

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 27, 2008**



***Our New Cemetery Policy for Saint George Catholic Church, Valley Lee and Saint Francis Xavier Chapel, St. George Island, Maryland***

**Effective Date: 1 June 2008**

As I personally cleaned the parish cemetery I was amazed at how much had to be discarded. I was concerned at the amount of material that could easily destroy our new mower and also hurt the operator as well! Wiring, toys, wreaths and artificial flowers can be dangerous to the above mentioned persons and vehicles. After canvassing many parishes with cemeteries, and giving it much thought, I have come up with the following Church policy:

- Only arrangements; either artificial or real, must be the clip-on variety which fastens on the top of grave stones.
- Permanent flower containers can be used, those which affix to the grave stone.
- American Flags will be permitted Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day and should be removed after two weeks.
- Absolutely no planting of trees or shrubs in the future.
- No knick-knacks, toys or loose objects will be permitted on grave stones. These become lethal projectiles and destroy the mower blades. These will be removed immediately by plant manager.
- Mr. Hayden, our Plant Manager, has been authorized by me to remove anything not allowed in the above mentioned memo.

We have many visitors to our parish and the cemetery is very much a part of our plant and I want it looking like a Catholic cemetery. Instead of placing plants, bird feeders and toys on the grave, simply use the money you would spend on these material objects and have a Holy Mass said for your loved one. This will mean something to the deceased and most importantly, the Mass is the ONLY way one can still communicate with your deceased loved one in a more charitable way. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

*Rev. Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak*  
*Pastor*

**Saint Francis Xavier Chapel, Saint George Island**

**Our first mass for the summer will be the weekend of June 1. The first actual Saturday Mass will be at our new time, 7:00 p.m., 31 May 2008.**



**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Mon., Apr. 28	St. Peter Chanel
	St. Louis Mary de Montfort
Tues., Apr. 29	St. Catherine of Siena
Wed., Apr. 30	Pope Pius V
Fri., May 1	St. Athanasius
Sat., May 3	St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., Apr. 28	9:00 AM	Tommy Poe
Tues., Apr. 29	9:00 AM	Henry Boothe
Thur., May 1	9:00 AM	Rev. Francis T. Flaherty
Fri., May 2	9:00 AM	Violet Smith
Sat., May 3	9:00 AM	For Vocations
Sat., May 3	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Sun., May 4	8:30 AM	The Thomas Family
Sun., May 4	11:00 AM	Marguerite Goddard

**PARISH FINANCE**

**Offertory April 20, 2008**

General Collection	\$3,278.50
Vestibule Fund	1,214.00
Rice Bowl (from C.C.D. students)	188.96
Home Missions	26.00
Poor Box	48.50

Identifiable Gifts: 122

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday April 2007 \$3,763.00

*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, 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 Surrite, 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, Gloria Countiss, 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 Lancot, 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., Marilyn Triantos, Vickie Trossbach, Jennie Umas, Carol Weber.

**DECEASED** Please pray for the souls of **Rev. Francis T. Flaherty**, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Washington and **Rev. Msgr. Peter Nguyen-Thanh Long**, pastor at Our Lady of Vietnam Parish, Silver Spring, MD. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sun. Apr. 27** C.C.D. Classes, 9:30 AM  
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 12 – 12:45pm,  
Church
- Tues., Apr. 29** Scripture Study, "The Book of Job",  
10 AM, Community Center
- Thur., May 1** Scripture Study, 7 PM, Comm. Center
- Fri., May 2** First Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Holy  
hour (private devotion), after 9am Mass.
- Sat., May 3** First Saturday Mass, 9:00 AM  
Sacrament of Confirmation, 5:30 PM Mass
- Sun., May 4** May Crowning, 8:30 AM Mass
- Mon., May 5** Lectors Meeting, 6:30 PM, church
- Tues., May 6** Care Ministers Meeting, 6:30 PM, C.Center
- Sun., May 11** Sacrament of First Eucharist, 8:30am Mass

