

Established in 1851

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Gospel calls all people to holiness of life. Saint George Catholic Church is a family of faith, committing ourselves as a welcoming Catholic community to worship God in Word and in Sacrament; to live and to share our faith; to serve and to reconcile ourselves with God and one another.



2nd Sunday of Lent



WELCOME STATEMENT

Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship, guidance or instruction. If you are new to the area or coming home, we invite you to register and make St. George Catholic Church your parish. Registration forms can be obtained in the church vestibule, at the office or online (www.stgeorgerc.org).

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Nguyen, Pastor
Deacon Joel Carpenter, Permanent Deacon
Matthew Hendrick, Parish Secretary
Barbara Carpenter, Business Manager &
Director of Liturgy and Music
Kimberley Browne, Minister of Religious Education
Rico Romero, Facility Maintenance Supervisor

OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:00AM-2:00PM
Tues., Thur. 10:00AM-5:30PM

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses
Tuesday — Friday 9:00 AM
First Saturday 9:00 AM
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil — 5:00 PM
Sunday — 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (St. George island)
Saturday 7:00 PM (May to September) *
** Memorial Day to Labor Day*
Holy Day Masses — as announced

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) meets in the Community Center 9:30-10:45 AM. Contact Kim Browne for class enrollment and for more information: (301) 994-0737 or email: kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Little Flower School (*pre-K – 8th grades*)
For registration or information, please call LFS at (301) 994-0404 or visit us online www.littleflowercatholic.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group meets on Sundays, 5:00-8:00PM in St. George Community Center. All teens grade 6 and up are invited and welcome to attend our weekly meeting. For more information, please contact the church office (301) 994-0607 or contact one of our Youth Group Team Leaders (Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris De-Piazza) at YouthGroup@stgeorgerc.org

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made in advance with Deacon Joel Carpenter or Father Paul by at least one parent for children under the age of seven.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/EUCHARIST:

Contact Mrs. Kimberley Browne for more information: kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:

Saturday 4:00-4:30PM, or by appointment
First Friday during Eucharistic Adoration (10-10:30am)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY EUCHARIST:

Parishioners unable to attend Mass on the weekends or who are ill are encouraged to call the parish office to receive these Sacraments.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall and requires a 2-year preparation in our Sunday Youth Faith Formation.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish office and priest to make arrangements as soon as possible, at least 6 months in advance of the wedding. Pre-Cana Classes or Engagement Encounter (Marriage Prep.) is required.

RCIA (Preparation for Easter Sacraments)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of inquiry and discernment for prospective converts to the Catholic faith who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Classes are held every Saturday at 10:00am-11:30am in St. George Community Center beginning in October and ends in May. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. Paul at the church office or email: fr.paulnguyen@gmail.com

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: After Daily Masses & Sat. 4:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues March 19 9:00 am Charles Adams Jr.+Sr.
Wed March 20 9:00 am Catherine McMullen
Thu March 21 9:00 am Mary C. Adams
Fri March 22 9:00 am Dora Adams
Sat March 23 5:00 pm Dora Adams
Sun March 24 8:30 am Dora Adams
Sun March 24 11:00 am St. George Parishioners

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, T. Buckler, C. Galli, D. Orwig

Meals-on-wheels: P. Bowes, M. Goddard, M. Springer,
J/J Lenderman

Altar Preparation: C. Galli

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon. March 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Tues. March 19-St. Joseph the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat. March 23-St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember our parishioners who are sick, homebound and those in the nursing homes and hospitals, and all in need of our prayers, especially those who serve our country and their families, and all who are listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun. March 17 Bible Study 9:30am – CC
YFF 9:30am- CC

Wed. March 20 Cantor Practice 6:30pm – C
Choir Practice 7pm – C

Fri. March 22 Bible Study 10am - CC
Fish Dinner 4:00pm - CC
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm - C

Sat March 23 RCIA 10am-CC

Sun. March 24 Apologetics 9:30am-CC
YFF 9:30am- CC

**C: Church, CC: Community Center*

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

GN 15:5-12, 17-18; PS 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; PHIL 3:17-4:1 or PHIL 3:20-4:1; LK 9:28B-36

In last week’s Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences?

He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop, Golgotha, where He will lay down His life for our sake — and finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today’s Gospel: “Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory....”



The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to “sleepwalk” through life, getting up and getting ourselves and maybe kids out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards we are called to so much more!

