

Established 1851

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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 the poor, the vulnerable, and those in need; and to reconcile ourselves with God and one another.



The Presentation of the Lord

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Nguyen, *Pastor*

Deacon Joel Carpenter, *Parish Deacon*

Mrs. Kimberley Browne, *Minister of Religious Education*

Mrs. Barbara Carpenter, *Business Manager*

Director of Liturgy and Music

Mrs. Divine Stachowski, *Parish Secretary*

Mr. Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance Supervisor*

OFFICE HOURS

Tues--Fri. 10:00AM-2:00PM, Closed on Mondays

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 (on St. George's Island)

Saturday 7:00 PM (May to September) *

**Memorial Day to Labor Day*

Holy Day Masses — 9am & 7pm...or 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. Classes are held Saturdays 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. And 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. 4:30pm + **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays after Daily Mass
Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30am

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	February 4	9:00 am	Linda Hammett
Wed	February 5	9:00 am	Warren Wince
Thu	February 6	9:00 am	Robert Springer, Sr.
Fri	February 7	9:00 am	Father Paul (L)
Sat	February 8	5:00 pm	Bob Bowes
Sun	February 9	8:30 am	Myrtle Howard
		11:00 am	Parishioners

Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Feb. 3 – St. Blaise, *Bishop and Martyr*

St. Ansgar, *Bishop*

Wed, Feb 5 - ST. AGATHA, *VIRGIN AND MARTYR*

Thu, Feb. 6 – ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, *MARTYRS*

Sat, Feb. 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, *Virgin*

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J.& V. Royston, H. & K. Britton, M.A. Rymer & N.J. Jubeck

Meals on Wheels: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, D.D. Orwig

Altar Preparation: Marie Goldsmith

*Flowers on the altar for
this weekend are in memory
of Lolita Gregor Carlson*





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	Feb. 2	KoC Breakfast (CC) 9am-10:30am YFF (CC) 9:30am-10:45am Mass-Children’s Liturgy – 7 th Grade (C)11am-12pm VASMA Language Class (CC) 12pm-1pm Youth Group (CC) 5pm-7:30pm
Tue	Feb. 4	KoC Council Meeting (CC) 6:30pm-7:30pm
Wed	Feb. 5	Cantors (C) 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7pm
Fri	Feb. 7	Bible Study (CC) 10am
*C: Church, CC: Community Center		

A REFLECTION FROM A FAITHFUL STEWARD

MAL 3:1-4; PS 24:7-10; HEB 2:14-18; LK 2:22-40 or LK 2:22-32

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful and, in many ways, mysterious feast — and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

Our first reading, from the book of Malachi, includes a prophecy of the event we celebrate today. “Lo, I am sending my messenger [a reference to John the Baptist] to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek.” Our first lesson is contained in that verse, “the Lord whom you seek.” Do we truly seek the Lord through the prioritizing of our relationship with Him above everything — and everyone — else in our lives? If we want to know Him and His will for our lives, we must spend time with Him in daily prayer, regularly participating in the sacraments, and studying our faith. Only in this way will be ready when he “suddenly appears” in our lives — perhaps through a new opportunity to serve Him or an unexpected difficulty or blessing He wants to entrust to us. This is how a steward stays “spiritually fit” for whatever God may be asking of him or her next.

Our second reading, from Hebrews, is a poignant lesson in why we should embrace the stewardship way of life as both a true privilege and a serious responsibility. It reminds us that our Lord “had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way”

and further that “because He himself was tested through what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested.” What amazing intimacy our Lord desires to have with us, and what amazing humility and love He shows us in His incarnation and the suffering He chose to take on for us. Of course we can trust Him with ourselves and our gifts! Truly, how can we have any hesitation to do so for a Savior who has done so much to prove His love for us?

Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation of our Lord, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the “Holy Parents.” Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple “to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord.” Later in the passage we read that, “When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth.” The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from His infancy and throughout His “growing up” years. Those of us entrusted with the care of children — whether our own children, godchildren, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, or students — have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	1/26/2020 (Week 30 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$2,764.34	\$141,259.87	\$150,000.00
**E-Giving	\$1,876.00		
Maintenance:	\$25.00	\$19,039.00	\$18,480.00
**E-Giving	\$135.00		
Poor Box:	\$202.20	\$7,464.15	\$6,360.00
**E-Giving	----		
Donations:	\$840.00	\$33,843.43	\$32,880.00
**E-Giving	\$5.00		
Arch. Mil. Serv:	----	\$1,027.00	N/A
**E-Giving	\$45.00		
**E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2 nd and 4 th weeks of the month.			

