

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

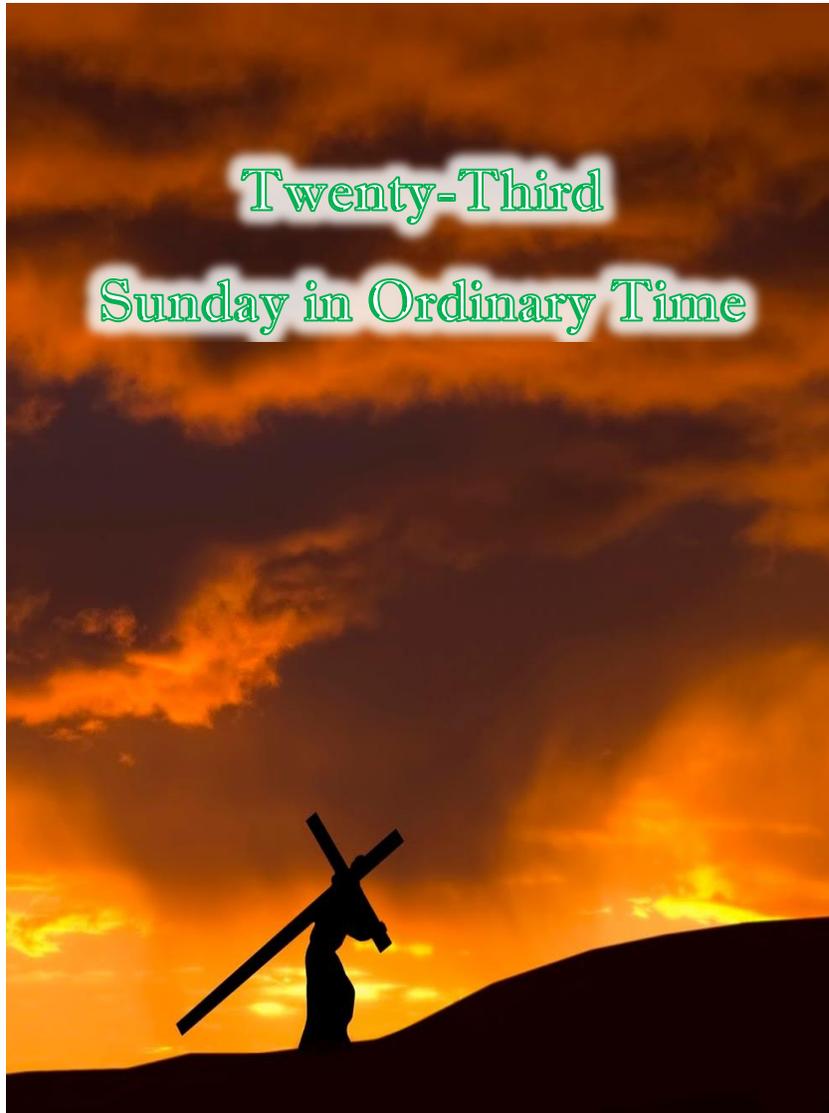
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## WELCOME STATEMENT

*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](http://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.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.com)

**REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Little Flower School** (pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades)  
For registration or information, please call LFS at (301) 994-0404 or visit us online [www.littleflowercatholic.org](http://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 (Maddie Mushrush and Omotayo Ojo) at [YouthGroup@stgeorgerc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Tue</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Anne Lancaster</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Ann Lynch</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>September 12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Johnathan Hopkins</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>September 13</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Wesley Grider &amp; Children (L)</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>5:00 am</b>	<b>St. George Parishioners</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Michael Perigo</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Mike Ransom</b>

**WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

**Meals on Wheels:** I. Hardy, V. Worch, M. A. Rymer & N. J. Jubeck

**Altar Preparation:** M. Goldsmith

**LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS**

**Mon, September 9: ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST**

**Thu, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**Fri, September 13: ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Sat, September 14: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY 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, Sept. 8	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class (CC) 9:30am YFF (CC) 9:30am-10:45am
Wed, Sept. 11	Cantor Practice (C) 6:30pm-7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7:00pm-8:00pm
Sun, Sept. 15	Pho Fundraiser (CC) 12:00pm – 2:00pm

\*C: Church, CC: Community Center

**Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward**

*WIS 9: 13-18B; PS 90: 3-6, 12-14, 17; PHMN 9-10, 12-17; LK 14:25-33*

Today’s readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

Our First Reading, from the ancient book of Wisdom, prepares us for the challenging teaching that will follow in today’s Gospel passage. “Who can know God’s counsel or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid... the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.”

Weighed down by financial woes, relationship stress, illness — all the concerns of modern life (and apparently, ancient life, too) — how can we possibly concern ourselves with anything more than these immediate needs? Our human “earthly” instincts limit our ability to think with an eternal perspective. But, a few verses later, we are told that God has sent His Holy Spirit from on high to assist us. “And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.” Relying on the Holy Spirit, we can live indeed lives for higher goals despite all the challenges of daily life.