We are called to be fully awake and fully alert to the love of the Holy Trinity that dwells within us through our Baptism and surrounds us at every moment. How do we know this is true? We wouldn’t be alive at all but for the love of God that sustains us second by second! And we would not have eternal salvation and the perfect joy of heaven awaiting us if Jesus had not come and died for us.

The disciplines of lent are not meant to make us miserably “hangry” until Easter arrives, and we can eat chocolate in peace once again. The prayer and fasting and offering of ourselves to the poor are intended to shake us free from any apathy that has crept in to our lives so that we can see His glory in everyday moments.

When we intentionally set aside time for prayer, He will give us exactly the wisdom we need to face what comes later in the day. When we bring a little discomfort into our lives by the sacrifices we make, we realize just how weak and dependent we are on Him. When we reach out to those who have less materially, we realize the abundance of blessings we have. These are mountain-top moments. They bring us back to our senses and fill us with gratitude to God — which in turn spurs us on to give Him more of ourselves in the sharing of our time, talents, and treasure.

In this way, we train ourselves, or more precisely, we allow Him to train us to say “Yes” to His will and to offer our lives back to Him. In so doing we, too, become “transfigured.” This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	3/10/2019	3/11/2018	
General Collection	\$3207.39	\$3454.92	+\$102.53
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$1167.00	\$1022.00	
Identifiable Gifts	116	115	+1
Maintenance	\$85.00	\$625.00	-\$540.00
Poor Box	\$315.19	\$224.00	+\$91.19
Donations	\$140.00	\$310.00	-\$170.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

The collection for The Church in the Developing World is directed toward the Church in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. The Church in these parts of the world experiences considerable challenges and great needs, while the faithful in these areas are often limited in what they can contribute.

This collection supports such areas of ministry as evangelization, the education of clergy and laity, youth ministry, catechesis, social service programs, and church construction and renovation.

PARISH NEWS

2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

The Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25,30,35,40,45,50 and 51+ years will be held **Sunday, June 23rd, 2019 at 2:00pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the Parish Office or use the sign up forms in the back of the Church to register. Names of the Jubilarians need to be turn in to the Parish by **Friday April 26th.**

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

It's not too late to choose an Archdiocesan Seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during the remainder of Lent. Stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the vestibule today and support the men called to serve our Church with your prayers. Don't let any of them go without your prayers! You might be praying for someone who will someday serve you as a priest in our parish.

PARISH ANNUAL LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Join us for a Lenten Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg with stops at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (home of the first American-born saint), Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes (one of the oldest American replica), and Mount St. Mary's Seminary, on **Saturday, March 23, 2019**. The bus service and lunch will be provided by the Knights of Columbus and the parish. The only cost incurred by travels would be for the dinner meal. The bus will depart the church at 7AM and return about 9PM. Call the church and reserve your seat now. More information can be found at <https://setonshrine.org>, <https://seminary.msmary.edu/about/index.html>, <http://www.nsgrotto.org>

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, LOURDES, AND FATIMA

SIGN UP NOW AT THE CHURCH OFFICE:

Fr. Paul is hosting a **11-Day** Spain Pilgrimage **November 12th-22nd** with stops in Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca, Avila, Madrid, Lourdes, Montserrat and Barcelona. Please see the booklet and registration form in the vestibule for more information. If you are interested in going please fill out the form and turn it in along with your deposit as soon as possible to the parish office. Space is premium, please sign up early.

A NOVENA FOR LIFE

"A Novena for Life, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council will be held from Wednesday 20 March to Thursday 28 March to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation and world. The novena will commence after 9 a.m. daily Mass in the church with a couple of exceptions: Monday 25 March novena will be said in the church at 9 a.m., Saturday 23 March during the pilgrimage to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton shrine, Sunday 24 March after 11 a.m. Mass.

A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. A Novena for Life is meant to bring Knights of Columbus and parish families together in a spiritual battle to lead their communities, through both public and private acts of prayer, to ensure a culture of life in our nation."

PRAYER CARDS FOR LIFE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE

SNEAK PRE-VIEW MOVIE SCREENING

"Unplanned" is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson's transformation from being a Planned Parenthood clinic director involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions to one of the most ardent Pro-Life speakers in America. See this powerful pro-life movie with our priests and Catholic friends as soon as it hits the screen.