**Looking for . . .**



**One-time volunteer team** (two or three people) to clean the side-aisle light fixtures. Task involves removing glass globes, cleaning with windex or ammonia water, dusting light bulbs and replacing globe for the nine fixtures. A ladder is necessary for the job (supplied by church). Would like to have job done before Confirmation, May 3, if possible. *Please call if you can help.* (Church office – 301-994-0607)

**From our mailbox . . . .**

Dear Msgr. Chimiak and Parishioners,  
The St. Clements Family Center of Catholic Charities would like to thank you again for your gracious donation! Thank you for your most generous contribution to the Hunger to Hope Food Drive held in honor of Pope Benedict XVI. We are extremely grateful that you are among our committed supporters. We are unable to assist the residents of St. Mary's County without donations such as yours!

I encourage you to visit our website [www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org) or <http://tinyurl.com/2sdqbt> (St. Clements site) to learn about upcoming events and read other success stories that are made possible through your generous support.

Monsignor Chimiak, our most sincere gratitude is extended to you and your parishioners from the St. Clements Family Center of Catholic Charities and the clients we assist. Thank you so very much for your kind donation.

Gratefully yours, *Patricia Kennedy, Family Support Worker*

**New Ministry schedules are posted on the small bulletin board in the front entrance.** Please take your copy.

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/ CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READING
<b>Sat., May 3</b> 5:30 PM	A. Hills, K. Hills M. Bowes E. Spore, D. Byrne	B. Carpenter -----	R. Fann D. Fann	----- A. Fenwick -----	J. Adams Volunteer	First: Acts 1:12-14
<b>Sun., May 4</b> 8:30 AM	J. Holden G. Holden N. Browne	B. Carpenter -----	J. Blackwell D. Adams	M.A. Goddard B. Adams G. Holden	W. Blackwell T. Goddard	Second: 1 Pt. 4:13-16
<b>Sun., May 4</b> 11:00 AM	N. Shotwell J. Shotwell C. Rodgers	B. Carpenter C. Kolman	N. Knott T. Galligan	C. Norris M. Taylor A. Taylor	R. Cutchember H. Young	Gospel: Jn 17:1-11a

- Daily Mass Lectors, Apr. 28, 29, May 1, 2:** D. Adams, N. Neel, C. Galli, P. Browne
- Eucharistic Ministers, Apr. 28, 29, May 1, 2:** G. Holden & A. Fenwick, C. Galli & J. Blackwell  
P. Browne & G. Holden, D. Orwig & M. Goldsmith
- Meals on Wheels, Apr 29, 30, May 1:** R. Errington, E. Raley & L. Moreland, C. Fugate
- Altar Preparation, May 3:** P. Browne

**LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS**

**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**

**Sun., May 4 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Family Festival, Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville, MD,** at their new church hall located behind the Church. All You Can Eat seated dinner: steamship round of beef, crab balls, Southern fried chicken and all the trimmings. \$16 adults& carry-outs, \$6 child.

**Sat., May 17 Community Yard Sale, sponsored by 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. V/F/D/ & RS Aux, 8:30am-1pm.** For application and reserve space (\$10) contact D. Johnson, 240-434-1095; G. Wheeler, 301-994-1960.

**Sun., May 18** Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? If so, consider attending the annual Young Adult Discernment Dinner on **Sunday, May 18, 5:00-8:00 PM,** Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 6001 Western Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. Evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with other young men from the Washington, DC area. For more information and to register, contact Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations and Formation, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

**Mon., May 19 American Red Cross Blood Drive,** Valley Lee Fire Department and Rescue Squad, **2-7:30 PM.** Anyone wishing to schedule an appointment or needing information may call 301-994-1038; however, walk-ins are welcome.

**Heavenly Presents,** located at 25775 Point Lookout Road (Joe Stone Nationwide Insurance Bldg.), Leonardtown is stocked for First Communion and Confirmation. Store Hours, Wed-Fri, 10am-3pm, Sat. 10am-2pm. Call 301-475-9770.

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

Your support will be requested this weekend 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.

