

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

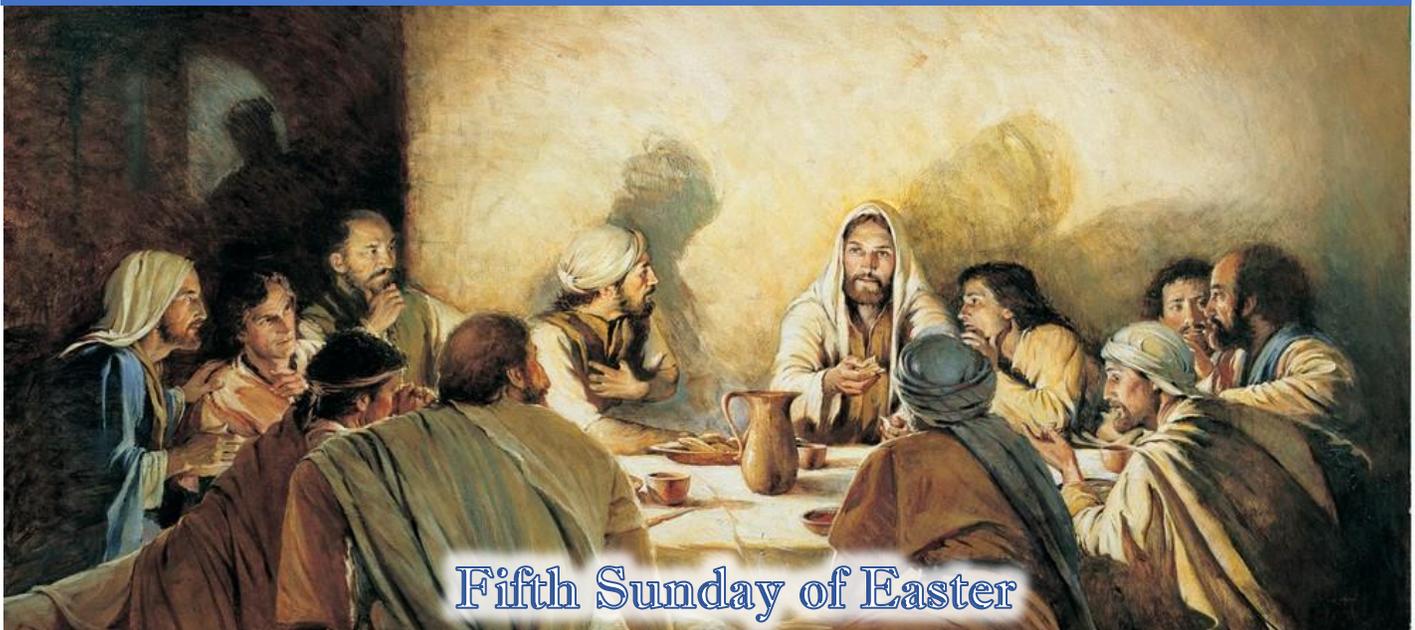
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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).

PARISH INFORMATION

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

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

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

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 Prep.) 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 Daily Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues	May 21	9:00 am	Patty Russell
Wed	May 22	9:00 am	Dora Adams
Thu	May 23	9:00 am	Fr. Bob Riedel
Fri.	May 24	9:00 am	Msgr. Karl Chimiak (L), Msgr. Steven Hurley (L)
Sat	May 25	5:00 pm	St. George Parishioners
Sun	May 26	8:30 am	Charles Howard
Sun	May 26	11:00 am	Fr. Paul - 12 th Anniversary

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, T. Buckler, J. Re, D. Orwig

Meals-on-wheels: I Hardy, W/B Walker, M. Rymer,
N. Jubeck

Altar Preparation: M. Goldsmith

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon. May 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena

Tues. May 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

Wed. May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia

Sat. May 25 – St. Bede the Venerable

St. Gregory VII

St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

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. May 19	Bible Study 9:30am (CC) YFF 9:30am (CC) Final Class Vietnamese Pho Fundraiser 12pm (CC)
Mon. May 20	Softball 8:15pm
Wed. May 22	Cantor Practice 6:30pm (C) Choir Practice 7pm (C)
Thu. May 23	Softball 6:15pm
Sun May 26	Apologetics 9:30am (CC)

*C: Church, CC: Community Center



Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Maria Chevere.

