



Saint George Catholic Church

Established in 1851

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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.



*25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

WELCOME

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).

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Nguyen, *Pastor*

Deacon Joel Carpenter, *Permanent Deacon*

Matthew Hendrick, *Parish Secretary*

Barbara Carpenter, *Business Manager &
Director of Liturgy and Music*

Kimberley Browne, *Minister of Religious Education*

Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance Supervisor*

OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:00AM-2:00PM

Tues., Thur. 10:00AM-5:30PM

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

Children's Sunday School (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

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 meet on Sundays 5:00-8:00PM in St. George Community Center. All teens grades 6 and up are invited and welcomed 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

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.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall and requires a 2-year preparation in our Sunday Youth Faith Formation.

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 Preparation) is required.

RCIA (Preparation for Easter Sacraments)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of inquiry and discernment for prospective converts to the Catholic faith who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Classes are held every Saturday at 10:00am-11:30am in St. George Community Center beginning in October and ends in May. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. Paul at the church office or email: fr.paulnguyen@gmail.com

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: After Daily Masses & Sat. 4:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: 1stFri. & 1stSat. 9:30-10:30 AM

Liturgy of the Hour: Morning Prayer at 8:45 AM
(before weekday

Mass)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues	Sept. 25	9:00 am	The Carroll Family (L)
Wed	Sept. 26	9:00 am	Bobby Bowes
Thu	Sept. 27	9:00 am	Anne Patton
Fri	Sept. 28	9:00 am	Maria Lien Phan
Sat	Sept. 29	5:00 pm	Deepak Patel
Sun	Sept. 30	8:30 am	Annette Madel
Sun	Sept. 30	11:00 am	St. George Parishioners

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Meals-on-wheels: P.Bowes, M.Springer, J/J.Lenderman

Altar Preparation: C.Galli

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Wed.	Sept. 26	Sts. Cosmas and Damian
Thurs.	Sept. 27	St. Vincent de Paul
Fri.	Sept. 28	St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
Sat.	Sept. 29	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael <i>Archangels</i>



*The Flowers on the Altar this weekend are in honor of
Gertrude Britton*

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.23 YFF **9:30am – CC**
 Bible Study **9:30am – CC**
 Parents Meeting **9:45am – CC**
 Catechist Meeting **12pm – CC**
 9th Grade Confirmation Class **3:30pm CC**
 Youth Group **5pm – CC**
- Tues. Sept.25 Knights of Columbus Meeting **6:30pm CC**
- Wed. Sept.26 Cantor Practice **6:30pm – C**
 Choir Practice **7pm – C**
- Sun. Sept.30 YFF **9:30am – CC**
 Apologetics **9:30am – CC**
 Parents Meeting **9:45 am – CC**
 KofC led Rosary **10:30am – C**
 9th Grade Confirmation Class **3:30pm CC**
 Youth Group **5pm – CC**

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	9/16/2018	9/17/2017	
General Collection	\$3628.50	\$3831.64	-\$43.14
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$1072.00	\$912.00	
Identifiable Gifts	126	133	-7
Maintenance	\$85.00	\$142.00	-\$57.00
Poor Box	\$253.00	\$143.25	+\$109.75
Donations	\$440.00	\$290.00	+\$150.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

WIS 2:12, 17-26; PS543-6 and 8; JAS 3:16-4:3; MK 9:30-37

This week’s readings shed further light on the contrast between the worldly wisdom that Jesus rebuked in Peter last week, and the wisdom of God, modeled perfectly for us by Christ. They teach us that living as Christian stewards requires us to swim against the tide of our me-first culture and stake out a path for our lives that may be quite different from that of our neighbors, friends or co-workers.

Our first reading comes from the Book of Wisdom, written about 50 years before the coming of Christ. It predicts the reaction some would have to our Savior’s life, saying that many would find His goodness and teachings “obnoxious” — particularly when He calls them out for their own violations of God’s ways. If we, as Christian stewards, are called to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, then we can expect this same type of reaction at times. Like Jesus, we are to respond with patience.