Join us in a pre-release private viewing on **Wednesday, March 27th** 7:30 pm at the RC Theater in California, MD. Ticket price: Donation. You must reserve your tickets in advance on-line at <https://fs2.formsite.com/stjohns/Unplanned/index.html>. The movie is rated R, however, do not let that dissuade you, there is no graphic nudity, profanity or violence shown.

FISH DINNERS EVERY FRIDAYS IN LENT

The Knights of Columbus will be offering fish dinners on Fridays in Lent from **4pm – 6:30pm** in the **Community Center**. Come for dinner, stay for Stations of the Cross

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS**"Fasting:**

Fasting is a great spiritual discipline, one that can bear much fruit. For Catholics, there are only two days each year where fasting is required: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to observe the fast. On fast days, one full meatless meal may be taken, and two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics over 14 years of age on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. Fasting is an ancient practice and very clearly taught in Scripture. In Matthew 6:16-18, Jesus tells His disciples, "When you fast..." and tells them not to be showy about it. And in Luke 9:23, Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Fasting is simply a way of denying ourselves. It is

meant to bring our hearts and minds closer to God. When we feel those pangs of hunger, we turn to God in prayer and ask for the strength to carry on. And we offer up our small sufferings to unite with the sufferings of Christ. For further study: Matthew 6:16-18, Luke 9:23, CCC 538-540, 1434, 1438, 2043"

Excerpt taken from "A Minute in the Church: Vol. II" by Gus Lloyd. This and three other books in the series on Church teachings are available in our kiosk in the vestibule.

OUR FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,
kim.browne@stgeorgeercc.org

Children Faith Formation Class is held every Sunday at 9:30am-10:45am in the Community Center.

Adult Faith Formation

APOLOGETICS: 9:30-10:45AM in Community Center

Sun. March 24th How to apply the 10 Commandments

Sun. April 14th Did Vatican II Really Say That?

BIBLE STUDY

Sun. April 7th, 9:30-10:45am in Comm. Center.

Topic: "St. Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls"

BIBLE STUDY

Fri. March 22nd:"Into the Desert" Lenten Study on Prayer

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

We hope you will be able to Join us tonight from 4-7pm in the Community Center for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner!

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

Bingo every Wednesday, doors open at **5:30 pm**; early bird special starts at **6:45pm**. Cash prizes! Food and drink are also for sale.

Are you on social media? Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/littleflowercatholic) and "follow" us on Twitter and Instagram (@LFS patriots)!

Interested in learning more about Little Flower School? Call (301)994-0404 or check out the information online (LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org).



Little Flower is hosting an Open House **Tuesday March 19th** from 3:30-5:30pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Upcoming Events:

March 22nd Lenten Fish Dinner at St. George (CC)

March 23rd Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, Maryland

March 26th Planning Meeting at 6:30PM in Comm. Ctr.

March 29th Lenten Fish Dinner at St. George (CC)

NEWS IN OUR AREA

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SPRING SEAFOOD DINNER

On **Sunday, March 24, 2019**, from 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$28.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at \$26.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table! The Raffle Prize this year is for a total of \$1,500 in cash! The first prize is \$1,000 and the second prize is \$500. You do not need to be present to win. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com

CARE NET BANQUET

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is Hosting their Annual Banquet on **Thursday March 28th** at 6:30pm in the HVFD Social Hall. This year's speaker is Dr. Alveda King. Tickets are \$27 a person and have until **March 14th** to RSVP for this event. For more information, call 301-737-4604 or go to FriendsOfCareNetSoMD.org.

LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC: LENTEN DAYS OF PRAYER

April 15 *The Lord Hears Our Cry* Each day of Prayer begins at 9:00 am and includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch and mass. Fee \$40.00 Call (301) 392-0801 or go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com to make a reservation.

24TH ANNUAL RUN & FUN WALK FOR HOSPICE

Attention Runners! Hospice of St. Mary's is Holding its 24th Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice **on Saturday April 13th at 8:30am**. The Race will begin at the St. Mary's County Governmental Center in Leonardtown and will be held rain or shine. Runner can sign up for either a 5K or 10K run, and walkers can sign up for a 5K fun walk. If you would like to participate, please complete and return the Registration Form, along with your registration fee, to: Run & Fun Walk for Hospice, P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, Maryland, 20650. Race Day registration is also available at the Governmental Center from 7am-8am for more information and an online registration form please visit www.runforhospice.org. Thank you for your support of Hospice of St. Mary's.