

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 4, 2008**

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Sat., May 10 Blessed Damien Joseph
de Veuster of Moloka'



**Sacrament of Confirmation at
St. George Church**

Fourteen young people and one adult are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. As we know, the Sacrament of Confirmation is the last of the three Sacraments of Initiation in our Church and one that carries us through the rest of our adult lives. Our young people have studied, been involved with serving our parish in different ways, and have prayed about this monumental event. I can remember when the late Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington confirmed me 45 years ago! Our class had 150 fifth graders and I can remember the great excitement we had to receive God the Holy Spirit in such great solemnity. Mrs. Heather, Mr. Spore and Mrs. Wilcox have done a fine job in preparing our children for this sacrament and not to mention the parents who have always supported these CCD teachers in sacramental preparation.

Contained within the grace of this particular sacrament is a package that will guarantee everlasting life and courage for the future. When I think of Saint Catherine of Sienna, who helped heal the scandalous Avignon papacy schism (two papacies opposed to each other). I often wonder where this little woman received her strength? It was from the Holy Spirit, which we are confirmed with on our special day. We need the Saint Catherine's, Saint Francis Xavier's, Saint George's, and Saint Maria Gorreti's in this very troubled time we live today. I believe that one, if not all of the candidates, to be confirmed on the 3rd of May will become great men and women of Faith in the future. Let us pray for our new Confirmans as they step forward to the altar to say "Yes" to the Holy Spirit and "No" to the world. It is the wonderful Gift of Courage that is most needed today to fight the cowardice found in false religions and philosophies that set men up to be gods.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful."

Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak

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. Masses at

St. George will remain the same: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 AM.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 5	9:00 AM	Don Cameron
Tues., May 6	9:00 AM	Msgr. Peter Long
Thur., May 8	9:00 AM	Father Bob Riedel
Fri., May 9	9:00 AM	Claudia Bell
Sat., May 10	5:30 PM	John and Alberta Saxon
Sun., May 11	8:30 AM	First Communion Class
Sun., May 11	11:00 AM	David Mattingly

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory April 25, 2008

General Collection	\$3,061.00
Vestibule Fund	5,995.00
Catholic Home Missions	191.00
Poor Box	16.00

Identifiable Gifts: 117

4th Sunday April 2007 \$3,684.00

*Sacrificial Giving (Tithing) – Joyfully giving thanks to God.
Thank You for your faithful parish support!*

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 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, 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 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, 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.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., May 4** May Crowning, 8:30 AM Mass
- Mon., May 5** Lectors Meeting, 6:30 PM, church
- Tues., May 6** Scripture Study, 10AM, Community Center
- Tues., May 6** Care Ministers Meeting, 6:30 PM, C.Center
- Thur., May 8** Scripture Study, 7 PM, Comm. Center
- Sat., May 10** First Eucharist Retreat. 9:30AM, C. Center.
Day includes rehearsal for 1st Communion, lunch and celebration of First Penance
- Sun., May 11** Sacrament of First Eucharist, 8:30AM Mass
- Sun., May 11** No C.C.D. classes today. [Mother's Day]

Summer Notations



Those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" a very famous song by the late great Nat King Cole brings things to a seasonal focus. A much laid back mode happens to adults and children alike that allow us to actually relax and enjoy this "Land of Pleasant Living!" I too, can't wait to get my fishing pole out of the garage and into the river with my cut-offs and old tennis shoes and catch that record Rockfish! After my fun in the sun I return to my ministry, our church, St. George where our Blessed Lord resides and people pray. This is a joyful and loving house where we can all bask in the "Great Light" of Jesus Christ, a place of little distraction and great reverence. With this a careful focus I would ask all of us to do two things for our Blessed Lord this summer and the rest of the year:

Please try to maintain a respectful voice level before and after mass. Many people are in fact trying to pray and either prepare for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or rendering thanksgiving for the Gift they received. Once the foyer is completed, then we can socialize with relish and joy!

Second, let us try to wear appropriate clothing and foot wear for church. There is nothing wrong with nice dress shorts, just so they are not "hot pants" or flip flops which make me think of the beach rather than church. Please, no cut-offs or old tennis shoes. I want our young people to have the best example possible.