But this way of life will not be easy, and our Lord, knowing well our human nature, must prepare us for the challenge. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ is very straightforward about the cost of living for the higher aims of discipleship. “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions, but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on to say, “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” In other words, it’s all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish, over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

To further this point, Christ shares two parables. The first is about a builder who wants to construct a tower. Christ says that before beginning, the builder must sit down and consider the cost to see if he has what is needed to complete the project. The second parable is of a king facing a potential battle. Again, Christ says he must first consider if he has sufficient troops for success before he goes off headlong into battle. Discipleship will cost us, and we must be prepared to give it our all.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes

further! “Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live with great intentionality — putting Him first before all else — we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows that these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost and then run after Him with all our might.

**STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT**

	9/1/2019 (Wk 9 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$3,554.35	\$40,925.05	\$45,000.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Maintenance:	\$990.00	\$6,248.00	\$5,544.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Poor Box:	\$216.00	\$1,942.34	\$1,908.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Donations:	\$1,250.00	\$12,003.00	\$9,864.00
**E-Giving:	----		
**E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church			

*Thank you for your faithful Parish support.*

**PARISH NEWS**

**Please save the date for the coming events:**

**Bottles & Brushes:**  
 Thursday, October 3, 6pm  
 Tickets: \$30 in advance,  
 \$40 at the door



**Parish Picnic**  
 Sunday, October 13, 12:30pm  
 Sign Ups coming soon – please save the date!

**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/](http://www.facebook.com/events/2367277793488722/)

**IF YOU HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT, PLEASE GO TO THIS EVENT AND SHARE IT – WE WANT LOTS OF FOOT TRAFFIC!**

**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](mailto:accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org).

## CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

*The Eucharistic Prayer – an explanation from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal:*

### “The Eucharistic Prayer:

78. Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, namely, the Eucharistic Prayer itself, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts towards the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the meaning of this Prayer is that the whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. The Eucharistic Prayer requires that everybody listens to it with reverence and in silence.

79. The main elements of which the Eucharistic Prayer consists may be distinguished from one another in this way:

a) The thanksgiving (expressed especially in the Preface), in which the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, according to the varying day, festivity, or time of year.

b) The acclamation, by which the whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, sings the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy). This acclamation, which constitutes part of the Eucharistic Prayer itself, is pronounced by all the people with the Priest.

c) The epiclesis, in which, by means of particular invocations, the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ’s Body and Blood, and that the unblemished sacrificial Victim to be consumed in Communion may be for the salvation of those who will partake of it.

d) The institution narrative and Consecration, by which, by means of the words and actions of Christ, that Sacrifice is

effected which Christ himself instituted during the Last Supper, when he offered his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink, and leaving with the latter the command to perpetuate this same mystery.

e) The anamnesis, by which the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, celebrates the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven.

f) The oblation, by which, in this very memorial, the Church, in particular that gathered here and now, offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church’s intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all.

g) The intercessions, by which expression is given to the fact that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church, of both heaven and of earth, and that the oblation is made for her and for all her members, living and dead, who are called to participate in the redemption and salvation purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ.

h) The concluding doxology, by which the glorification of God is expressed and which is affirmed and concluded by the people’s acclamation Amen.”

## FAITH FORMATION

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

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,  
[kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

**Classes begin TODAY, 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](http://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](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

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 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Raffle. The drawing will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

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

**NEWS IN OUR AREA**

**Sun, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** 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. 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup>). Children ages 7-12 \$35, Ages 6 under free. For more info contact, Alice Case 301-392-0819 [alice.case@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:alice.case@loyolaretreat.org) [www.loyolaontheptomac.com](http://www.loyolaontheptomac.com)

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

**Fri, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> "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. 14<sup>th</sup>** 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

**The 177 Project**

On Sunday, September 22, the 177 Project will be returning to St. Aloysius Church. The 177 Project is a nationwide tour designed to help bring more people into Eucharistic Adoration. The night begins with an acoustic concert at 7:00 pm before moving into a Holy Hour. Confession will be available. Doors open at 6:15 pm, and no tickets are necessary. The event is free to attend. A love offering will be taken. Lee Roessler will be the artist traveling for this event. For more information, please visit [the177project.com](http://the177project.com).

**OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

**The T.A.S.T.E. Program**

Looking for a way to grow closer to God? Do you want to learn more about your Faith? You're invited to join women from 60+ Parishes every Thursday Morning. Come relax and be fed! The T.A.S.T.E. Program (Taste And See Take...Eat) is a Catholic Women's Program dedicated to bringing women closer to Jesus AND the Church He founded. For more info on our speakers, topics or to register please go to: [www.TasteProgram.com](http://www.TasteProgram.com) **First class begins September 19, 2019. Classes continue EVERY Thursday morning until May 7, 2020. Thursday mornings, 9:00am-11:30am.** Babysitting is Available! Please register online before August 31<sup>st</sup> so we can prepare a name tag and know that you are coming!

**That Man is You!**

That Man is You is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. For more info or register, please contact Mark Coontz at 240-561-22774 or [mark\\_coontz@live.com](mailto:mark_coontz@live.com)

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