

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-Second 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	September 3	9:00 am	Sarah Goldsmith
Wed	September 4	9:00 am	John Grant Chapman Jr.
Thu	September 5	9:00 am	Mrs. Eleanor Locke Ward
Fri	September 6	9:00 am	Liza Grider & Andrew (L)
Sat	September 7	9:00 am	Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life
Sat	September 7	5:00 pm	Barbara Ann Robinson
Sun	September 8	8:30 am	Dora Adams
Sun	September 8	11:00am	St. George Parishioners

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, D.D Orwig, M. Goldsmith

Meals on Wheels: J. & V. Royston, K. Owens, J. & J. Lenderman

Altar Preparation: L. Dean

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Tue, September 3: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

Mon, Sept. 2	OFFICE CLOSED
Tue, Sept. 3	KoC Council Meeting (CC) 6:30pm
Wed, Sept. 4	Cantor Practice (C) 6:30pm-7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7:00pm-8:00pm
Thu, Sept. 5	Confirmation Meeting: Parents & Students (CC) 6:00pm-8:00pm
Fri, Sept. 6	Mass & First Friday Devotions, 9:00am
Sat, Sept. 7	Mass & First Saturday Devotions w/ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00am-9:30am

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

*Flowers on the altar this weekend
are in memory of George & Madeline Gateau*



Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

SIR 3: 17-18, 20,28-29; PS 68: 4-7, 10-11; HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A; LK 14:1, 7-14

Today’s readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are.

On one hand we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent His son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities — our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given.

Our First Reading, from Sirach, instructs, “What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not.” As Christian stewards, aware of our total dependence on God, we must be content with “being little.” We recognize that all that we have and all that we are is unmerited gift from God. All bragging rights belong to Him, not us.

Our Lord speaks of true humility and the kind of outlook that goes along with it in our Gospel passage from Luke. While at a dinner party in the home of one of the leading Pharisees, Jesus observes the guests at the party jockeying for the most prestigious spots at the table.

He takes the opportunity to tell a parable (which sounds amazingly like the real-life situation that is happening at the very dinner party Christ is attending. Our Lord really has a wonderful sense of humor!) He says if you get invited to, say, a wedding banquet, not to take a place of honor at the table. He warns that a more distinguished guest might arrive and then embarrassment would ensue as you have to make your way to a less prestigious spot.

In sharing this parable, Jesus has in mind much more than an etiquette lesson. He is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers in having to slink down to a lower seat at the table points out how silly we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents. Jesus says, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” When we live in humility —recognizing that all we have is gift from God and using those gifts to serve Him and others, then God “exalts” us, by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace.

Jesus goes on to encourage us to actively seek to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them to offer us any worldly advantage or prestige — people who are in poverty or have disabilities or infirmities of any kind. “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.

Our attitude and the way in which we serve and share should be centered on true humility — recognizing that we are all “little” ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father’s heavenly banquet.



STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	8/25/2019 (Wk 8 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$2,947.74	\$37,370.70	\$40,000.00
**E-Giving:	\$2,056.00		
Maintenance:	\$80.00	\$5,258.00	\$4,928.00
**E-Giving:	\$135.00		
Poor Box:	\$147.25	\$1,726.34	\$1,696.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Donations:	\$205.00	\$9,753.00	\$8,768.00
**E-Giving:	\$5.00		
Camp. for Hum. Dev.	\$10.00	\$846.21	N/A
**E-Giving:	\$30.00		
Holy Day Offering	\$40.00	\$838.81	\$667.00
**E-Giving:	\$30.00		
**E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church			

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

PARISH NEWS

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/

NEEDED NOW: This year, we would like to set up the Bazaar like a shop, or boutique. We are looking for some carpenters to help us by designing/building some self-standing displays. If you have this skill, please contact Barbie Carpenter at the parish office. 301-994-0607 or accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

Have you ever noticed someone in Mass sitting, or kneeling at a different place from everyone else? Have you ever wondered if you should be doing the same? Here is what the General Instruction of the Roman Missal says:

“**Gestures and Bodily Posture:**

42. The gestures and bodily posture of both the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers, and also of the people, must be conducive to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, to making clear the true and full meaning of its different parts, and to fostering the participation of all.[52] Attention must therefore be paid to what is determined by this General Instruction and by the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice.

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them.

43. The faithful should stand from the beginning of the Entrance Chant, or while the Priest approaches the altar, until the end of the Collect; for the Alleluia Chant before the Gospel; while the Gospel itself is proclaimed; during the Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer; and from the invitation, Orate, fratres (Pray, brethren), before the Prayer over the Offerings until the end of Mass, except at the places indicated here below. The faithful should sit, on the other hand, during the readings before the Gospel and the Responsorial Psalm and for the Homily and during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory; and, if appropriate, they may sit or kneel during the period of sacred silence after Communion.

In the Dioceses of the United States of America, they should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause. However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration.

The faithful kneel after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise. [53]

For the sake of uniformity in gestures and bodily postures during one and the same celebration, the faithful should follow the instructions which the Deacon, a lay minister, or the Priest gives, according to what is laid down in the Missal.

44. Among gestures are included also actions and processions, by which the Priest, with the Deacon and ministers, goes to the altar; the Deacon carries the Evangeliary or Book of the Gospels to the ambo before the proclamation of the Gospel; the faithful bring up the gifts and come forward to receive Communion. It is appropriate that actions and processions of this sort be carried out with

decorum while the chants proper to them are sung, in accordance with the norms laid down for each.”

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

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

Classes begin on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30am for all grades!

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 (@LFS patriots)!

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

September 3rd KoC Council Meeting 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Car Raffle

The Fr. Sebastian De Rose Council #13091 will be selling tickets after Masses in September for the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus 50th Annual Car Raffle. The drawing will be held on October 12th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

GRAND PRIZE: 2020 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 Cash Option
2nd PRIZE: iPad
3rd PRIZE: \$200.00 Gift Card

NEWS IN OUR AREA

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 2:00pm-5:00pm. 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

Mon, Sept. 9th There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:00pm-7:00pm at the 2nd District (Valley Lee) Fire Hall. Call 800-RED-CROSS or go online to make an appointment. Walk ins are welcome.

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

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 ivany@adw.org.

The World Apostolate of Fatima-Archdiocese of Washington Division

Invites you to participate in Rosary and Mass celebrated by Msgr. Balbago in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in honor of Our Lady of Fatima's apparition to the children, Friday, September 13 at 1:00pm, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, DC.

Apologetics Classes

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

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