

# 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.stgeorgerc.org](http://www.stgeorgerc.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-Seventh 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**

### 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 Anticipatory Mass — 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday — 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**  
St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (St. George island)  
**Saturday 7:00 PM\***  
*\*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, Omotayo Ojo and Darren Rogers) 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>October 8</b>  | <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Bill Goddard</b>            |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>October 9</b>  | <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Tom Buckler</b>             |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>October 10</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Dora Adams</b>              |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>October 11</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>William Goddard</b>         |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>October 12</b> | <b>5:00 pm</b>  | <b>William Goddard</b>         |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>October 13</b> | <b>8:30 am</b>  | <b>Joe Bean</b>                |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>October 13</b> | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>St. George Parishioners</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:** Linda Dean

**LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS**

**Mon, October 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

**Wed, October 9: St. Denis and Companions, Martyrs St. John Leonardi**

**Thu, October 11: St. John XXIII**

**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**

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| Sun, Oct. 6  | KoC Breakfast (CC) 9:00am<br>YFF (CC) 9:30am<br>Mass-Children's Liturgy-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (C) 11:00am<br>Youth Group (CC) 5:00pm-8:00pm |
| Wed, Oct. 9  | Cantor Practice (C) 6:30pm<br>Choir Rehearsal (C) 7:00pm  |
| Sat, Oct. 12 | Redline a cappella Concert (CC) 6:30pm  |

\*C: Church, CC: Community Center

*Flowers on the altar are in Honor of Howard & Kitten Britton's 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



**Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward**

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-2-4; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14; LK 17:5-10

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life — a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom — is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

We can all relate to the frustration expressed in the First Reading from Habakuk. “How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?” The Lord knows that the life of a steward is not easy. When we look around us it can seem as if all our efforts are in vain. We spend time praying but nothing happens. We are faithful to our ministry but no one seems to notice. We give generously of our financial resources but the needs around us remain great. In spite of all this, the Lord urges us to remain faithful. “For the vision [the fulfillment of His kingdom] still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint.”

Our Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy offers encouragement on the difficult path of discipleship, reminding us that we have all the tools we need to remain faithful. Paul says to “stir into flame the gift of God that you have...” Through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church, we have every possible grace and blessing needed to continue moving forward on the stewardship path. We simply need to return to them over and over so as to stir these gifts into flame. Paul instructs us to “guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.” Relying on the abundant spiritual gifts God has given to us, and relying on the Holy Spirit’s strength, we can bear our share of hardship well for the sake of the Gospel. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today’s Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. It is a true privilege to cooperate as servants in the work of building His Kingdom.

Living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master’s affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us

are all God’s. Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God’s behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.



**STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT**

|  | 9/29/2019<br>(Wk 13 of FY) | YTD Actual: | YTD Budget: |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Offertory:   | \$3,101.61                 | \$60,888.58 | \$65,000.00 |
| **E-Giving:  | ----                       |             |             |
| Maintenance:   | \$60.00                    | \$7,693.00  | \$8,008.00  |
| **E-Giving:  | ----                       |             |             |
| Poor Box:  | \$148.00                   | \$2,744.14  | \$2,756.00  |
| **E-Giving:  | ----                       |             |             |
| Donations:   | \$155.00                   | \$13,303.00 | \$14,248.00 |
| **E-Giving:  | ----                       |             |             |
| Catholic University  | ----                       | \$940.61    | N/A         |
| **E-Giving:  | ----                       |             |             |
| **E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church |                            |             |             |

*Thank you for your faithful Parish support.*

Each October, the celebration of **World Mission Sunday** expresses the heart of our Christian Faith – to proclaim the faith to the world (Matthew 28:19). Remembering this Great Commission from Our Lord, and in Solidarity with the Universal Church, The Archdiocese of Washington will take up the collection for World Mission Sunday on October 13, 2019. This collection is unique in that it is a global effort for the entire Church. It is a moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the world of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God’s love and mercy that renews hope and peace. Thank you for your generous support.

**Parish Dinner Profits**

Dinners Served:

Dining Room: 711 adults, 31 children

Carry Outs: 727 dinners

**TOTAL: 1,469 Profit: \$26, 685.06**

Baked Goods: \$2,125.50

White Elephant: \$1,429.98

## PARISH NEWS



Catholic University's oldest a cappella group, Redline, is coming to our parish for a retreat, October 11-14! They will offer a concert on **Saturday, 10/12/19** at **6:30pm** in the Community Center.

Suggested donation: \$10/adults, \$5/students. They will also provide the music for the 11am Mass on Sunday. If you have a high school aged student who might be interested in CUA, information and members of the group will be available to talk!

**Parish Picnic**

Sunday, October 13, 12:30pm  
Sign Up in the vestibule today with how many from your family will attend and what dish you will bring to share!

### 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!**

**WHAT WE NEED:**

**Get those baskets ready!** We currently have only 5 baskets to raffle for the Bazaar. If you can donate a basket, please let Barbie know as soon as possible! We would like to have the baskets by October 12 for display in the vestibule.

**Candy Shop:** Kim Mushrush will lead our Candy Shop this year. If you can help provide some yummy treats, please call or email the parish office to let her know. Cake pops and chocolates are an especially popular treat!

**Crafters:** Are you making crafts? Take a picture or two and email them to the parish office – we'll share them on our Facebook page as 'sneek peeks.'

