

# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 20, 2008



Next week, we celebrate our Patronal feast day of our parish, the feast of Saint George, April 24<sup>rd</sup> – and we have quite a patron! St. George is known to be an early Roman Martyr in the year 303 AD and is the Patron Saint of England. There is every reason to believe that St. George was not merely a myth, but a real martyr who suffered at Diospolis, Lydda in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. He was a

Roman Tribune (Colonel) under the tyrant Diocletian. He was, in fact, one of the finest soldiers in Rome and rose quickly to the rank of Tribune of the Roman army. However, when confronted with the worship of pagan idols versus the worship of the True God, Jesus Christ, George was forced to take a stand for his true king, Jesus Christ and did so in horrific torture and pain for the Lord.

It is not quite clear how St. George came to be specially chosen as the patron of England. His fame had certainly travelled to the British Isles long before the Norman Conquest. At the national synod of Oxford in 1222, St. George's day was included among the lesser holidays, and in 1415 the constitution of Archbishop Chichele made it one of the chief feasts of the year.

The legend of the Dragon was, of course, allegorical. It pictures St. George killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful lady. The dragon stands for wickedness and the lady stands for God's holy truth. In actuality, St. George was a brave military officer and Holy Martyr who was victorious over Satan. His bravery during his very cruel and excessive martyrdom is a model for all Catholics, for we too have to face our dragons – whether it be an addiction, defending our faith, or just plain putting evil to death in our lives via the lance of Reconciliation.

The icon of St. George goes back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century and has been a favorite of many artists. As we gaze at this masterpiece, and see St. George slay that dragon, it is important that we realize that the dragon – or sin – has been defeated by the Blood of the Lamb. As a retired Air Force Colonel, it is heartening to know that George was a Tribune in his army and to that end was Semper Fidelis to both God and country. It is important to remember as well that as a Christian, his God, Jesus Christ, came first and foremost.

Do please come on **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** to the **9:00am** Mass for a special Feast Day mass and reception following.

***Good Saint George, pray for us always.***

### **Catholic Home Missions Appeal--April 26/27**

Next weekend your support will be requested for the Home Missions in the United States. This endeavor helps fund evangelization, religious education, training for ministry and support for poor parishes. Thank you for whatever you can do.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon., Apr. 21	St. Anselm
Wed., Apr. 23	St. George
	St. Adalbert
Thur., Apr. 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Fri., Apr. 25	St. Mark, Evangelist

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Apr. 21	9:00 AM	Henry Boothe
Tues., Apr. 22	9:00 AM	
Wed., Apr. 23	9:00 AM	St. George Parishioners
Thur., Apr. 24	9:00 AM	
Fri., Apr. 25	9:00 AM	Capt. J. Winnenberg, USN,Ret.
Sat., Apr. 26	5:30 PM	Catherine Groft
Sun., Apr. 27	8:30 AM	Mildred Wince
Sun., Apr. 27	11:00 AM	B. Eugene Purcell

## PARISH FINANCE

**Offertory April 13, 2008**

General Collection	\$3,547.00
Vestibule Fund	5,852.00
Poor Box	22.00
Identifiable Gifts: 133	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday April 2007	\$4,226.00

*Sacrificial Giving (Tithing) – Joyfully giving thanks to God.  
**Your faithful parish support is appreciated!***

## PRAYERS

**Please remember the sick of our parish:** especially Franklin Adams, Thomas Barnes, Grace Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Steve Cook, Vera Dilworth, Frances Dowgiallo, Mary Dyson, Agnes Evans, Mary Fox, Geraldine Gross, Ruth Guy, Zee Kerwin, Alverta Lawrence, Jean Lawrence, Herb Mattingly, Reese McKay, Hilda Mowery, John Mundie, Sandy Mundie, Loretta Rule, Marian Slade, Rose Surrute, infant Christian Joshua Taylor.

**Others in need of our prayers** (requested by parishioners): All members of our military and their families, Mary Gail Russell Adams, Charles Andrews, Richard Bowen, infant Delaney Brooks, Sarah Burch, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Phyllis Davis, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, James Forrest, John Gateau, Paul Greenwell, Judy Guffey, Jack Gumtow, Michelle Hickie (in Qatar), Frank Holland, Nancy Carol Hodge, Alice Jarboe, Teresa Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, Teri Kehr, Rita Koegel, Lois Krzeski, Ann Lanctot, Gilbert Lawrence, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, Beverly McKay, Neal O'Donnell, Jr., Pat O'Donnell, David Peixeira, Michelle Perry, John Pierce, Tom Puckett, John Raley, Steve Riley, Mary Rizzo, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Evaon Shroeder, Palma Sileo, Gene Springer, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Francis Taylor, Jr., Vickie Trossbach, Jennie Umas, Carol Weber.