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

ACTS 13:14, 43-52; PS 100: 1-3,5; REV 7:9, 14B-17; JN 10:27-30

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children... I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: "love one another as I have loved you." It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

We must look at the context in which Jesus makes this statement. It is the Last Supper. Judas has just stepped out discreetly to turn Jesus over to the authorities who will have Him bound, tortured and crucified.

And, furthermore, exactly how does He call us to love? As He Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

No wonder we find Paul and Barnabas "strengthening" and "exhorting" the early disciples in our First Reading by saying, "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Notice they don't say "one or two" hardships or even "the occasional hardship". They say "many" hardships. So, it should not surprise us when we encounter challenges as we embrace stewardship, as a way of life. If it's demanding, we should take heart because it means we are doing it right!

Why is this? Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And, in the midst of those inevitable challenging moments this kind of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord — the One who loves us so much that He died for us, and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment — is right here with us every step of the way. Consider these words from Revelation found in our Second Reading today. "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or

mourning or pain, for the old order has passed away... Behold, I make all things new."

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's own footsteps and in loving as He loves.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	5/12/2019	5/13/2018	
General Collection	\$3769.95	\$4089.00	
E-Giving (Weekly)	\$1172.00	\$1062.00	-\$209.05
Identifiable Gifts	107	125	-18
Maintenance	\$340.00	\$745.00	-\$405.00
Poor Box	\$155.00	\$233.05	-\$78.05
Donations	\$405.00	\$215.00	+\$190.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

PARISH NEWS

SEMINARIAN FOR THE SUMMER

We are Happy to Announce that we will have a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Washington for 6-8 weeks in the summer. We will be welcoming Khoi Nguyen into our St. George Community. Date for his arrival is **May 22nd**. We are looking forward to his arrival here at St. George

FUNDRAISER

Come join us for Lunch: a bowl of yummy Vietnamese Noodle Soup (Pho) and a Spring Roll. All proceeds from this event will help support the Annual Lunar New Years Festival. So please join us in the Community Center on **Sunday May 19th at 12pm**. Cost: Donations Recommended/ \$10 per Adults, \$5 for child age 8-12

BABY BOTTLES

The annual Baby Bottle Blitz in support of Care Net Pregnancy Centers is still going on. Bottles are available in the vestibule for you to fill and return **by Father's Day on June 16**.



Coming **November 9, 2019**....

....**St. George Biennial Christmas Bazaar!**

What we need now:

- Please start making those crafts – we need lots of great crafts for people to buy! We don't accept vendors, so it's really important to have lots of things made by our parishioners. (Wondering what to make? Google 2018 Craft Fair bestsellers for some great ideas!)

- Raffle Basket donors – we will once more feature a basket raffle, so we will need donors of themed baskets. Some suggestions are: game night, movie night, Maryland, beach, etc.
- Mystery Gift Card donors – one very popular raffle is the gift card raffle. Gift cards of all kinds and amounts are needed – we pull a winner every ½ hour!
- Kitchen help, both prep and during the Bazaar. This year, we will feature a carry-out only Chicken Dinner.

Please call Barbie Carpenter at the parish office or email bazaar@stgeogercc.org for more information

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

“The Rosary: A How-To:

Most people are familiar with the Rosary, maybe only as a necklace or something to hang from the rear view mirror. But how do you actually pray the Rosary? Here’s a quick lesson. You start “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” then recite the Apostles’ Creed. On the first bead after the Cross or Crucifix is the Our Father, followed by three Hail Marys and a Glory Be. This, and each Glory Be of the Rosary, is followed by “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.” This is known as the Fatima prayer. You then announce the Mystery on which you will meditate before praying an Our Father. After each Our Father, you then pray ten Hail Marys, known as a “decade” of the Rosary. While praying each decade, you meditate on the appropriate Mystery. At the end of each decade, you pray a Glory Be and the Fatima prayer. After praying the five decades and meditating on each of the Mysteries, you pray the Hail, Holy Queen prayer (see below). The final prayer of the Rosary (see below) is a prayer that we may imitate Our Lord and His Mother and receive the reward of eternal life. And finally, just as the Rosary began, we end with “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Here are the prayers at the end of the Rosary:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary; pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O, God, whose only begotten Son by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.”
Excerpted from, “A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ” by Gus Lloyd. This and three other of his books are available in the book rack in the vestibule

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

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

Coming this summer – Totally Catholic VBS! Details to follow!

