

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.

Twentieth 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 20 9:00 am John Grant Chapman Jr.**
- Wed August 21 9:00 am Yen & Hung Nguyen (L)**
- Thu August 22 9:00 am Jerry Farquhar**
- Fri August 23 9:00 am Cici Macaboy**
- Sat August 24 5:00 pm Joe & Virginia Royston (L)**
- Sat August 24 7:00 pm Ann Lynch**
- Sun August 25 8:30 am St. George Parishioners**
- Sun August 25 11:00am Jerry Farquhar**

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, Volunteer, C. Galli, D. Orwig

Meals-on-wheels: P. Keen, M.A. Springer & K. Britton, M.A. Rymer & N.J. Jubeck

Altar Preparation: K. Britton

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon, August 19: St. John Eudes

Tues, August 20: ST. BENARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Wed. August 21: ST. PIUS X, POPE

Thu, August 22: QUEENSHIOP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Fri, August 23: St. Rose of Lima

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. 18 - Parish Dinner 12pm-5pm (CC)

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Juna Bolayo



Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

JER 38:4-6, 8-10; PS 40:2-4, 18; HEB 12:1-4; LK 12:49-53

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant be a challenging way of life.

The bar is set immediately, beginning in the first verse of our Old Testament reading from Jeremiah: The king is told, "Jeremiah ought to be put to death" for "demoralizing" the people. What had Jeremiah been doing to merit such a punishment? He was speaking out against corruption and unjust treatment of the poor. For speaking God's truth to those around him, Jeremiah gets thrown into a cistern where he is left to die. Later in the passage we learn that the king relents and sends someone to rescue Jeremiah from the cistern. Even so, some thanks he gets for preaching God's word!

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) Is meant to challenge us, to make saints of us.

Another verse in our second reading encourages us to embrace this challenging way of life. "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [our big brothers and sisters, the saints] let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

The stewardship way of life helps us to stay in good racing shape. By putting God first in all areas of our lives, we rid ourselves of the burden and sinfulness of over-attachment to ourselves and our things. We get lean and fit and strong for the long race to Heaven. We begin to look and act more like Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	8/11/2019 (Wk 6 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$4,197.18	\$29,380.29	\$30,000.00
**E-Giving:	\$3,268.00		
Maintenance:	\$220.00	\$4,983.00	\$3,696.00
**E-Giving:	\$365.00		
Poor Box:	\$181.26	\$1,445.59	\$1,272.00
**E-Giving:	\$100.00		
Donations:	\$915.00	\$7,848.00	\$6,576.00
**E-Giving:	\$327.00		
Camp. for Hum. Dev.	\$0.00	\$806.21	N/A
**E-Giving:	\$115.00		
Holy Day Offering	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$333.33
**E-Giving	\$140.00		

**E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

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 503(c)(3) organization.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

"The First Reading:

After the Penitential Rite and the Gloria, Scripture is read at Mass. The Scriptures are proclaimed from a lectern called the ambo. The first reading at a Sunday Mass is normally taken from one of the books of the Old Testament. The exception to this is the Easter Season. From Easter until Pentecost, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, the first book of the New Testament after the Gospels. Why does the Church give such emphasis to the Old Testament? After all, aren't we a "New Testament" Church? In the three-year cycle of readings in the liturgy, the Church unfolds the story of salvation. This started "in the beginning," with the Book of Genesis and continued to Christ and the Church. Jesus Himself said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, we need to know what it is that Christ came to fulfill. You see, the Old Testament points to the New. The prophecies about the Messiah in the Old Testament all pointed to Jesus. And the New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old. You can't fully understand one without the other. So the first reading helps us to understand part one of the greatest story ever told! For further study: Matthew 5:17-18, The whole Bible!

The Second Reading:

[...] In the New Testament letters, we hear about the Church from its foundation, and how the teachings of Christ were to be applied to both Jew and Gentile. Many of the New Testament letters were meant in part to answer questions or clear up problems that were popping up in those early days. These letters were read at Mass from the very earliest times. While the words of the second reading were written nearly two thousand years ago, they contain God's timeless wisdom that can still help us in our lives today. At the end of the first and second reading, the lector will pause and then proclaim, "The Word of the Lord." As we ask God to enliven our hearts and our faith through hearing the Word proclaimed, the people reply, "Thanks be to God!" And after the second reading, we prepare our hearts to listen to the Gospel reading."—*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 on-going. 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

No upcoming events for this week.

NEWS IN OUR AREA

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

Tue, Aug. 27th Healing prayers, preaching the Word of God and Holy Mass to be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Solomons, MD at 7pm and at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on **Wed, Aug. 28th at 7pm Flyers available in vestibule of church. All are welcome.**

Sun, Sept. 8th Crab Feast Loyola on the Potomac. Starts at 2pm-5pm. All you can eat crabs, fried chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on a cob, coleslaw, potato salad, watermelon and our fabulous homemade Loyola cookies. Early Bird Adult tickets \$50 (\$65 after Sept. 1st). Children ages 7-12 \$35, Ages 6 under free. For more info contact, Alice Case 301-392-0819 alice.case@loyolaretreat.org www.loyolaontheopotomac.com

Fri, Sept. 13th "HERE I AM LORD" Camp and St. Mary's Ryken High School have teamed up to present Dan Schutte in Concert & Retreat! This is a rare opportunity to experience firsthand, the music and ministry of Dan Schutte, composer of "Here I Am Lord", "City of God", "Sing a New Song" and many others. The concert will be from 7pm-9pm at St. Mary's Ryken High School, 22600 Camp Calvert Rd, Leonardtown, MD. The Concert includes an intermission with heavy hors d' oeuvres. The retreat will be held **Sat, Sept. 14th** from 9am-Noon at Camp Maria Retreat Center, 41290 Camp Maria Rd. Leonardtown, MD. Cost is \$20 for Concert (or \$10 for any student). The retreat is \$35. The retreat includes continental breakfast. For more info, call SMR at 301-73-4182 or Camp Maria at 301-475-8330

Praise and Worship gathering will be held on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month** at St. Aloysius Parish Hall at **7pm**. 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.

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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 b 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@adv.org.

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 Aug. 15th** 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 **Aug. 30th - Sept. 1st, 2019**, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

APOLOGETICS CLASS OFFERING

Apologetics class is being held in the St. Aloysius parish hall with Ken Scheiber **on Monday nights at 7pm beginning September 9th**.



Please come join us today for the **St. George 2019 Annual CRAB CAKE DINNER!** Event will be held inside the Community Center from 12pm-5pm. See flyer under Parish News for more info.