**Note:** Please let us know when a name should be removed from our Prayer List. We are happy to know when prayers have been answered.

**THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008**  
 Special Mass at 9:00 A.M  
 Coffee and Pastries after Mass



**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Tues., Apr. 22 Scripture Study, "The Book of Job",  
10 AM, Community Center
- Wed., Apr. 23 Parish Feast Day Mass 9am, followed by  
coffee
- Wed., Apr. 23 CANTOR AND CHOIR REHEARSALS  
CANCELLED
- Thur., Apr. 24 Scripture Study, 7 PM, Comm. Center
- Fri., Apr. 25 **Deadline to register names for married  
couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or  
50+ years of marriage** for Jubiliarian Mass on  
June 8, 2008. Call the church office for  
information.
- Sat., Apr. 26 Rosary Devotion, 5:00 PM
- Sun., Apr. 27 C.C.D. Classes, 9:30 AM  
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 12 – 12:45pm,  
Church

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



Flowers for the altar in memory of a deceased loved one may be reserved by calling the church office. We are offering two ways to supply this memorial: 1) fresh flower arrangements may be ordered by you from the florist of your choice, or 2) a donation of \$25.00 for the "Silk Flower Fund" may

be made for use of the parish's previously purchased arrangements. Please call Phyllis for information (301-994-0607).

Note: Dates reserved earlier this year remain in place.

**From our mailbag . . . .**

"I would like to thank the parishioners who remembered my 39<sup>th</sup> birthday! The gifts and reception after mass were heartwarming to me. *Msgr. Karl*"

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/ CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat., Apr. 26 5:30 PM	M. Bowes K. Fann	B. Carpenter B. Barnes	MK Piippo L. Rose	R. Rose P. Bowes A. Fenwick	J. Adams Volunteer	First: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Sun., Apr. 27 8:30 AM	C. Rodgers A. Rodgers G. Holden	B. Carpenter S. Dent	J. Blackwell D.Orwig	B. Adams G. Holden K. Garner	W. Blackwell J. Rodgers	Second: 1 Pt 3:15-18
Sun., Apr. 27	K. Hills A. Hills N. Shotwell	B. Carpenter B. Goldsmith	R. Robison M. Goldsmith	Deacon L'Heureux M. Olson M. Olson	R. Cutchember H. Young	Gospel: John 14:15-21

**Daily Mass Lectors, Apr. 21, 22, 24, 25:** C. Galli, C. Galli, D. Orwig, A. Robertson  
**Eucharistic Ministers, Apr. 21, 22, 24, 25:** M. Goldsmith & A. Fenwick, G. Holden & N. Neel  
 D. Adams & C. Galli, P. Browne & D. Orwig  
**Meals on Wheels, Apr. 22, 23, 24:** P. Bowes & M.A. Goddard, B. Adams, J. Dunphy  
**Altar Preparation, Apr. 26:** K. Britton

**Registration at Little Flower School** is open to all interested families. It is on a first-come, first serve basis now and throughout the summer. Registration hours are from 9-11 am or by appointment. When registering new students, please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization records. If you would like to receive documents by mail, please call the school to request a packet or download the registration documents online at [www.LittleFlowerCatholic.org](http://www.LittleFlowerCatholic.org). Questions may be directed to the office at 301-994-0404.

**AREA NEWS**

**St. Mary's Ryken High School** is hosting its first annual **Fine Arts Camp for 10-13 year olds**. The camp runs from 9am-5pm, **June 23-27**, with a final performance at 7 PM on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The camp offers chorus, "Pop" vocals, decorative arts, modern dance, ballet, and comedic acting. The total cost is \$325. Space is limited to 60 students, reserve today. Janis Paulson, [Janis.paulson@smrhs.org](mailto:Janis.paulson@smrhs.org) or call 301-848-8813.

**Catholic Standard Essay Contest** High School Seniors have a chance to win a \$2,000 College scholarship and your article published in the Catholic Standard. Topic: **The theme of Pope Benedict XVI's Washington visit is "Christ Our Hope". What does this phrase mean to you as a young Catholic in 2008?** Call church office for info: 301-994-0607.

**Corporal Work of Mercy**  
 "For I was hungry and you gave me food." Mt 35

**Thank you one and all** for your generous response to the **"Hunger for Hope" Food Drive**. Over seventy shopping bags of food from St. George parishioners were delivered to the Catholic Charities St. Clements Family Center in Avenue. They were most grateful, telling us their supply was running low.

**St. George Softball**

If you are interested in playing softball with the St. George team, please consult the schedule posted on the bulletin board in the front entrance for practice and game times. Info: call Lisa Quade, 301-994-2658 or email [lrquade@md.metrocast.net](mailto:lrquade@md.metrocast.net).