**White Elephant Room:** We can start taking items for the White Elephant room **after** October 12. Items can be brought and put on the stage in the main hall Tues – Fri, 10am – 2pm, or after the Masses during the weekends.

**A sign-up sheet for helping will be in the pews next weekend. We will also need bakers and people to help with the Carry-out Fried Chicken Dinner.**

**Parish Office: 301-994-0607,  
[accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org](mailto:accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org)**

## CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

**“Suicide:**

Is suicide an automatic ticket to hell? While many people think that is what the Catholic Church teaches, that's not the case at all. Let's take a closer look at the Church's teaching. First, it must be said that suicide is wrong. It is against God's will. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 2280 says that "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of." Further, in paragraph 2281 it says that "Suicide is contrary to love for the living God." One must recognize that someone who commits suicide is not in their right mind. Thus the Catechism says, "Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide." And what about that automatic ticket to hell? Not so much. In paragraph 2283, the Catechism teaches that "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." For further study: CCC 2280-2283" – *Quoted from A Minute in the Church, Vol 2 by Gus Lloyd.*

## FAITH FORMATION

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

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

**Classes begin 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 (@LFSpatriots)!

**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

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** KoC Breakfast 9:00am

**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

### Prayer on the Square

Thousands of Rosary Rallies are being organized across America to pray for our Country **on Saturday, October 12, 2019!** Join us "on the Square" in Leonardtown from **11:30 am to 1 pm** for "Prayer on the Square - Rosary Rally." This year we are especially blessed to be given a talk by Fr. Martin Flum, beautiful Hymns will be performed by some members of the John Paul II Seminarian Choir and the St. Aloysius Hand Bell Choir! At Fatima, in 1917, Our Lady made it very clear that the Rosary is the supernatural solution to our earthy problems. St. Louis de Montfort stated that "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer...." As Christians, it is our responsibility to pray for our Nation. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12 *(In the event of inclement weather we will pray the Rosary inside the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fenwick Street in Leonardtown.)*

### The Archangel Scholarship Foundation

The Archangel Scholarship Foundation will present Rhythm & Riches 2019 at the Hollywood Fire House on **Friday, October 18, 2019**. There will be live music, featuring Robbie Boothe and The Amish Outlaws. Also, food, drinks for sale and raffles for \$25,000 in cash prizes. For info and/or tickets: [www.rhythmandriches.com](http://www.rhythmandriches.com) or call 240-587-7111. Tickets also available at St. Michael's Rectory, St. Michael's School, Angel Wings & Things Thrift Store and Ridge Hardware.

### Apologetics Classes

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

#### Upcoming Topics

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?  
Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> ..... The Moral Hazards of Contraception

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Scald

Come out and support Camp Maria's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Scald on **Sunday, October 13, 2019; 12 Noon -5pm**, rain or shine. There's so much to enjoy and do, plenty of music, crafters and much more. Help support our service & ministries to God's people.

### Begin Again Catholic Women's Conference

Ladies! Join The Encounter Grace Team on **Saturday, October 26, 2019** as they host a full-day Catholic women's conference on the campus of St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown Maryland. The **Begin Again**

**Catholic Women's Conference** is a day designed with YOU in mind. Featuring speaker Laura K. Fanucci (author of *"Everyday Sacraments, To Bless our Calling"*) and musical guest Corrie Marie. Attendees will enjoy a day filled with inspirational, educational and engaging workshops and presentations that will help you get back to the basics of the faith, so you can begin again, renewed and refocused on your life in the faith. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, Praise and worship sessions, 2 break-out sessions and so much more. Conference details and the link to purchase tickets can be found on our website: [www.encountergrace.com](http://www.encountergrace.com). Contact Penny Bailey or Laura Roland at [encountergraceco@gmail.com](mailto:encountergraceco@gmail.com) or call (301)848-2980 with questions.

### Annual Fall Dinner Sacred Heart Hall

Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, MD is sponsoring its annual fall dinner on **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon until the food is gone**. Menu includes fried oysters, stuffed ham, turkey with stuffing & gravy, sweet and parsley potatoes, coleslaw, green beans and rolls. All you can eat, served buffet style. Adult \$27, children 7-12 \$6, children 6 and under free. Drive-thru carry outs \$27. Country store, cake stand, and raffle.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Festival and Dinner

Our Lady of the Wayside Church Apple Festival **October 13<sup>th</sup> from Noon-5pm**. Dine in or carry outs available. Dinner includes crab cake, fried oysters, fried chicken, pulled pork, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and roll for \$28. Ham burgers, hot dogs, French fries, apple pie, apple dumplings and cold drinks are also available. Local vendors, children's games, Silent Auction, cash raffle, apple basket raffle, door prizes and more. No Admittance fee. Monetary donations and nonperishable food items may be donated to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry. Event will be held Rain or Shine. For more info, contact Brenda Russell at 301-247-1871 or at [rsbrsll@aol.com](mailto:rsbrsll@aol.com)

## OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

### Men's Annual Retreat

The Parishes of Southern Maryland Men's Retreat: **October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2019** at Loyola on the Potomac – A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Md. **This year's retreat theme is: "Lord Teach Us to Pray"**. To reserve your space, contact Dan Ichniowski at [djichniowski@yahoo.com](mailto:djichniowski@yahoo.com) or (240)-925-1505 or register online at [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com). A deposit of \$115 and a registration form are required to secure your room. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$245. (\$195 for first timers and/or young adults 30 and under.) Give a weekend to God – *"Come Away and Rest Awhile"*.