

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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)



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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF

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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00AM-2:00PM
Closed on Mondays

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.com

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

- Tue August 6 9:00 am Dora Adams**
- Wed August 7 9:00 am Teresa Trinity Vu + Family**
- Thu August 8 9:00 am Cici Macaboy**
- Fri August 9 9:00 am Enzo and Colleen Galli**
- Sat August 10 5:00 pm John Grant Chapman Jr.**
- Sat. August 10 7:00 pm 62nd Anniversary of Butch & Joyce Mori**
- Sun August 11 8:30 am Gladys Sheehan**
- Sun August 11 11:00 am St. George Parishioners**

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, T. Buckler, C. Galli, D. Orwig
Meals-on-wheels: J. & V. Royston, K. Owens, K. Raley
Altar Preparation: Linda Dean

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

- Mon, August 5: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**
- Tues, August 6: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
- Wed. August 7: St. Sixtus II and Companions, Martyrs St. Cajetan**
- Thu, August 8: ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST**
- Fri, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

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, Aug. 4 - Installation of Officers (CC) 12pm
 - Tue, Aug. 6 - KoC Council Meeting (CC) 6:30pm
 - Sat, Aug 10 - KoC Installation Assembly Dinner (CC) 3:30pm-9:30pm
- *C: Church, CC: Community Center*

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Aliene Springer



Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

ECC 1:2, 2:21-23; PS 90:3-6, 12-13, 17; COL 3: 1-5, 9-11; LK 12:13-21

Today's readings come as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. They remind us why we live the way we do, make the choices we make, and leave other things aside. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices downright foolish. Today we will see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

Our First Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes contains the famous line, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" The narrator, Qoheleth, points out that we toil and labor all day, worry all night about our work and all we still have to do, and for what? Essentially, he asks what is the point of constantly "stressing out" about things that won't last anyway? That's no way to live! Christian stewards already know this. We live for a higher purpose — we live for our God and for the things that matter to Him. Our time, talents, and treasure have an everlasting focus because we recognize that these things are all gifts from God and we use them in gratitude to give Him glory.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, reminds us how to go about making decisions so that we can make the best use of the gifts we have been given. In making decisions about our use of time, talent and treasure, he gives us this advice: "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." He adds, "Take off the old self with its practices and put on the new self which is being renewed for knowledge in the image of its creator." This is precisely what is taking place within us as we embrace the spirituality of stewardship. We find ourselves living in a continuous process of sloughing off our selfishness (the "old self") and living more and more for God and others.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power, is foolish and naive. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about "stuff." "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then Jesus goes on to tell the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of "stuff" that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But, Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish! What vanity of vanities!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	7/28/2019 (Wk 4 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$3,270.35	\$18,759.11	\$20,000.00
**E-Giving:	\$0.00		
Maintenance:	\$50.00	\$2,810.00	\$2,464.00
**E-Giving:	\$0.00		
Poor Box:	\$184.00	\$917.33	\$848.00
**E-Giving:	\$0.00		
Donations:	\$346.00	\$2,881.00	\$4,384.00
**E-Giving:	\$0.00		
No national collection this month			
**E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church			

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

2nd Collection

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collectiono

PARISH NEWS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 12-5 PM

- ▶ CRAB CAKES
 - ▶ FRIED CHICKEN
 - ▶ BAKED HAM
 - ▶ ALL THE TRIMMIN'S
- Baked Goods, Raffles,
White Elephant Table

\$28 Dine-in Adults
\$10 Children 6-12 yrs.
Free for children under 6
\$26 all Drive-thru
Carry-outs

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This is a fundraising event for St. George Catholic Church, part of the Archdiocese of Washington, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Calling all St. George Bakers! Please plan to bake your favorites for our church dinner on August 18. Some requests we are asked for, include coconut cake, pineapple upside down cake and fruit pies. People coming to our dinner look forward to your **homemade** treats!

