

# 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.*



## Sixth 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.stgeorgerrcc.org](http://www.stgeorgerrcc.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 Daily Mass  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Tues</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Angela O’Shea</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 29</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Dora Adams</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Wanda Chimiak</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Stella Hazzard</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Vocations</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sheila Hodges</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St. George Parishioners</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Dora Adams</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Charles Craft</b>

**WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

**Meals-on-wheels:** P. Keen, K. Owens, G. Crawford

**Altar Preparation:** C. Cantrill

**LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS**

**Mon., May 27:** St. Augustine of Canterbury

**Wed., May 29:** St. Paul VI

**Thu., May 30:** The Ascension of the Lord

**Fri., May 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Sat., June 1:** St. Justin

**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 26	Apologetics <b>9:30am</b> (CC) Final Youth Group <b>5pm</b> (CC)
Mon. May 27	Office Closed (Holiday)
Tues. May 28	KoC Planning Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> (CC)
Sat. June 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass & Devotions <b>9am</b> (C) Masses at SFX Chapel begin <b>7pm</b>
Sun. June 2	KoC Pancake Breakfast <b>9am</b> (CC)

\*C: Church, CC: Community Center

**Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward**

ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29; PS 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; REV 21:10-14, 22-23; JN 14:23-29

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today’s Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.”

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God “at home and at ease” within us? How can we communicate to God that He is “highly valued” by us?

Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings.

In order to keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives. This can be done in small and simple ways. Perhaps you can commit to setting your alarm 10 minutes early to meditate on the day’s Gospel. Perhaps you could read a paragraph of the Catechism with your family at dinner. You could pray over a portion of the Psalms before going to bed at night. You can join a Bible study right here at our parish or study at the convenient of your own time using FORMED.org for studies and reflections. There are many ways to grow in knowledge and love of God’s word.

Over time, these simple practices can radically change one’s life. We will begin to more easily think like Jesus, respond like Jesus, and live like Jesus. We really will form our minds, hearts and souls into a place where the Blessed Trinity is pleased to dwell.

How is this possible? Because we have an Unseen Teacher with us as we seek to know and keep God’s word. Later, in this same Gospel passage, Jesus tells us so: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” Ask the Holy Spirit to show you when and how you can get to know God’s word in your particular circumstances and then commit to it!

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then, our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries, will radiate with the warmth of God’s love. And, our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.

**STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT**

	5/19/2019	5/20/2018	
<b>General Collection</b>	\$3346.00	\$3141.61	+\$314.39
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$1172.00	\$1062.00	
Identifiable Gifts	104	119	-15
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$50.00	\$60.00	-\$10.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$262.89	\$226.01	+\$36.88
<b>Donations</b>	\$205.00	\$165.00	+\$40.00

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

**PARISH NEWS**

**CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!**

Next weekend Father Paul would like to honor our 2019 grads at the 11am Mass. Graduates should wear their cap and gown and meet in the vestibule 10 minutes before Mass begins. Please call or email the parish office to let us know whether or not you plan to attend. 301-994-0607 [accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org](mailto:accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org). Our annual altar server award will also be given out at this time.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Kate O’Connor Cropp**, granddaughter of Mary Jo O’Connor, is entering a community of consecrated women religious sisters, the Apostles of the Interior Life. She is moving to Rome to attend school this summer.

**Peter Trossbach**, son of Michelle and Paul, has been accepted and will enter John Paul II Seminary this fall to study and continue to discern the priesthood.

Please add our summer seminarian, **Khoi Nguyen** to your prayers, and continue to pray for **Joe Heisey**, as they continue their discernment and on road to the priesthood.

**BABY BOTTLES**

The annual Baby Bottle Blitz in support of Care Net Pregnancy Centers continues. Bottles are available in the vestibule for you to fill and return by **Father’s Day on June 16.**

**FATHER'S DAY MASSES**

Envelopes to have your Father remembered in all of the Masses on Father's Day and throughout June are now available in the vestibule.



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.
- **NEW!** We are looking for a volunteer to oversee our Candy Shop portion of the Bazaar. Please call Barbie Carpenter at the parish office or email [bazaar@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:bazaar@stgeorgercc.org) for more information.