Adult Faith Formation

APOLOGETICS: 9:30-10:45AM in Community Center

Sun. May 26th Defending the Real Presence of the Eucharist

Sun. June 9th What does it take to be Happy?

BIBLE STUDY

“A LENT TO REMEMBER”.

Sunday, 9:30-10:45am: **June 16th**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group meets today at 5pm in the Community Center. All teens, 6th grade and older are welcome to attend. Youth Group Team Leaders: Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris De Piazza. For more information, please call the church office (301) 994-0607 or email: YouthGroup@stgeogercc.org

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

Upcoming Events:

May 28th Planning Meeting at St. George 6:30PM

June 2nd Pancake Breakfast at St. George 9AM

NEWS IN OUR AREA

Sunday, May 19, - 2nd District Fire and Rescue **holding Open House** at Firehouse and Rescue Squad from **12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**; Raffle for Knaggs "Tuckahoe" Guitar, Fire Extinguisher "How to", Free Blood Pressure Check, Bouncy House, Car Cut Up Show, Chief's Food Truck, Teddy Bear Clinic, Stretcher and Stair Chair Races, Maryland State Police and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will be present.

The next Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers is scheduled for **May 20th** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park, Maryland. The Mass starts at **7pm** and confession start at **6:30 pm**. All are welcome!

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The 43rd Annual Memorial Day Mass at Queen of Peace Cemetery will be held on **Monday May 27th at 10AM**

WOMEN OF FAITH CONTINENTAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

We are excited to announce our next Prayer Breakfast meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m.** at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Hall (37575 Chaptico Road, Chaptico, Maryland 20621). Our guest speaker, Laura Roland, co-founder of "Encounter Grace" will talk about the "Power of the Ordinary," how God uses the ordinary to accomplish great things! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, inspirational talk and closing prayer. The cost is \$15, to register call: (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents. You can also register online at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. **Registration is due by Monday, May 27th.** For more information contact: Frannie Taborek at: (240) 538-2981, fran.taborek@stracongroup.com or Becky Kendall (301) 904-7025, becky.kendall@hotmail.com. (Note: First Saturday Mass will be offered at Our Lady of the Wayside at 8 a.m.)

YOUTH DAY CAMP

Hospice of St. Mary's will be hosting a Youth Day Camp starting on **Friday June 7th to Sunday June 9th at Camp Maria**. For more information, please call 301-994-3023.

SUMMER JOB OPENING AT CAMP MARIA

Camp Maria's swim season will begin on Memorial Day weekend and continue through September 9th. We are looking to hire several currently certified lifeguards. Contact Theresa Peoples at admin@campmaria.org or 301-475-8330 for a job application

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

QUO VADIS CAMP

The Office of Priest Vocations Annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held **at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31, 2019**. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adv.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE IN THE SILENCE! "THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES"

The Spiritual Exercises are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world and experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. These retreats touch on so many important aspects of the spiritual life. The central principles are self-knowledge, discernment of God's will for your life, and the decision to follow Christ more closely. Upcoming Dates--**For Men: August 16-18(3 day) cost is \$250.00 per person; For Women: May 31-Jun 2 (3 Day) cost is \$250.00 per person; Jun 20-27 (week-long) cost is \$600 per person**. Registration is required. Find more information and links to register on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR FR. JOHN LUBEY

Please join us for a 20th Anniversary Mass commemorating the priesthood of Fr. John A. Lubey on **Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM** at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD. Father Lubey was well known in the Archdiocese of Washington for his gentleness and compassion, and for the gifts of prophecy and healing which brought Christ to souls, and countless souls to Christ, through his priesthood.