



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

July 2, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy 4th of July!

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*
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. 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 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
littleschool.org



NEW & NOTABLE

FAITH IN ACTION

Forty high-school students from Little Flower and Blessed Sacrament parishes completed a week of service in Appalachia through a program called Manus Christi. The students experienced fellowship and fun while serving those in need.



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!

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.



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 this weekend, 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.

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.



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

My dear Parishioners and friends,

We approach this Tuesday the Fourth of July. It is a wonderful time, as we celebrate the birth of our country, to reflect on the fundamentals of our Nation and our Catholic tradition.

Our Catholic tradition, after all, is a tradition of natural law, aided by reason, revealed by God. It is a living Catholic tradition older and certainly tested by time. Our perennial challenge, a challenge which challenges us anew on this Fourth of July 2017, a day when we celebrate our freedom and the birth of our great country, is to help this Nation see again more clearly that certain unalienable truths do exist—the truths of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These truths are immutable and universal and not values created by the passing electoral plebiscite of any particular moment in time and history.

They are the truths upon which this Nation was born 241 years ago this coming Tuesday, truths not man made or changed but truths endowed by our Creator. They are the truths which will help this wonderful Nation continue to grow as our forbearers envisioned -- if only we do not grow weak, if we, especially as Catholics, continue to speak, and not give up hope, in our efforts in particular fashion to protect the "life" of the unborn, the frail elderly, the terminally ill, and the poor in our midst. To their lives, like our own, are attached the transcendent dignity and value of the human person which must be protected at all costs. This is, after all, a fundamental self-evident truth upon which our beloved Nation was founded. This truth we can never forget or take for granted.

As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, we rededicate ourselves to insuring that our freedoms and liberty--in a special way our religious freedom--are never taken for granted. Only through constant study and vigilance will the vision of our forbearers remain a reality today and in the years to follow.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, *Pastor*



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

Summertime reading of the Scriptures

"Christian biblical exegetes have traditionally distinguished four senses of Scripture: the literal, the allegorical, the anagogical, and the moral. In the Middle Ages, the differences between them was summed up with this little poem:

The literal sense teaches what happened,
The allegorical what you should believe,
The moral what you should do,
The anagogical where you are going."

(From an essay by Randall Smith in "The Catholic Thing," a daily email service available free at thecatholicthing@frinstitute.org)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center needs volunteers with a heart for women experiencing crisis pregnancies.

- Pregnancy Counselors. Training consists of 8 classes which will be held on Monday and Thursday nights on July 27 and 31, and Aug. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17 and 21.
- A father to teach expectant first time fathers the importance of their role in the family. He is part of the Center's Parenting Program, a six-week program offered four times a year for first time parents. This volunteer position is most rewarding as many of the young men did not have fathers in their own lives, much less a good role model. Yet, they are eager to learn to be there for their own children. If interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Jackie Stippich, Exec. Dir., 301-963-6223.

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. There is no single characteristic that makes one a saint. The only thing 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. Thomas. Pope Gregory the Great wrote, "The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of any other disciple. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our own faith is strengthened. God can use even our weakness in His service." Writer Francois Mauriac wrote, "Doubt is nothing more than a trivial agitation on the surface of the soul, while deep down there is a calm certainty." According to tradition, Thomas evangelized in India, and was martyred near Madras.

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria (d. 1539), commemorated on Wednesday, was trained as a doctor, but found himself called to the priesthood instead. An ascetic, he founded two religious communities, one for women and one for men. He was a forceful preacher who sought to reform the Church and society.

Also on Wednesday - Saint Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal (d. 1336), whose use of her time and talents should inspire us as Christian stewards (even though we weren't born to royalty!) As wife of one king and mother of another, she reconciled opposing factions, and founded a hospital, an orphanage, and a monastery for the Poor Clares. She indeed heeded the scripture passage "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Lk 12:48)

Thursday – St. Maria Goretti (1890-1902), a pious girl who was attacked and mortally wounded by a "friend of the family." After her death, she appeared to her attacker in a vision, which completely changed his life. Though only 12 years old, she used the gifts she had, holiness and respect for her body, to do His will.

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

TREASURE

Offertory, June 25	\$16,656
Offertory Goal	\$21,500
Peter's Pence Collection	\$ 4,367
Poor Box	\$ 273

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.



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 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



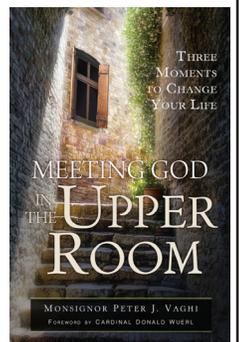
Registration Questions: Trish Jones lfcyosports@gmail.com
Soccer Questions: Alex Mays lfssoccer@gmail.com

TO REGISTER VISIT: 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 or amazon.com.



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS



Readings for Next Sunday:

1st Reading: **Zechariah 9:9-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 11:25-30**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:9, 11-13**

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 Marilyn Shanahan

12 Noon James Gibbs & Family

July 3, Monday

Ephesians 2:19-22 / John 20:24-29

8:15 am All Souls

12 Noon Luis Checa - SI

July 4, Tuesday

Genesis 19:15-29 / Matthew 8:23-27

8:15 am LF Parishioners

12 Noon Arnold J. Prima

July 5, Wednesday

Genesis 21:5, 8-20 / Matthew 8:28-34

8:15 am Patricia Morrissey

12 Noon Kandiah Shivanandan

July 6, Thursday

Genesis 22:1-19 / Matthew 9:1-8

8:15 am All Souls

12 Noon Teresa McCarthy

July 7, Friday

Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 / Matthew 9:9-13

8:15 am Wm. Haiss Family

12 Noon Deacon Mark Gallagher

Bob Pomerenk

July 8, Saturday

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 / Matthew 9:14-17

8:15 am All Souls

Zechariah 9:9-10 / Matthew 11:25-30 / Romans 8:9, 11-13

5:00 pm Nuns of LF

July 9, Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10 / Matthew 11:25-30 / Romans 8:9, 11-13

7:30 am Robert F. Mawhinney

9:00 am LF Parishioners

10:30 am Marilyn Shanahan

12 Noon Pearl Dunne

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 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 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.

Newly Baptized are warmly welcomed to our parish.

John Boyd Blumenstein (Amy Blumenstein)



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 July 1-2. Thank you for your generosity.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Thomas Winkler, MD
Chevy Chase Ear, Nose and Throat



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

HOLY LAND FESTIVAL

Experience the culture and life of Christians in the Holy Land at the 4th Annual Holy Land Festival on Saturday, July 15 from 11am-5pm at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC (1400 Quincy St. NE). Enjoy authentic Arabic food, dancing, exhibits, vendors, speakers, and free tours of the monastery shrines and gardens. The sponsors are the Archdiocese of Washington, Franciscan Monastery, Bethlehem University Foundation, Holy Family Hospital Foundation, and Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation. Admission and parking are free; Brookland/CUA Metro or H6 bus. Learn more: myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival or 202-526-6800.

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.

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.

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.