

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.



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)

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

RCIA (Preparation for Easter Sacraments)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of inquiry and discernment for those who wish to come into full communion with the Catholic faith and are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Classes are held every Saturday at 10-11:30am in the Community Center beginning in October and ending in May. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. Paul at the church office or email: fr.paulnguyen@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

CONFIRMATION

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

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.

DEVOTIONS

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays after Daily Mass

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tues | June 25 | 9:00 am | Sheila Hodges |
| Wed | June 26 | 9:00 am | Deacon Joel Carpenter -9th Anniversary of Ordination |
| Thu | June 27 | 9:00 am | John Chapman Sr. |
| Fri. | June 28 | 9:00 am | Paul J. Mc Intyre. |
| Sat | June 29 | 5:00 pm | Dora Adams |
| Sat. | June 29 | 7:00 pm | Glenn Holmes |
| Sun | June 30 | 8:30 am | Daniel Hamm (L) |
| Sun | June 30 | 11:00 am | St. George Parishioners |

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Meals-on-wheels: P. Keen, B. Adams, G. Crawford

Altar Preparation: K. Britton

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon, June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Thurs, June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria

Fri, June 28: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat, June 29: Sts. Peter and Paul

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

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| Sun. June 23 | Apologetics 9:30am (CC) |
| | Mass-Eucharistic Procession 11am (C) |
| Mon. June 24 | Softball (Team A) 8:15pm (Field 2) |
| Tues. June 25 | Softball (Team C) 6:15pm (Field 2) |
| Sun. June 30 | Apologetics 9:30am (CC) |
| | KofC Led Rosary 10:30am (C) |

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

GN 14:18-20; PS 110:1-4; 1 COR 11:23-26; LK 9:11B-17

Today, we observe the Solemnity of the of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. “For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself” (CCC 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means “thanksgiving” or “gratitude,” and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God’s blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today’s second reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ’s words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. “The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you.’” In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very Self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can — in our own imperfect way — follow our Lord’s example by giving generously of ourselves to others. Our Gospel reading from Luke recounts the miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when Jesus took the small offering of the five loaves and two fish and produced enough to satisfy the whole crowd with twelve baskets full of leftovers. This event is widely understood as a foreshadowing of the miracle that takes place at every Mass as the words of consecration are spoken by the celebrant and God transforms bread and wine into the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus.

And in contemplating this stunning show of Jesus’ power in feeding the crowd that evening, it is easy to overlook an important detail for us Christian stewards found in the brief statement our Lord makes just before performing the miracle. When the apostles suggest to Jesus that He should dismiss the hungry crowd so they could go and find some dinner, Jesus has another idea. “Give them some food yourselves,” He tells them. This is a seemingly impossible command. It would take work, effort, energy and resources the Apostles simply did not have. But Jesus is not asking the impossible. He is asking us to give Him what we do have for the sake of others — and let Him do the impossible with it.

This is the way we can at least attempt to thank Him for all His gifts and goodness to us. This is the essence of

a stewardship way of life. When we gratefully offer back to our Lord the gifts He has given to us, He takes those same gifts and multiplies them beyond our wildest imaginings. And yet another miracle occurs — this sharing of ourselves and our gifts does not leave us with less, but with more — the satisfaction of living as Christ’s own disciple and an instrument of His grace in the world.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And let’s give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead to show our gratitude for this wondrous gift — the gift of God Himself.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

| | 6/16/2019 | 6/17/2018 | |
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| General Collection | \$2900.00 | \$2970.48 | +\$89.52 |
| E-Giving (Weekly) | \$1172.00 | \$1012.00 | |
| Identifiable Gifts | 91 | 100 | -9 |
| Maintenance | \$95.00 | \$35.00 | +\$60.00 |
| Poor Box | \$214.71 | 265.00 | -\$50.29 |
| Donations | \$400.00 | \$600.00 | -\$200.00 |

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

*The 2nd collection **this weekend** is the Peter’s Pence Collection. This helps the Holy Father, Pope Francis, with supporting victims of war, oppression and natural disasters Thank you for how over you can help*

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are in memory of John Springer.



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH-OUR ANNUAL AUGUST DINNER (PLEASE SAVE THE WEEK BEFORE TO HELP WITH PREPARATION)

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Please join us **today** at the 11am Mass for a Eucharistic Procession through our cemetery, weather permitting. A brief reception will follow in the Community Center.



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

St. George Biennial Christmas Bazaar!

- Crafters! Please start making those beautiful items for our Bazaar! We need lots and lots of homemade items to sell in order to make this event a success!
- Yes! We also plan to have a Baked Goods table!

