

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

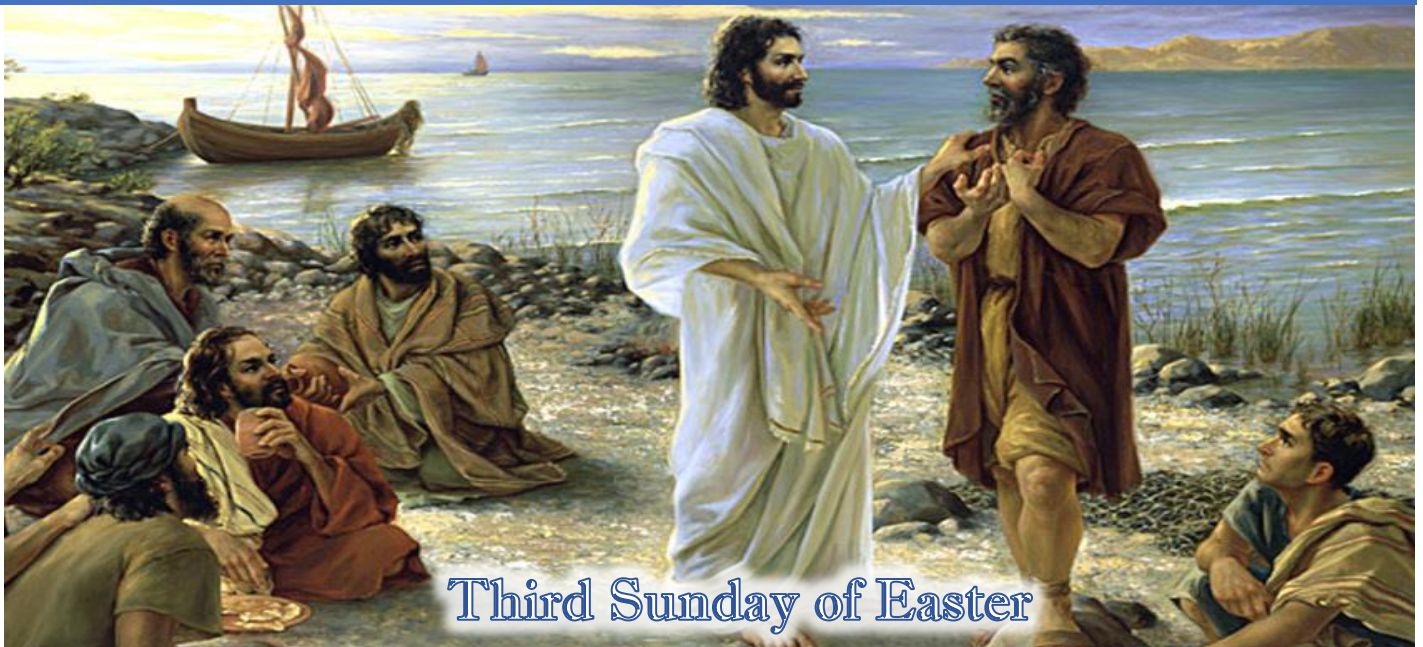
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*



## Third Sunday of Easter

## 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](http://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](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

**REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Little Flower School** (pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

For registration or information, please call LFS at (301) 994-0404 or visit us online [www.littleflowercatholic.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@gmail.com)

**DEVOTIONS**

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

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays after Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Tues	May 7	9:00 am	Moui Dong + Family (L)
Wed	May 8	9:00 am	Carol Annette Quigg
Thu	May 9	9:00 am	Jack Hodges
Fri.	May 10	9:00 am	Lien Pham
Sat	May 11	5:00 pm	All Mothers
Sun	May 12	8:30 am	All Mothers
Sun	May 12	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Communicants

**WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith, C. Galli, J. Re

Meals-on-wheels: J/V Royston, V. Worch, K. Raley

Altar Preparation: K. Britton

**LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS**

Fri. May 10 – St. Damien de Veuster

**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.	May 5	YFF 9:30am- CC
Wed.	May 8	KofC Admission Degree 6:30pm – CC Cantor Practice 6:30pm - C Choir Practice 7pm – C
Sat	May 11	RCIA 10am-CC
Sun	May 12	Apologetics 9:30am-CC First Holy Communion 11am-C

\*C: Church, CC: Community Center



**Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward**

*ACTS 5: 27-32, 40B-41; PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; REV 5:11-14; JN 21:1-19*

Our readings on this Third Sunday of Easter continue with lessons of hope for abundant new life in the Risen Lord. In fact, when we look at the Gospel Reading from John and compare it to the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we get a glimpse of the “before Easter Disciples” and the “after Easter Disciples” that offer inspiration for positive change in all of us.