**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS****“Rosary: The Intentional Rosary:**

There are a number of variations to praying the rosary. I'd like to share one that has had a great impact on my prayer life. I call it the Intentional Rosary. Here's how it works. For every Hail Mary associated with one of the five mysteries (fifty Hail Marys in all), you pray for a special intention. One of the fears that people who have never tried this have is that they won't be able to think of fifty things to pray for. Let me give you some advice. Start with your family members – parents, whether they are living or deceased (as Catholics we pray for our deceased loved ones!), siblings, children, grandchildren, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins, etc. This is a great opportunity to pray for those you haven't remembered to pray for in some time. After your family, pray for your friends – co-workers, people from church or other organizations you're involved with. Pray for friends from your past that maybe you haven't brought to mind in a long time. Oh, and pray for your

enemies. Pray for our nation, our elected officials, police and first responders, military families and all those who serve our nation and our communities. If you still have beads left over, pray for your priest(s), your bishop, priests from your past, deacons, sisters and brothers and all religious. And, of course, always save a prayer for our Holy Father and his intentions. I feel confident in saying that when you do this, you'll run out of beads before you run out of prayers! Try it and see what a blessing this can be in your life.”

*Excerpted from, “A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ” by Gus Lloyd. This and three other of his books are available in the book rack in the vestibule.*

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

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,  
[kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org)



**Coming this summer...**

**TOTALLY CATHOLIC VBS!**

**July 22-26, 9am – 12pm** in the  
Community Center

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Totally Catholic Roar, kids explore

God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Registration available for students (age 3 through 5th grade) and those wishing to volunteer (6th grade through adult).

Register online at [www.vbspro.events/p/fcf610](http://www.vbspro.events/p/fcf610)

Cost: \$27/student. (Includes \$2 processing fee)

Or register in person after Sunday Masses in June and July for \$25/student.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION****APOLOGETICS**

**9:30-10:45am in Community Center**

**Sun., May 26:**

Defending the Real Presence of the Eucharist

**Sun., June 9:**

What does it take to be happy?

**BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday, **June 16, 9:30-10:45am**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Please join us Sunday evening from 5 – 8pm for our final Youth Group before summer break!

## 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 (@LFSpatriots)!

**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 28** - Planning Meeting at St. George 6:30pm

**June 2** - Pancake Breakfast at St. George 9am

## NEWS IN OUR AREA

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Memorial Day Mass at Queen of Peace Cemetery will be held on **Monday May 27 at 10am**

**WOMEN OF FAITH CONTINENTAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**

We are excited to announce our next Prayer Breakfast meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m.** at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Hall (37575 Chaptico Road, Chaptico, Maryland 20621). Our guest speaker, Laura Roland, co-founder of "Encounter Grace" will talk about the "Power of the Ordinary," how God uses the ordinary to accomplish great things! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, inspirational talk and closing prayer. The cost is \$15, to register call: (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents. You can also register online at: [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org). **Registration is due by Monday, May 27.** For more information contact: Frannie Taborek at: (240) 538-2981, [fran.taborek@stracongroup.com](mailto:fran.taborek@stracongroup.com) or Becky Kendall (301) 904-7025, [becky.kendall@hotmail.com](mailto:becky.kendall@hotmail.com). (Note: First

Saturday Mass will be offered at Our Lady of the Wayside at 8 a.m.)

**YOUTH DAY CAMP**

Hospice of St. Mary's will be hosting a Youth Day Camp starting on Fri., **June 7** – Sun., **June 9** at **Camp Maria**. For more information, call 301-994-3023.

**SUMMER JOB OPENING AT CAMP MARIA**

Camp Maria's swim season will begin on Memorial Day weekend and continue through September 9. We are looking to hire several currently certified lifeguards. Contact Theresa Peoples at [admin@campmaria.org](mailto:admin@campmaria.org) or 301-475-8330 for a job application

## OTHER EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**QUO VADIS CAMP**

The Office of Priest Vocations Annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at **Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31, 2019**. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org). Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

**"THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES"**

The Spiritual Exercises are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world and experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. These retreats touch on so many important aspects of the spiritual life. The central principles are self-knowledge, discernment of God's will for your life, and the decision to follow Christ more closely. Upcoming Dates--**For Men: August 16-18(3 day) cost is \$250.00 per person; For Women: May 31-Jun 2 (3 Day) cost is \$250.00 per person; Jun 20-27 (week-long) cost is \$600 per person.** Registration is required. Find more information and links to register on our website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org).

**ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR FR. JOHN LUBEY**

Please join us for a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass commemorating the priesthood of Fr. John A. Lubey on **Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM** at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD. Father Lubey was well known in the Archdiocese of Washington for his gentleness and compassion, and for the gifts of prophecy and healing which brought Christ to souls, and countless souls to Christ, through his priesthood.