I would leave you with this thought, would we wear beach wear or cut offs to see the Holy Father? I think not. The Swiss guards would not let you in! I know we are not the Vatican but...this is still the House of God. As I was a child of a struggling working class family of eight children, Mom always made sure that each of us had one good Sunday outfit to wear and a pair of dress shoes for church. This tradition can be resurrected with reflection of this thought -- Church is something "special and holy". *Msgr. Karl*

SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/ CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READING
Sat., May 10 5:30 PM	J. Lynch R. Anderson	B. Carpenter J. Heather	M. K. Piippo A. Robertson T. Galligan	R. Baliko C. Galli	G. Adams Volunteer	First: Acts 2:1-11
Sun., May 11 8:30 AM	R. Walter K. Walter J. Holden	B. Carpenter -----	N. Neel K. Owens	Deacon L'Heureux L. Walter P. Browne	D. Adams B. Thompson	Second: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Sun., May 11 11:00 AM	E. Spore O. Spore A. Hills	B. Carpenter B. Goldsmith	M. Goldsmith E. Andrews	Deacon L'Heureux M. Olson M. Olson	J. Mason M. Kibler	Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

- Daily Mass Lectors, May 5, 6, 8, 9:** A. Fenwick, J. Blackwell, P. Browne, D. Orwig
- Eucharistic Ministers, May 5, 6, 8, 9:** D. Adams & M. Goldsmith, A. Fenwick & N. Neel, C. Galli & G. Holden, D. Adams & P. Browne
- Meals on Wheels, May 6, 7, 8, 1:** I. Hardy, J. Knott & M. A. Springer, L. & B. Beauverd
- Altar Preparation, May 10:** C. Cantrill
- Flowers on the altar this weekend** are in honor of our Confirmation Class.

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. Questions may be directed to the office at 301-994-0404. or e-mail www.LittleFlowerCatholic.org.

AREA NEWS

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

Sun., May 18 Benefit Brunch, sponsored by "Friends" of Holy Angel-Sacred Heart School, 9am-1pm. Seafood Newburg over rice, ham in raison sauce, round of beef, cottage potatoes, scrambled eggs, eggs Benedict, bacon, sausage, French toast, fresh fruit, Danish and biscuits. Omelet station! \$19/adult; \$8.50 child 6-12, under 6, free. Also \$1,000 raffle. Info: Bev Bailey, 301-481-4335.

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.

Lion Shop & Share Program

Help support our parish finances! Food Lion will contribute to St. George Parish every time you shop and use your MVP card. (twenty-five or more participants necessary). Register your Food Lion MVP card with the *Lion Shop & Share* program at www.foodlion.com or call 704-633-8250 x3810.

Parish Thank You's

Many thanks for the quick response for cleaning the side aisle light fixtures in the church. What a difference! It's great to see the sparkling, shinning chandeliers.

Thank you also to all who participated in our Parish Work-Day. Much was accomplished with the help of willing workers; weeding, mulching, raking, general clean-up all took place. We are grateful for your assistance.



**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.

Flowers from a funeral may remain on a fresh grave until removed by Catholic Cemeteries.

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**

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

14th Annual Memorial Day Mass

Archbishop Timothy P., Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA invites you to attend this Mass which honors the men and women of the Armed Forces who have given their lives in the service of this country. The Mass will be celebrated at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington, D. C. on **May 18, 2008 at 4:30 PM**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00-3:45 PM followed by the recitation of the Rosary. Tickets are not necessary for this event, but if planning to attend, please arrive by 4:20 PM for seating purposes.

Note: For parishioners who are unable to attend, this Mass will be televised on EWTN several times over the Memorial Day Weekend. Check your local listings.

Young Adult Discernment Dinner

Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? If so, consider attending the annual **Sun., 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 info and to register, contact Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations and Formation, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

FROM OUR MAILBOX

2008 Archbishop's Appeal Update

"A second mailing was recently sent to members of our parish who have in the past years made a gift to the Archbishop's Appeal, but have not yet made a gift in 2008. A gift to the *Archbishop's Appeal* will touch the lives of many people throughout the Archdiocese of Washington in a very positive way. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back to the Archdiocese of Washington. For those who did not receive a mailing, complete information is available by visiting the Archdiocese of Washington web site at www.adw.org and clicking on "Archbishop's Appeal". Please contact the Archbishop's Appeal office (301-853-5376) if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response."

Catholic Charities Report on "Hunger to Hope" Food Drive

President Ed Orzechowski, President and CEO sent a letter from the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Charities reporting "227,837 pounds of non-perishable food items were received for this drive. We have been astounded by the outpouring of support by the people on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. The effects of your parish's efforts will be felt throughout St. Mary's county and the Archdiocese, for months to come."

Congratulations and God's Blessings for our

Confirmation Class, 2008

Laci May Bowes

Austin Michael Fagan

Kyle Andrew Fann

Matteo Luca Galli

Elizabeth Maureen Getty

Tiffany Amber Hill

Cameron Joseph Nepini

Leo Guild Paglierani

Imane' Christina Re-jean Scott

Margaret Ann Sheehan

Olivia Dianne Spore

Ryan Allan Walter

Joshua Christopher Wilcox

Meaghan Elaine Wince

Shawn Michael Murphy