Thank you in advance for generously donating your home-baked goods. Please label your donations as to what it is and bring them to the Community Center Annex on **Saturday, Aug. 17** or **Sunday, Aug 18**.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

"The Penitential Rite:

As Catholics, it's important that we celebrate the Eucharist with a clean heart. That's why at the beginning of each Mass we have the Penitential Rite. We take a moment of silence to call to mind our sins and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness. This is done in a few different ways. We may repeat after the priest or deacon, "Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy." In this we ask pardon from all three persons of the Trinity. We may also say or sing "Kyrie eleison." This is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." Finally, we may recite a longer prayer called the Confiteor, a Latin word which means "I confess," in which we say: "I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God." The Penitential Rite ends with the prayer of the priest, "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life." In the Penitential Rite, our venial sins are forgiven. But this general confession of sins does not replace individual confession with a priest. We must always remember that if we have committed any mortal sins, we must make a sacramental confession before receiving the Eucharist."—*A Minute in the Church: The Mass* by Gus Lloyd

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

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

Registration for the upcoming YFF year is ongoing. Please email Kim Browne for more information.

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 (@LFSpatriors)!

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:

August 6th Council Meeting at St. George 6:30PM

August 10th Installation Assembly Dinner at St. George 3:30PM – 9:30PM

NEWS IN OUR AREA

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, Lilla 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@hvf7.com

Sun, Aug. 11th Breakfast – All-You-Can-Eat Home-Made-Home-Style at the 2nd District Firehouse & Rescue Squad Time: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.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

Sat, Aug. 24th 2nd District VFD Community Yard Sale at the 2nd District Volunteer Fire Department. Time

7am-12pm, A good way to get rid of unwanted things.; Reserve a table for \$10; For more info, contact Kelly at 240-299-5261

Sat, Aug. 24th 2nd District VFD **Car Wash**, 7am-12pm for the 2nd District Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad New Building; COST \$15 & up; POC: Dee Dee Johnson 240-561-2750

MENTAL WELLNESS SERIES

St. Mary's in Bryantown is offering a series on MENTAL WELLNESS Good mental health is an important factor in having a happy life. This 4 session series will give insight into what mental wellness is and how to maintain it. Included in this we will discuss helpful strategies for facing and helping our loved ones to face depression, anxiety, addiction, and grief. The presentations will be given by Caitlin Langreich. Caitlin has a M.A. clinical mental health counseling and is certified clinical trauma professional. You don't have to come to each presentation to benefit from this series and there will be time for Q&A. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about how to achieve and maintain mental wellness, please join us! **Tuesdays 7-8:30pm 23; August 6 & 20.** For more information about this series, contact Fr. Conley frconley@comcast.net

SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT COURSE

September 10 – 12, 2019, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm (lunch provided) Location: St. Mary's County (TBA)
Registration Deadline: August 27, 2019 The Office of Young Adult Ministry, the Office of Continuing Education for Priests, and the Office of Priest Vocations are co-sponsoring a three-day course on Spiritual Accompaniment. The course is a response to the growing need for qualified clergy and laity to serve as spiritual mentors/spiritual directors in the Archdiocese of Washington. This free three-day course is designed to help equip qualified members of the laity to serve our people (especially our youth and young adults) by helping foster and cultivate their relationship with Christ and His Church. The course is open to clergy, religious, consecrated laywomen and men, and laity in parish ministry. To register please visit https://dcpriest.formstack.com/forms/sac_2019, and further information please feel free to contact Fr. Mark Ivany at 202-636-9020 or ivany@adw.org.

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Praise and Worship gathering will be held on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month** at St. Aloysius Parish Hall at **7:00pm**. All are welcome. Come and experience peace and joy as we join together in praising the Lord and worshipping His Holy Name. For more information, call 301-475-8065.

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA troops are holding an information meeting **on Sunday, Aug 4th at St Johns school at 12:45 following the last Mass**. These two Christ-centered character and leadership development programs are beginning their 4th year at St Johns in the fall and registration is open to grades K-12. Come hear how these troops can benefit your sons and daughters. Contact Bob and Debbie Cress at bdcress1013@gmail.com if you are interested but unable to attend.

Young Adult Bilingual Leadership Program: Apostles on Mission

Learn more about how to live out your Catholic faith in daily life. The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to apply for a Fall bilingual leadership program in evangelization. This 10-week course will help you to discern how God is calling you to use your gifts and talents to serve the Church. The program includes prayer, formation, and one on one mentoring. Sessions in English and Spanish are held on Monday evenings from September 16 – December 2 at St. Michael in Archangel Parish in Silver Spring, MD (online participation available). Apply by August 15, 2019 at www.apostlesonmission.org

Help Our Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on August 30th - September 1st, 2019, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org