In the Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, “I’m going fishing.” Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.



How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. We make a positive resolution — for instance to develop more patience or more discipline in our prayer lives — only to find our temper flaring in traffic or our hand hitting the snooze button instead of getting out of bed to pray. It makes us just want to forget it, to stop trying and go back to our old ways. Those very feelings of discouragement and lost hope make it even harder to try yet again.

But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their “backslide.” He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them with such tenderness, gently asking, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” Then he gives them some fishing pointers, which lead to such a miraculous catch of fish that they finally recognize Him as the risen Lord. Wanting them to be at ease with Him, Jesus then feeds them breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves “out at sea” — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering “do-overs” if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Good stewards are not necessarily those who have mastered some perfect formula for the giving of time, talent, and treasure. They

are those who continue to get back up after each fall, who are willing to continually reevaluate their goals and priorities as they aim for Heaven. Good stewards simply have more confidence in the goodness of the Lord than fear of their own failure.

And little by little, good stewards find themselves becoming like the “after Easter Disciples”, we find in today’s first reading, who were proud to be called before the Sandhedrin for “filling Jerusalem” with the Good News of Jesus.

Let’s allow ourselves to be renewed with Easter hope on our stewardship journey, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is walking alongside us each step of the way.

**STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT**


	4/28/2019	4/29/2018	
<b>General Collection</b>	\$3108.01	\$3201.03	+\$56.98
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$1172.00	\$1022.00	
Identifiable Gifts	109	116	-7
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$35.00	\$20.00	+\$15.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$265.00	\$219.00	+\$46.00
<b>Donations</b>	\$100.00	\$440.00	-\$340.00

**Thank you for your faithful Parish support.**

*2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)*

**PARISH NEWS**

**MAY CROWNING THIS WEEKEND**



A May Crowning is a traditional devotion in which an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is crowned, usually with a wreath of flowers. It may be done within the context of a Mass or in a paraliturgy outside the Mass in which there might be Scripture readings, a homily, singing of hymns, devotional prayers such as the rosary, a procession, etc. This act of filial devotion is done in the springtime, during the month of May to recognize Mary as Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth and Queen of Peace. (<http://www.ewtn.com/vexperts/showmessage.asp?number=366130>)

**WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL PARISH MAY CROWNING AFTER THE CHILDREN LITURGY AT THE 11AM MASS**

**SEMINARIAN FOR THE SUMMER**

We are Happy to Announce that we will have a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Washington for 6-8 weeks in the summer. We will be welcoming Khoi Nguyen into our St. George Community. Date for his arrival is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking forward to his arrival here at St. George

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION****NEXT SUNDAY AT THE 11AM MASS****ANNUAL YOUTH MEMORIAL MASS**

The Knights of Columbus are organizing a Mass at the St. Mary's Youth Memorial on Rt. 5 just south of Great Mills Rd., **on the 18th of May at 10am**. The Youth Memorial Service will begin with the Rosary. At 10:30 the Mass will begin. If weather is poor, the event will be at Holy Face Church

**BOTTLES AND BRUSHES**

Please join us for our third session of our parish Bottle & Brushes workshop. All are welcome! Save the date for **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6-9pm in the Community Center.**

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

A Big thank you from the St. Vincent De Paul of Immaculate of Heart of Mary for Food Donations of 43.1 pounds of food in March, 73.6 Pounds of Food in April and 59.3 Pounds in February.

**ST. GEORGE SOFTBALL**

The St. George softball teams are looking for new players from our parish. We will have an A team (competitive) and a C team (recreational). The season runs from May to August. Please contact Amanda Delgado at [amsquires@smcm.edu](mailto:amsquires@smcm.edu) for more information."

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:00pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



Coming **November 9, 2019....**

....**St. George Biennial Christmas Bazaar!**

What we need now:

- Please start making those crafts – we need lots of great crafts for people to buy! We don't accept vendors, so it's really important to have lots of things made by our parishioners.

(Wondering what to make? Google 2018 Craft Fair bestsellers for some great ideas!)

- Raffle Basket donors – we will once more feature a basket raffle, so we will need donors of themed baskets. Some suggestions are: game night, movie night, Maryland, beach, etc.
- Mystery Gift Card donors – one very popular raffle is the gift card raffle. Gift cards of all kinds and amounts are needed – we pull a winner every ½ hour!
- Kitchen help, both prep and during the Bazaar. This year, we will feature a carry-out only Chicken Dinner.

Please call Barbie Carpenter at the parish office or email [bazaar@stgeorgeccc.org](mailto:bazaar@stgeorgeccc.org) for more information, or to volunteer your help!