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS**“The Sacraments: Eucharist:**

The most important sacramental gesture of the Eucharist is eating and drinking. That was the wish of the Master: “Eat and drink.” The foods that are shared among people are signs of life. We need food and drink to satisfy our hunger and thirst. No one can survive without nourishment. Yet bread and wine are not suddenly final products. These signs are the result of a process that teaches us the essence of Christianity: to die in order to give life. Human work must be added to the seeds of the grain and the grape so that after long processes, they may become a delicious bread or fortified wine that are later shared at the table. To have bread on the table is to have life in the home. Earning it is an expression of human life. It expresses divine blessing, prosperity, and divine grace: “Go, eat your bread with joy and drink your wine with a merry heart, because it is now that God favors your works” (Ecclesiastes 9:7). This process is also a symbol of the spiritual nourishment that every person needs in order to have life in the spirit. Bread is the common food of every person because it contains basic elements to fight hunger. Obtaining it gives us happiness, conviviality, and fraternity. Earning bread means earning life. Bringing bread to the table reminds us of the great amount of work that has made our sharing of it possible. Just as a community is the result of the union of many members, bread is the result of the union of many grains. But if the grains are not crushed or do not die, we cannot have bread. If people do not renounce individualism, we cannot possibly have community. For this reason, bread is both life and surrender, just as community is life and the total surrender of each one of its members. We not only have need for food, we also need drink. While bread gives us strength, wine makes us joyful. Wine does not just satisfy our thirst, however. It is symbolic because of the large role it plays in

our moments of joy, inspiration, or friendship. We give wine a sacred function in the liturgy because, with it, we come together and seal a covenant. When we drink the wine (which has become the blood of Christ), we give our word, a promise that we are called to fulfill at any price. Wine is symbolic of merriment and is always present in our feasts. It binds us with others and creates an experience of communion and solidarity with the people we share it with. Wine is a symbol of the fullness of life and reminds us of the best life has to offer. In fact, Jesus himself compared us with a vine (John 15:1–8). Wine, like bread, is the result of a process of death. In order to give us life, the grapes have to be stomped and squeezed until the last drop. For that reason, wine reminds us of blood, the most intimate and sacred part of a living being. With his blood, Christ gives us life. This is why, in the Christian tradition, we must drink from the chalice. Because by doing so, we are able to share in the same fate as Jesus and many of his saints: martyrdom. We eat the bread and drink the wine because these two symbols reflect our bodily and spiritual natures, and both need to be fed in Christ, he who is our food and drink. Let us eat and drink.” -Miguel Arias, © 2007, 2015 OCP. All rights reserved. Translated by Maddie Huerta

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

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,
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

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

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

ROAR Vacation Bible School

VBS Preparation: **Sundays, 12:00 - 2:00**

Many hands needed to make our VBS a success!

NO VBS PREP, SUNDAY, JUNE 23

ADULT FAITH FORMATION**APOLOGETICS****9:30-10:45am in Community Center****Sun., June 23:**

What does it take to be happy?

Sun., June 30:

Why Evangelize?

YOUTH MINISTRY**Youth Group is on 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) 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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**Upcoming Events:****June 25th** Planning Meeting at St. George 6:30PM**July 2nd** Business Meeting at St. George 6:30PM**NEWS IN OUR AREA**

Tues. June 25th Our Lady of the Wayside is hosting an **Open to all Free Financial Education Seminar**. From 7-9pm in Loretta Hall of Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church. Topics will include Analyzing Cash Flow for Savings and Debt Management. Please call to register at (301)-785-0022

Tues. July 2nd, 2nd District VFD, **Fundraiser at Texas Road House**; Time: 5p.m.-9p.m.; 10% of bill goes to 2nd District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad; Homemade Bake Goods for Sale; (Physical or Digital copy of flyer must be presented to your server at

event – attached pdf of flyer FYI); Call Robin for more info - at 301-737-4366(H) or 240-577-0270(C)

Sun. July 14th Encounter Grace **Meet the Author Event** at 1:15pm at St. Mary's Bryantown Church and School. Our featured speaker will be Catholic author and speaker, Mary E. Lenaburg and she will share her new book, *Be Brave in the Scared: How I Learned to Trust God During the Most Difficult Days of My Life* (Ave Maria Press). Poignant and moving, Mary is a storyteller like none other. After her talk, Mary will do a book signing. Books will be available for purchase at the event or you can bring your pre-purchased book for her to sign. Tickets are on sale at www.encountergrace.co It will surely be an afternoon to remember!

Sun. Aug.4th The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Fire Department is hosting **The 2nd Annual Vendor (Independent Consultant) Show** at the Hollywood Firehouse Social Hall from 10am-3pm. Vendors to include Avon, Mary Kay, Scentsy, Discovery Toys, Java Mama, Rose, Rada Knives, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Color Street, Lula Roe, Hayward Gourmet and many more. Free Admission and parking. Refreshments will be available for sale by the Ladies Auxiliary. ATM on site. For more information, contact Leone Gatton at Vendorshow@hvfd7.com

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE***MARIAN DAY OF PRAYER***

On **Tuesday June 25th** at **St. Joseph Church in N.E Washington**. Beginning at 10:00 am with the International Rosary, Holy Mass at 12:10 pm with Fr. William Gurnee III, Pastor celebrating and Deacon Leo Flynn assisting. For more information please contact the Anniversary Committee at maria_chiara@msn.com or 240-988-7318 or go to their website www.marian-center.org.

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. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.