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. What saints have in common is their love of the Lord and their willingness to use their gifts in His service. In doing so, they are good Christian stewards and an inspiration to us who are all called to holiness.

Monday – St. Sharbel Makhluf died on Christmas day 1898, in his native Lebanon, where he had lived as a hermit, with great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him out and ask for his blessing. Even now Christians and non-Christians make pilgrimages to his tomb.

Tuesday – St. James the Apostle was one of the first to respond to Jesus' call – and the first of the apostles to be martyred. May we too hear Jesus' special call to each of us, and joyfully spend ourselves in the service of the Lord and others

Wednesday - Sts. Joachim and Ann. Just imagine being parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus! They must have taken care of Him, fed Him, doted over Him. We too should love our responsibilities, and use our God-given time and talents in fulfilling them.

Saturday. Ah, Martha, who will be remembered for her complaining that her sister Mary was attending to Jesus and not helping in the kitchen. Getting ready for the Guest was more important than the Guest Himself! May we not get too involved in details and forget to give purpose to our efforts; they should be love offerings to God.

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

### TREASURE

"Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give."  
(Mt 10:8)

Offertory, July 17	\$16,917
Offertory Goal	\$21,500
Poor Box	\$ 238

### 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.

Benedict XVI told us: "The Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known – it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing. The dark door of time, of the future, has been thrown open. The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life."



## 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: [lparish.org/cyo](http://lparish.org/cyo)**

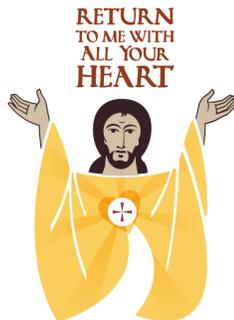
### The Joy of Becoming Catholic

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](mailto:deacondonlongano@gmail.com)) for more information.



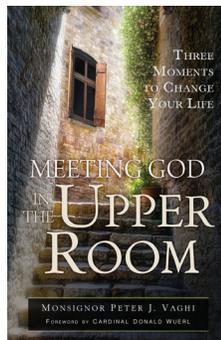
### Is Your Child Missing Sacraments?

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](mailto: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](http://shop.franciscanmedia.org) or [amazon.com](http://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:  
[lparish.org/mens-ministry](http://lparish.org/mens-ministry)

### CONTACT

For more information, you may contact  
Father Lewis at [psplewis@gmail.com](mailto:psplewis@gmail.com) or  
Chris Terry at [christopher.pterry@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.pterry@gmail.com)

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS



Readings for Next Sunday:

1st Reading: **First Kings 3:5, 7-12**  
Gospel: **Matthew 13:44-52**  
2nd Reading: **Romans 8:28-30**

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

July 24, Monday

Exodus 14:5-18 / Matthew 12:38-42  
8:15 am LF Parishioners  
12 Noon Luis Checa - SI

July 25, Tuesday

Second Corinthians 4:7-15 / Matthew 20:20-28  
8:15 am All Souls  
12 Noon Brandt Cole

July 26, Wednesday

Sirach 44:1, 10-15 / Matthew 13:16-17  
8:15 am Fred Rotondaro  
12 Noon LF Parishioners

July 27, Thursday

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20 / Matthew 13:10-17  
8:15 am Ron Head  
12 Noon Donna Nappi

July 28, Friday

Exodus 20:1-17 / Matthew 13:18-23  
8:15 am Robert McGrath  
12 Noon LF Parishioners

July 29, Saturday

Exodus 24:3-8 / John 11:19-27  
8:15 am All Souls

First Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Matthew 13:44-52 / Romans 8:28-30  
5:00 pm LF Parishioners

July 30, Sunday

First Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Matthew 13:44-52 / Romans 8:28-30  
7:30 am All Souls  
9:00 am LF Parishioners  
10:30 am All Souls  
12 Noon Dorothy Perren

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](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, William Potts, 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, Beth Bernard, John Berube, Rosemary and Melville Blake, Madeleine Brown, Brooks Cabe, Greg Coffy, Shery Colliton, 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](mailto: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](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 August 5-6. Thank you for your generosity.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Stuart Dean



## 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](http://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](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/MOM).

### 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).

### ENJOY BASEBALL AND SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Come to Prince George's Stadium TODAY, 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](http://baysox.com/tickets).

### 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.

### 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](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.