

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.stgeorgercc.org)



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY + CLASS OF 2019

Joshua Allen Daigle + St. Andrew, the apostle

D'Jay Michael Fuller + St. Michael

Connor Joseph Goad + St. Peter

Jessica Lynn Goddard + St. Francis

Russell Daniel Haggerty Jr. + St. Sebastian

Marina Grace Krula + St. Anne

Ian Foster Wood + St. Christopher

Mackenzie Grace McLean + St. Elizabeth



Congratulations!

God's blessings!



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.

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 (Maddie Mushrush, Omotayo Ojo and Darren Rogers) 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 October 22 9:00 am Kristine Raffaella Galli
- Wed October 23 9:00 am Jack Hodges
- Thu October 24 9:00 am Dora Adams
- Fri October 25 9:00 am Tom Buckler
- Sat October 26 5:00 pm St. George Parishioners
- Sun October 27 8:30 am Charles Howard
- Sun October 27 11:00 am Tom Buckler

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith, C. Galli, J. Blackwell
Meals on Wheels: P. Bowes & M. A. Goddard, W. & B. Walker, J. & J. Lenderman
Altar Preparation: Kitton Britton

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

- Tues, October 22: St. John Paul II
- Wed, October 23: St. John of Capistrano
- Thu, October 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret

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, Oct. 20 YFF (CC) 9:30am-10:45am
Bible Study (CC) 9:45am-10:45am
NO Youth Group today
Vietnamese Mass and Gathering (C) 6:00pm
- Wed, Oct. 23 Cantor Practice (C) 6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal (C) 7:00pm
- Fri, Oct. 18 Bible Study (CC) 10-11:00am

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

*Flowers in the altar are in honor of
Dennis & Stephanie Hackathorn's 50th
Anniversary*



Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

EX 17:8-13; PS 121:1-8; 1-4;2 TM 3:14-4:2; LK 18:1-8

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation and service. They are intentionally presented in this order with the idea that we cannot expect people to respond to calls to increase their prayer life, their formation, and their service within and outside the parish, if they do not first feel welcomed and valued through the warmth of hospitality. It just makes good sense.

However, those who are already well versed in the spirituality and practicalities of stewardship know full well that stewardship cannot succeed unless it is steeped in prayer. Today’s readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

In our first reading, from Exodus, we find Moses interceding for the Israelites as they engage in a fierce battle against Amalek. As long as Moses keeps his hands raised, the Israelites succeed. But when his hands grow tired and droop, the Israelites begin to lose ground.

In his wisdom, Moses anticipated that he would need support from his community as he engaged in this spiritual battle. He brought Aaron and Hur along with him to support him (quite literally) as he began to grow weary. Moses relied on his friends to hold his hands up so that they remained steady until the battle was won. We modern-day stewards would do well to follow the example of Moses and gather together in our families and as a faith community to support each other in our own spiritual battles, great or small.

In our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy, Paul gives wise counsel on a particularly efficacious source of prayer — the Holy Scriptures. He reminds us that “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness” so that when we truly study it and pray with it, we may be “competent, equipped for every good work” the Lord has for us to do. Paul says that it is not enough to simply study and pray over the Scripture, however. He exhorts us to proclaim it! And to be persistent in proclaiming it “whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.” Since we cannot give what we do not possess, it is vital that we develop a relationship with God and in a special way through praying over His living Word to us.

Our Lord Himself continues this call to prayer and persistence in the Gospel passage from Luke. He tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he “neither feared God nor respected any human.” Yet, even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow’s persistence.

Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him. If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response than the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We should prioritize the Scriptures as a source of prayer and we must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	10/13/2019 (Wk 15 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$3,067.01	\$70,824.59	\$75,000.00
**E-Giving:	\$3,468.00		
Maintenance:	\$190.00	\$10,160.00	\$9,240.00
**E-Giving:	\$365.00		
Poor Box:	\$142.00	\$3,150.54	\$3,180.00
**E-Giving:	\$100.00		
Donations:	\$290.00	\$14,848.00	\$16,440.00
**E-Giving:	\$225.00		
World Missions/ Propagation of the Faith	\$674.80	\$804.80	N/A
**E-Giving:	\$130.00		
**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, Thank you for your generous support.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

“Sacraments:

Most Catholics know that there are seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. But what really is a Sacrament and what do they do? In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1131, it says this: “The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which divine

life is dispensed to us." What does that all mean? Think of it like this. Many other Christian churches baptize or receive Communion. But they view those things as purely symbolic. As Catholics, we believe that they are not just symbolic. We believe that God actually DOES something in the Sacraments. He gives grace, forgives sins, imbues us with the Holy Spirit and, in many cases, puts an indelible mark, or character, on our souls. Rather than just being symbol, God actually works in and through the Sacraments. When we are open to God's work in the Sacraments, the Catechism tells us that "they bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions." Let's pray that, as we participate in the sacramental life of the Church, we will bear much fruit. For further study: CCC 1113-1134" – *Quoted from A Minute in the Church, Vol 2 by Gus Lloyd.*

PARISH NEWS



St. George Parish Family welcomes **Bishop Roy Campbell** to our parish to celebrate Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our 9th grade students, who will complete their Sacraments of Christian Initiation today at 11:00am Mass. Congratulations and God's blessings upon our candidates.

