

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

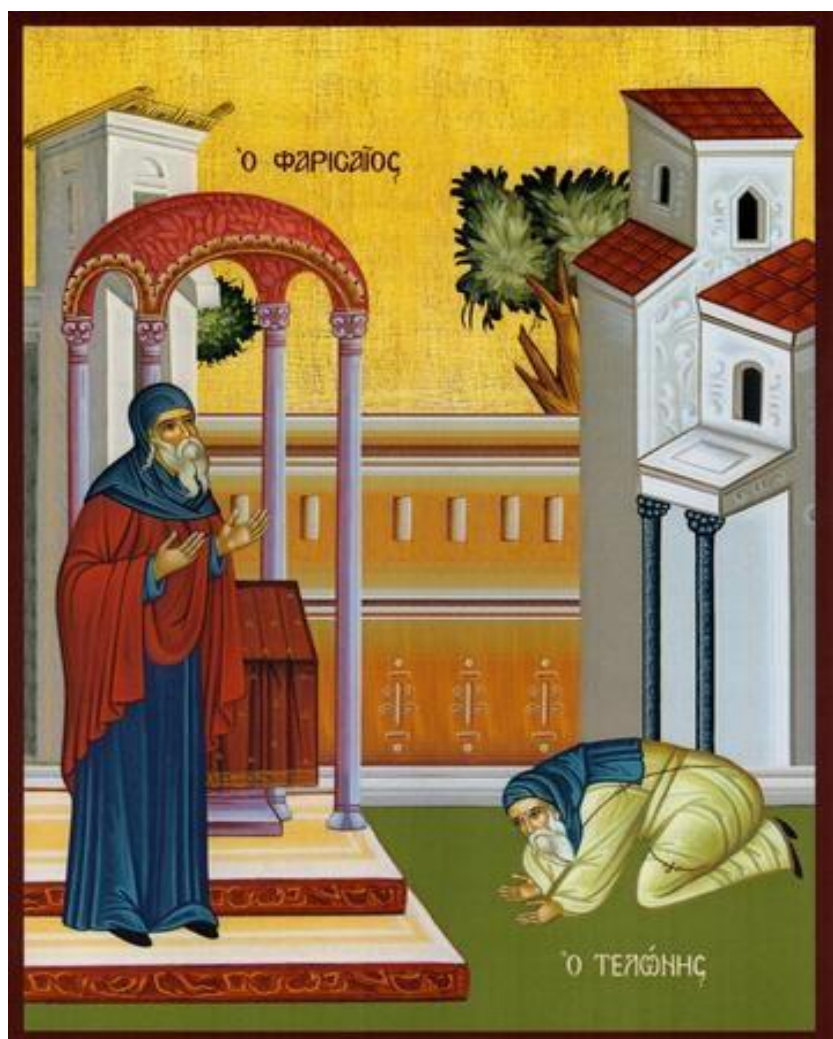
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WELCOME STATEMENT

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)



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*

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

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 29	9:00 am	Leonard Price
Wed	October 30	9:00 am	William Grider
Thu	October 31	9:00 am	Felix Tuazon (L)
Fri	November 1	9:00 am	All Saints Day
Fri	November 1	7:00pm	All Saints Day
Sat	November 2	9:00 am	Faithful Departed
Sat	November 2	5:00 pm	Faithful Departed
Sun	November 3	8:30 am	Faithful Departed
Sun	November 3	11:00am	Faithful Departed

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, Holy Day, M. Goldsmith

Meals on Wheels: B. Adams, K. Owens, K. Raley

Altar Preparation: Chris Cantrill

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon, October 28: STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Fri, November 1: First Friday of the Month

Sat, November 2: COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

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. 27	Festival of the Saints (CC) 9:30am YFF (CC) 9:30am Children's Liturgy – 9 th Grade 11:00am EM/Lector Training (CC) 12:15pm Youth Group (CC) 5:00pm-8:00pm
Tue, Oct. 29	KoC Planning Meeting (CC) 6:30pm
Wed, Oct. 30	Cantor Practice (C) 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7:00pm
Fri, Nov. 1	OFFICE CLOSED Bible Study (CC) 10:45am
Sun, KoC	Pancake Breakfast (CC) 9:00am-10:30am

*C: Church, CC: Community Center

Friday, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, when all Catholics are required to attend Mass. Masses at St. George will be offered at 9am and 7pm

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18; PS 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 TM 4:6-8,16-18; LK 18:9-14

One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom.