The second reading, once again from the letter of St. James, also details the contrast between human nature versus “wisdom from above.” When we give in to our natural

inclinations to jealousy and selfish ambition, we can expect the negative consequences they bring — “disorder and every foul practice.” On a global scale we can expect (and indeed see) wars erupting due to selfishness and untamed greed.

In contrast, when we seek to live as Christ lived and think as He thinks, our minds and hearts will be pure. Our lives will become “peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruit.” What an inspiring way of life. Certainly worth the risk of being labeled “obnoxious” by some from time to time.

So how do we fight our tendency toward egotism and selfishness? How can we live not as the world advises but in the wisdom from above? What can we do to lead a Christ-like life?

Jesus shows us one way in today’s Gospel. “Taking a child, He placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, ‘Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.’”

In this context Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all “little ones,” those who are vulnerable or needy in any way — through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations — the brothers and sisters St. Teresa of Calcutta would call “Jesus in distressing disguise.”

They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our community and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them.

Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand our actions. We may even seem obnoxious to some folks. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus’ name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. And that is a most privileged way of life.

This week ask the Lord for the wisdom from above to notice the little ones in your neighborhood, community, or this parish and to show you concretely how you can reach out to them. Take at least one step. You will be stepping closer to Jesus Christ Himself.

Update Your Information 

Recently married? Had a baby? New to the parish? Help us keep our parish records up to date. Please use the on-line census by going to our website (www.StGeorgeRCC.org) and following the links. Forms also available in the rack in the church front entrance. **It is especially important for newly married couples to have their own registration in the parish!**

NEWS IN OUR PARISH

Little Bethlehem Christian is a group that represents 200 Christian Families who live in Bethlehem the Holy Land and make their living as wood carvers.

After all the Sunday Masses, Sept. 29/30, the group represented by the Alshouri Family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items, as they're also for sale. The profit goes to support the Christianity in the land of Christ. For more information, please visit their website, www.little-bethlehem.org

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the Church office (301) 994-0607, or go online to our church website to fill out the registration form.

RCIA Classes run from October until May. Meeting on Saturdays morning 10:00AM-11:30AM in Saint George Community Center.

OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

Registration for the 2018-2019 year is ongoing.

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

Adult Faith Formation

**Bible Study in the Community Center Today,
Sunday, Sept. 23 at 9:30am.
All are welcome to Join.**

**APOLOGETICS: Sunday, Sept. 30
9:30-10:45AM in the Community Center
Topic: "Papal Infallibility"**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group meets at 5pm on Sundays in the Community Center. All teens from 6th grade and older are welcome to attend.

Email: youthgroup@stgeorgercc.org

Contact: Youth Group Leaders

Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris DePiazza

Save the Date for World Youth Day in DC – January 26, 2019: Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18-39) for a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America.

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 (LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council # 13091

Grand Knight: Christopher A. Wilcox
CWILCOX@MD.METROCAST.NET

Upcoming Events:

Sept 29th – Tootsie Roll Drive at PAX Commissary
10AM-4PM

Sept 30th – 5th Sunday Rosary 10:30AM at St George

Oct. 6th – Columbus Day Ball at BWI Marriott

Oct. 7th – Columbus Day Parade in downtown Baltimore

Oct. 8th – Columbus Day Celebration at Union Station Washington DC

Oct. 10th – 1st degree at St. Michaels

Oct. 13th – Tootsie Roll Drive at PAX Exchange
10AM-4PM

The Fr. Sebastian De Rose Council #13091 will be selling tickets after Masses through September for the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus 49th Annual Car Raffle benefit. The drawing will be held on Oct 6. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

GRAND PRIZE: 2019 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 Cash
2nd PRIZE: iPad Air 2
3rd PRIZE: \$200.00 Gift Card

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

“Priestly Celibacy:

Many people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, think that one of the root causes of all the problems in the Church today, is priestly celibacy. Celibacy has been a discipline for the ministers of God’s Church for many centuries. And remember, it is a discipline...not a doctrine or a dogma. So why does Holy Mother Church continue the practice? Let’s go the Bible for the answers. First of all, remember that Jesus and many of the Apostles were celibate. In Matthew 19:12, Jesus talks about those He has called who have “...freely renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.” St. Paul, who was also celibate, makes his position very clear in 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. “An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided.” And the Catechism explains the practice very well in 1579 and 1580. You see, priests, in a sense, are married...to the Bride of Christ, His Church. These men, our spiritual fathers, renounce the goods of marriage to be radically available to us, the family of faith. Are we loving, supporting, and praying for our priests as much as we should?” For further study: Matthew 19:12 1 Corinthians 7:32-25 CCC 1579-1580”

Excerpt from “A Minute in the Church” by Gus Lloyd. This book and three other books with one-minute teachings about Catholic life and liturgy may be found in our bookrack in the vestibule.

NEWS IN OUR AREA

September St. Mary’s Hospice **Volunteer Training**

Volunteers provide support in a variety of ways – companioning the patient, cooking meals for the patients at the Hospice House in Callaway, helping in the office (Answering Phones, filing, data entry), and helping out at our fund raising events throughout the year. Criminal background checks and drug tests required, and are provided at no cost to the volunteer. As a volunteer, hours are very flexible. If you would like an application or more information, contact Katy Crowell, Volunteer Coordinator at Hospice of St. Mary’s , 301-994-3075 or email at mary.crowell@medstar.net.

Sun. Sept. 30 Sacred Heart Parish in La Plata is hosting a **Country Fix’ns Dinner** in the Friendship room from 12-5pm. The menu includes fried chicken, pulled pork, baked crab balls, parsley potatoes, green beans, corn pudding, baked apples, coleslaw and rolls. Carry out and drive thru is \$16. Dinning in is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 6-12 children under 6 are free. Delicious desserts and baked treats will be available for purchase.

Raffle tickets for prizes of \$1500, \$1000 and \$500, as well as a 50/50 raffle that are available at the Parish Office and will be on sale prior to 5pm. For more information, call the Sacred Heart Office at 301-934-2261

Sat. October 6, St. Mary’s in Bryantown will be hosting a **Retreat Day on Divine Healing** from 9:30am-3:30pm. The day will focus on Healing Prayer with presentations on praying for physical and inner healing. The retreat day will conclude with the evening Mass and opportunities to receive Prayer for healing and the Sacrament of Anointing. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. You can register at www.eventbrite.com/e/healing-prayer-retreat-tickets-49560541915

Sat. Oct. 13 St. John Paull II Shine will be hosting a **Domestic Church Day** This half-day family retreat will include engaging catechesis for parents, teens, and children, a fall themed snack, and Sunday Vigil Mass. For the couples, Bill Donaghy will present The Golden Key of Marriage and the Family: Humanae Vitae as a Prophetic Sign. The day will also include engaging catechesis about Humanae Vitae for teens and children's catechesis with the Sister Servants of the Lord. More information and registration at domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com. If you have any questions about the event please email events@jp2shrine.org.

Fri., October 26-28th **LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC**- Jesuit Retreat House, Faulkner, MD, **Men’s Annual Retreat “God’s Dream”** Our Ignatian Weekend Retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The retreat is conducted in silences and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer For more information or to make a reservation contact Dan Ichniowski at djichiowski@yahoo.com or (301)-944-1310; or online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com deposit is \$115 with a registration form to secure your room. The fee for the weekend is \$245 (\$195 for first time retreatants and/or young adults to 30 and under) “Come Away and rest while”.

Sat, October 27th 2nd District **Craft and Vendor Fair**, 9am – 2pm; Reserve a space \$2 (by 20th October) or mark your calendars to attend; For more information: Call Darlene at 240-434-1095 After 4pm.

Sat. Nov.3 2nd District VFD **Spaghetti Dinner** 5pm-7pm Menu Consisting of: Spaghetti with sauce or Spaghetti with meat sauce, Green beans, Garden Salad, Bread & Butter Homemade Dessert Table – Donations Accepted Drinks: Coffee, Tea & Water will be provided; Prices: ADULTS - \$10.00; CHILDREN 6 – 12 - \$5.00; Children 5 and under are free.