**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS****What is the 'May Crowning?'**

"A May Crowning is a traditional devotion in which an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is crowned, usually with a wreath of flowers. It may be done within the context of a Mass or in a paraliturgical outside the Mass in which there might be Scripture readings, a homily, singing of hymns, devotional prayers such as the rosary, a procession, etc. This act of filial devotion is done in the springtime, during the month of May to recognize Mary as Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth and Queen of Peace. Honoring the Mother of God during Easter is the foundation of our devotion to Mary during May. With the flowers of spring we crown Mary the Queen of Heaven. Statues and other iconographic images can be "windows into heaven." The crowning of sacred images with herbs and flowers is an ancient tradition. The crowns call to mind the victory wreaths that await the baptized in the fullness of time. All God's children are called to accept their responsibilities as the royal heirs to the throne of heaven. Coronation is one form of reverence frequently shown to images of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is especially from the end of the 16th century that in the West the practice became widespread for the faithful, both religious and laity, to crown images of the Blessed Virgin. The popes not only endorsed this devout custom, but "on many occasions, either personally or through bishop-delegates, carried out the coronation of Marian images." (cf Pius XII, "Ad Caeli Reginam") The U.S. bishops state: The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate... "he will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give him the throne of his father David; and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33). Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:41-43). Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God's plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God's Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in an eminent way she won the "crown of

righteousness" (2 Tim 4:8), the "crown of life" (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10), the "crown of glory" (1 Pet 5:4) that is promised to those who follow Christ. ("Order of Crowning," NCCB, 1987)"  
*Excerpted from EWTN website.*

## OUR FAITH FORMATION

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,  
[kim.browne@stgeorgeercc.org](mailto: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. May 12<sup>th</sup>** How Does Grace Work?

**Sun. May 26<sup>th</sup>** Defending the Real Presence of the Eucharist

### **BIBLE STUDY**

**"A LENT TO REMEMBER".**

Sunday, 9:30-10:45am: **May 19<sup>th</sup>**

## OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group meets today at 5pm in the Community Center. All teens, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome to attend. Youth Group Team Leaders: Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris De Piazza. For more information, please call the church office (301) 994-0607 or email: [YouthGroup@stgeorgeercc.org](mailto:YouthGroup@stgeorgeercc.org)

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/littleflowercatholic)) and "follow" us on Twitter and Instagram (@LFSpatriors)!



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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

### Upcoming Events:

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** Admission Degree at St. George 7PM  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>** KofC Business Meeting at St. George 6:30PM  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>** Planning Meeting @ St. George 6:30PM

## NEWS IN OUR AREA

Sun. May 12th 2nd District VFD **All-You-Can-Eat Home-Made-Home-Style**, 8a.m. to 11a.m.; MENU: Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage Links, Ham, Bacon, Hot Biscuits, Creamed Chipped Beef, Sausage Gravy, Spiced Applesauce, & Grits; Assorted juices, milk and coffee will be available - Cost: Adults - \$10.00; Children 6 - 12 - \$5.00; Children 5 & under are free; For more info, call: 301-994-9999

### **ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-CHAPEL POINT, 37TH ANNUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE**

**Saturday, May 11, 2019, 11:00 a.m.** Join the celebration to honor Our Blessed Mother at historic and scenic St. Ignatius Church. The church overlooks the Port Tobacco River; where Jesuit Fr. Andrew White settled over 375 years ago. Mass will be held at **11 a.m.** in the church. It will be followed by a procession led by the Knights of Columbus to the Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Our First Communion children will crown Mary at the Shrine and we will pray the Living Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus. Lunch will follow in the parish hall courtesy of the Catholic Daughters. For information, contact us at 301-934-8245 ext. 2.

### **DC PADRES ARE BACK!**

The DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians, will play their two games of the 2019 season **Sunday, May 12** (against St. Mary's Ryken, at Regency Furniture ("Blue Crabs") Stadium, Waldorf), and **Sunday, August 25** (against TBD, Prince George's ("Baysox") Stadium, Bowie). The Padres games begin shortly after the 2 PM Blue Crabs/Baysox game ends (i.e. ~4:45 or 5:00 PM). Check out the DC Padres website ([www.dcpadres.com](http://www.dcpadres.com)) and Facebook page for updates and info about how to purchase tickets. Mark your calendar now and tell your friends. Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests!

### **MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER**

**Sunday, May 19, 2019 5p.m.- 8:30 p.m.** All single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics are invited to attend a Men's Discernment Dinner held at Saint John Paul II Seminary. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington D.C. area. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org). Register online at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org)