In last week’s readings we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

The first reading, from the Book of Sirach, gives us the confidence to turn to God with all our needs assuring us that “the Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.” Whether rich and powerful or poor and obscure, our loving Father delights in hearing from all of His children. We are all His favorites!

But we learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: “the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal.” When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond.

In today’s Gospel from Luke, Jesus Himself gives further instruction on the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer as He tells a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer “to himself,” thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by all those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: “Be merciful to me a sinner.”

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector — and not the Pharisee — who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God’s will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified!

STEWARDSHIP - FINANCIAL REPORT

	10/20/2019 (Wk 16 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$3,373.00	\$75,973.59	\$80,000.00
**E-Giving:	\$1,776.00		
Maintenance:	\$35.00	\$10,330.00	\$9,856.00
**E-Giving:	\$135.00		
Poor Box:	\$141.44	\$3,291.98	\$3,392.00
**E-Giving:	\$0.00		
Donations:	\$415.00	\$15,268.00	\$17,536.00
**E-Giving:	\$5.00		
World Missions/ Propagation of the Faith	\$15.00	\$849.80	N/A
**E-Giving:	\$30.00		
**E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church			

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

The second collection for November 2nd and 3rd, 2019 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ’s mission for decades. Let’s join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes from the Archdioceses and/or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews for the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. You can support the Retired Priests Collection online at www.adw.org/rpc. You can also give through your smart phone by texting “Priest” to (301)231-1816. A text with a link to a secure form will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

“The Communion of Saints:

Saint So and So, pray for us. Familiar words to Catholics. But to many non-Catholics, those words are foreign. And to some, maybe even offensive. Have you ever had someone close to you die? Maybe a parent? A family member? Or a friend? And you believe that that person is now in heaven with God. Do you think that your loved one, having become one with God, has forgotten all about you? No longer cares about your life? Your happiness? Or your well-being? Or do you think that that person cares about you even more deeply and is lifting you up in prayer before the throne of God? If you believe that your deceased loved ones still love you and care about you and pray for you, then you believe in the Communion of Saints. In Mark 12: 26-27, Jesus says of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who were all “dead,” that “God is not God of the dead, but of the living.” The Catholic Church teaches that Saints are not dead people but are even more alive and closer to God,

than you and me. They hear our prayers through a special grace from God. Remember, they are no longer limited by our finite and fleshly senses. As it says in Hebrews 12:1 "...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...". The Communion of Saints. All holy men and women, pray for us. For further study: CCC 954-959 Mark 12:18-27 Hebrews 12:1" – *Quoted from A Minute in the Church by Gus Lloyd.*

PARISH NEWS

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 'sneek peeks.'

White Elephant Room: We can start taking items for the White Elephant room **now**. 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: NEW: Bakers, please label your items with what it is (ex: yellow cake with chocolate frosting) and if it can be frozen.

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

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

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

Classes begin at 9:30am for all grades!

FAITH FORMATION

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 COLOMBUS NEWS

KoC Pancake Breakfast 9:00am-10:30am

NEWS IN OUR AREA

Apologetics Classes

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

Upcoming Topics

- Nov. 4th What does Separation of Church and State Mean?
- Nov. 18th The Moral Hazards of Egg Freezing
- Nov. 25th Catholic Church and Slavery

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

Father/Daughter Purity Ball

Every year on the first Saturday in November, Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland hosts the Annual Father/Daughter Purity Ball. Young ladies from all over Southern Maryland are escorted by father's and father figures to the ball where they experience personal testimonies, dinner and dancing, a rose ceremony, a covenant signing and a photo shoot. This year the Purity Ball will be held on **Saturday, November 2nd** at the River's Edge Catering and Conference Center. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit

friendsofcarenetsomd.org and click on "Purity Ball" under the events tab.

