

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.

Twenty-First 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 27	9:00 am	Johnathan Lewis
Wed	August 28	9:00 am	Barbara Robinson
Thu	August 29	9:00 am	Cici Macaboy
Fri	August 30	9:00 am	Dora Adams
Sat	August 31	5:00 pm	St. George Parishioners
Sat	August 31	7:00 pm	Yulla & Rhonnyl Seballos Gregorio & Consolacion Aventino
Sun	September 1	8:30 am	George & Madeline Gateau
Sun	September 1	11:00am	Johnathan Hopkins

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Altar Preparation: C. Cantrill

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Tue, August 27: ST. MONICA

Wed, August 28: ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Thu, August 29: THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

Tue, Aug. 27 - KoC Planning Meeting 6:30pm (CC)

**C: Church, CC: Community Center*

*Flowers on the altar this weekend
are in honor of the anniversary of
Joe & Virginia Royston*



Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

In fact, the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, mentions "discipline" five times in the six verses of today's passage. Some examples: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord." "Endure your trials as discipline." "Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines." In this passage we also learn why we should embrace God's discipline: "Later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it."

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Then He goes on to tell the parable of the master of the house who locked his door to those outside. Jesus says, "You will stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord open the door for us.'" But the master will say in reply that he does not know them. Jesus continues, "And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' But the master will insist, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.'" Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus leaves us with great hope that it is indeed possible to make it through the narrow gate. He tells us, "People will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Holiness of life, true discipleship, is meant for everyone — young and old, rich and poor, powerful and lowly.

In the week ahead let's strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-cycle-c-sunday-connection>



STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	8/18/2019 (Wk 7 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$2,986.67	\$32,366.96	\$30,000.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Maintenance:	\$60.00	\$5,043.00	\$3,696.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Poor Box:	\$133.50	\$1,579.09	\$1,272.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Donations:	\$1,695.00	\$9,543.00	\$6,576.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Camp. for Hum. Dev.	\$0.00	\$806.21	N/A
**E-Giving:	----		
Holy Day Offering	\$628.81	\$768.81	\$667.00
**E-Giving:	----		
**E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church			

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome Fr. Charles Collins of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia Central and South America.

Heartfelt **thanks** are due to everyone who helped make our August Dinner such a success last weekend! We cannot report the actual profit from the day until all bills are received, however we can happily report the following:

Dinners Served:

- Dining Room: 711 adults, 31 children
- Carry Outs: 727 dinners

Baked Goods: \$2,125.50 (Many thanks to our bakers for their beautiful pies, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc.!)

White Elephant: \$1,429.98

Prize Raffle: \$190.001st Prize: Kim Browne2nd Prize: Nancy Lynch3rd Prize: John Re**50/50 Raffle:** \$358.50

Winner: Sheila Nelson

Total profits will be reported within the coming month.

Please save the date for the coming events:**Bottles & Brushes:** Thursday, October 3, 6pm**Parish Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday, November 9, 9am-3pm. Follow this event on Facebook for some sneak peeks at what will be for sale!www.facebook.com/events/2367277793488722/**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS****"Anointing of the Sick I:**

Jesus spent much of His time healing the sick and infirm. He has a special place in His heart for those who suffer. As such, He instituted the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It used to be thought that this sacrament was only for those near death. That is not the case. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1514 says this: The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament that one can only receive once. Again from the Catechism, paragraph 1515: "If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced." Only a priest can administer the Anointing of the Sick. So the next time you or someone you love is seriously ill, call a priest and allow the graces of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to bring the healing touch of Jesus. For further study: CCC 1499-1532.

Anointing of the Sick II:

If you or someone you love is very ill, there are special graces available through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes the Council of Trent and says, "This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord." In paragraph 1510, it quotes James 5:14-15. "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has

committed sins, he will be forgiven." The Catechism lists the effects of the sacrament: A particular gift of the Holy Spirit, which includes the forgiveness of sins. Union with the passion of Christ, where one's suffering "becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus." An ecclesial grace, where the whole communion of saints "intercedes for the benefit of the sick person. And a preparation for the final journey. The Catechism says, "This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father's house." The Anointing of the Sick does not guarantee physical healing, rather, it fills the sick person with the graces that God will use to heal them in every way He sees fit. For further study: CCC 1499-1532"—*A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ* by Gus Lloyd

FAITH FORMATION**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8**Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,
kim.browne@stgeorgerc.orgRegistration 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 (@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 NEWSAugust 27th KoC Planning Meeting 6:30pm**NEWS IN OUR AREA**

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.

Sat, Sept. 7th LFS Patriot 5k Little Flower School will be hosting the fourth annual "**LFS Patriot Day 5k**". Each

year, this event is held to honor our local 'patriots'; our military, firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians. Participants in the 5k can run or walk, and children 10 & under are invited to participate in our 1 mile Kids' Run on the school grounds. In addition to the 5k and Kids' Run, our Little Flower students recognized at the opening ceremony. Ten percent of the event's proceeds will be donated to the services organization of the Patriot of the Year's choice. For more info, check out the race website in the bulletin. www.patriotday5k.org

Sun, Sept. 8th On behalf of Holy Angels Parish, we would like to invite you to the **Annual Fall Seafood Dinner at Holy Angels Church** starting from 11:30am-4:00pm Crab balls, steamed spiced shrimp, fried oysters, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, homemade Cole slaw, old fashioned green beans, pickled beets, dinner rolls, fruited jello and beverages! Adults \$28, Carry Outs \$26, Advanced Tickets (until 8-31-18) - \$26, Children 6 to 12 \$8, and children 5 and under are free! For more information or to purchase advanced tickets call: 301-769-3332 Fax: 301-769-2541

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.loyolaontheptomac.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

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 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 ivanym@adw.org.

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

Apologetics Topics for this month

- Sept. 9th Transgenderism and the Catholic Church
- Sept. 16th What Duties Do We Have to Immigrants?
- Sept. 23rd Sex Abuse Scandal: Fact and Fiction
- Sept. 30th Mercy-Killing Isn't Merciful