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/

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

WHAT WE NEED:

Please use the forms found in the pews to let us know how you can help with our parish bazaar.

Raffle Baskets: We can accept baskets for our raffle up to November 2.

Candy Shop: Kim Mushrush will lead our Candy Shop this year. If you can help provide some yummy treats, please let us know by filling out a sign up form. 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 'sneak peeks'.

White Elephant Room: Items can be brought and put on the stage in the main hall Tues – Fri, 10am – 2pm, or after the Masses during the weekends.

Baked Goods: We will need lots of home-baked goods to sell during the bazaar. Please let us know you can help by filling out the sign-up sheet.

Fried Chicken Dinner: We will be offering a carry-out only fried chicken dinner. Help will be needed before and during the bazaar

**Parish Office: 301-994-0607,
accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org**

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,
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) 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.

NEWS IN OUR AREA

New Catholic Campus Minister at St. Mary's College of Maryland

The "Catholic Seahawks" group at St. Mary's College of Maryland is excited to announce that a new Catholic Campus Minister, William Bolin, has been recently hired. William is the first ever full-time minister for Catholic students, and is very excited to see how the ministry can grow over this next year! Every week, we have mass, confessions, bible study, a holy hour, as well as several monthly social events and guest speakers. Additionally, William is looking to start a Catholic group at the College of Southern Maryland's Leonardtown Campus. If you are a student at either of those schools –or know someone who is— please reach out to William at campusminister@catholicseahawks.org to learn more and

get involved. You can also visit our website at catholicseahawks.org, our Facebook page ("Catholic Seahawks") or our Instagram ("catholic_seahawks").

Annual Fall Dinner Sacred Heart Hall

Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, MD is sponsoring its annual fall dinner on **Sunday, October 27th 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.

Apologetics Classes

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

Upcoming Topics

Oct. 21st The Moral Hazards of Contraception
Nov. 4th What does Separation of Church and State Mean?
Nov. 18th The Moral Hazards of Egg Freezing

Unbound Prayer Ministry

The Gospel promises us peace, but we so often find ourselves bound by feelings of anxiety, fear, guilt, hopelessness, and shame. Unbound Ministry is a safe, loving, and effective prayer ministry to help us to respond more fully to the Gospel using five simple keys. To learn more or to sign up for an appointment with a trained Unbound team on **Saturday morning, October 26**, visit www.saintaloyuschurch.org/unbound.

Encounter Grace Begin Again Catholic Women's Conference

On **Saturday, October 26, 2019**, Confessions will be available for the Encounter Grace Begin Again Catholic Women's Conference at St. Mary's Ryken High School starting from **11:30am-1:30pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Roland 301-848-2980 or via email at ecountergraceco@gmail.com

Landings Program for Returning Catholics

Join us in mid-October for "Landings". A Program for returning Catholics after a time away. This 10-week program offers a "Safe place to Land". To ask questions, be heard and reconnect with the faith. Sessions start October 22nd –December 10th on Tuesday's, 6:30pm-8:00pm held at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park, Maryland. If interested, please contact Nancy Baysinger at landings@ihmrcc.org or the IHM Church office at 301-863-8144.

Spaghetti Dinner

On Friday November 1, 2019 from 5:00-7:00pm The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Fire Department is having an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner at the firehouse located at 24801 Three Notch Rd. Hollywood, MD. \$10 for adults/carryout; \$5 for ages 5-12; 4 and under are free. Menu include spaghetti, meat and plain sauce,

bread and iced tea. There will be Baked Goods for sale. We are also collecting non-perishable food for Helping Hands. Contact Elaine Quade with any questions at 301-373-2695

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Men's Annual Retreat

The Parishes of Southern Maryland Men's Retreat: **October 25th-27th** 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 or (240)-925-1505 or register online at 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".

Monthly Mini-Retreats for Women

"A Path to Holiness...A Path to Happiness!" Discover the path to holiness and happiness that God has paved for you! The Women of Regnum Christi invite you to our new season of monthly mini retreats focusing on personal conversion and transformation. Next Sessions: **Evening retreat Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:00pm-9:45pm, Morning retreat Thursday, October 24th, 9:45am-12:15pm**. This mini retreat includes: Mass, practical talk, personal reflection, opportunities for Confession, a meal and fellowship. Cost is \$20 per person. Advanced registration is requested, visit our website to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org Babysitting, for children 2 years and up, is available for the morning session, and requires reservation. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat

Young men ages of 15-17, who are interested in learning more about priesthood and seminary, are invited to Saint John II Seminary **Friday, November 8th – Sunday 10th, 2019**, to experience seminary life firsthand. Please visit www.DCpriest.org and select "Events" to register.

A Letter from St. Vincent de Paul of I.H.M.

Dear St. George Parishioners,

Thank you for your donations in July totaling 45.4 pounds of food, in August a total of 10.8 pounds of food and in September a total of 53.6 pounds of food to St. Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Heart of Mary food pantry. We are most grateful for your continuing support of our program. On behalf of the members of St. Vincent de Paul of IHM and all those that we serve, I extend our deepest appreciation.

Thoughtful friends like you enable us to aid the less fortunate in our community. It is our sincere prayer that God will bless you for caring and sharing in our efforts.

Sincerely,

Ann Gifford, Corresponding Secretary, St. Vincent de Paul IHM