Fall & Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – Fall Craft & Vendor Fair at the 2nd District (Valley Lee) Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad; Time: 9:00am-2:00pm; Cost: \$25 Per Space, (Various Crafters and Vendors, and more!) Stuffed ham sandwiches, pulled pork, chili and other great food for sale! 50/50 Raffle, Reserve a space for \$25. For more information: Call Darlene at 240-434-1095 after 4:00pm.

Fundraiser at Texas Road House

Thursday, November 14, 2019 – Fundraiser at Texas Road House; Time 5:00pm to 9:00pm; 10% of bills goes to 2nd District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad; Homemade bake goods for sale; (Physical copy must be presented to your server at event); call Robin for more information at 301-737-4366 (H) or 240-577-0270(C)

All You Can Eat Home-Made Home-Style

On **November 10, 2019**, Sunday, Breakfast – All you can eat home-made-home style, starts at 8:00am-11:00am.; MENU: Scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, pancakes, French toast, sausage links, ham, bacon, hot biscuits, cream chipped beef, sausage gravy, spiced applesauce, & Grits; Assorted juices, milk and coffee will be available – Cost: Adults - \$10; Children 6-12 \$5; Children under 5 & under are free; For more information, call 301-994-9999.

Heavenly Morning Prayer Breakfast

The Heavenly Morning Prayer Breakfast will be held at 8:30am on **Saturday, November 16th** at St. Aloysius (New) Parish Hall at 22800 Washington St. Leonardtown, MD (Mass at 7:30am) The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. We are so blessed to have Rose Folsom who will be sharing with us "How to Harvest the Garden of your Soul!" Before founding Virtue Connection in 2014. Folsom was a calligrapher to Presidents, Queens, and Popes. She curated a Smithsonian exhibit, showed her artwork around the globe, wrote a dictionary, and served a stint in the White House. Visit her website at www.rosefolsom.com and www.virtueconnection.com. The cost including breakfast is only \$15 if you register by Tuesday, November 12, 2019, after that date the cost will be \$17. To register, call the Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301)475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents during store hours Tuesday through Saturday. You can also sign up online at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. For further information, please contact Fran.Taborek@stracongroup.com or Becky Kendall (301)904-7025, Becky.Kendall@hotmail.com. All are welcome to join us! Also, to help provide Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need, we will be collecting non-perishable food items or donations for our local St. Vincent de Paul/Helping Hands. Thank you for your support!

Annual Fall Craft Show

On Sunday November 24,2019 The ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Vol. Fire Dept. is hosting our annual FALL CRAFT SHOW from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Social Hall located at 24801 Three Notch Rd. Hollywood. Free Admission and parking. Over 130 vendors displaying their handmade items. The Ladies will sell lunch items to include stuffed ham and bar-b-que sandwiches, homemade soups and more. Stuffed ham will be available by the pound. Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle. ATM on site. We will be collecting non-perishable items for Helping Hands. For more information, contact Leone Gatton at craftshow@nvfd7.com

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

November 1st Holy Day Mass Online for the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the November 1st Holy Day Mass in celebration of All Saints Day? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available at www.HeartoftheNation.org all day. (For those who can attend at church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat

Young men in grades 11 and 12 and between the ages of 15 and 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. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. Please encourage high school juniors and seniors to consider attending this great weekend event. Please visit www.DCpriest.org and select "Events" to register. Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mary Ivany at vocations@adw.org with any questions.

We are so appreciative of our St. George Church family for the love, prayers, cards and donations during the recent loss of our brother, Paul Benjamin Blackwell. We don't have words enough to thank you for how you reached out to us.

Love, Wayne and Joyce Blackwell