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

2019 DONATION STATEMENTS

In the interest of being good stewards of our financial gifts, we do not send statements in the mail. You can request that we print a statement for you to pick up from our office, or we can email you a copy of your statement. If you wish to receive your statement via email, please send a request to: accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org. To retrieve your electronic statement:

1. Please visit the church website (www.stgeorgerc.org).
2. On the home page, scroll down to "Parish News".
3. Click the headline "How to Access Your 2019 Contribution Statement"
4. Follow the instructions to download your statement.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

"The Capital Sins: (Also known as the Seven Deadly Sins) *Pride, Greed (Avarice), Lust, Anger, Gluttony, Envy, Sloth (Acedia)*

Lust

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "Lust is disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure. Sexual pleasure is morally disordered when sought for itself, isolated from its procreative and unitive purposes." (CCC 2351) It is listed under "Offenses against chastity." A key word in this definition is "disordered." You see, God made sexual relations as a good thing. But the desire for sex must be rightly ordered. Sexual relations are reserved for a man and a woman in a covenantal, sacramental marriage, always open to the gift of new life. So our desire for sex should be properly ordered to this end. When our desire for sex goes outside this proper order, it becomes lust. Lust is, at its core, self-centered. It seeks pleasure only for the self. Love, on the other hand, is other

centered. It always seeks the good of the other. When one falls into lust, they're really hitting on a sinful twofer, breaking the sixth (You shall not commit adultery) and ninth commandments (You shall not covet your neighbor's wife). Both of those sections in the Catechism quote the words of Jesus from Matthew 5:28 – "But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Lust is a deadly sin because it leads to so many other sins against chastity. The Catechism lists masturbation, fornication, pornography, prostitution and rape. The virtue that counters lust is chastity. For further study: Matthew 5:27-30 CCC 1866, 2351, 2514, 2529-2530, 2542" – Quoted from *A Minute in the Church: Back to the Basics* by Gus Lloyd.

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

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

Classes begin at 9:30am on Sundays for all grades!

Children's Liturgy, Sunday, February 2, 11am, 5th grade serving

BIBLE STUDIES

Fridays, 9:30am (1st Fridays start at 10:45am)
Sundays, 9:45am

Both groups are studying The Gospel of Mark

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 (@LFSpatriots)!

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

February 2, 2020: Pancake Breakfast 9am-10:30am

February 4, 2020: Business Meeting 6:30pm

LOCAL EVENTS

Apologetics Classes

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

Upcoming Topics

Feb. 3rd Did Jesus really do Miracles?
 Feb. 10th Defense of Church Property
 Feb. 24th Martin Luther from the Catholic Perspective

Heavenly Morning of Recollection: Healing Our Wounds

God heals us in many ways, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. Be sure to join us on Sat, **February 8, 7:30am – 12pm**, at Immaculate Conception Church & Hall @ 28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville as Fr. Scott Woods teaches us more about God's healing love for us! The morning will include Mass, breakfast, confessions, talks and healing service with laying on of hands! Free! Registration is required through our Bread of Life Center for Peace Facebook page or go to Eventbrite.com! You can also call Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139 to reserve your seat or if you need more information.

The St. Mary's Youth Memorial Volunteer

The St. Mary's Youth Memorial is looking for a volunteer to step forward and be our Executive Director for the St. Mary's Youth Memorial located on Route 5, In Great Mills, MD. The Executive Director is a non-paid volunteer position who works with 3 Board of Directors to maintain the Youth Memorial. In a typical year the Executive Director will: Write 4 or 5 total bank checks which are co-signed, record the names and contact information for those few (less than 6) patrons who donate to the Youth Memorial each year, handle on an average year maybe 1 or 2 applications for engraving of deceased children's names onto headstones, and work with Knights of Columbus volunteers to prepare and conduct the annual May Mass held each year at the Youth Memorial pavilion. An ideal volunteer would be anyone who has a place in their heart for those Special Children who have died early in their lives.

If interested, please contact Chuck Shilling, Board of Directors, and Grand Knight of Holy Face Council 3849 at 301-535-8339."

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER TO ALABAMA -- APRIL 18 TO 22, 2020

Don't miss this opportunity to visit the beautiful Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament & the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) founded by Mother Angelica! Tour the Shrine and the Studio & participate in the

audience on the Live Show with Mitch Pacwa! We will also visit the St. Bernard Abbey & Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman, AL & the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA. Fr. Rory Conley, Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Bryantown will accompany us as Chaplain. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy is only \$925, which includes: airfare, bus transportation, hotels, breakfast & lunch, along with entry fees and stipends. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details @ 301-475-7139 or visit www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org & click on the Alabama Pilgrimage link! You can also stop by Heavenly Presents & ask for Pat!

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St. Aloysius Church International Mission

St. Aloysius Church is looking to fill out a team of 6-8 roofers or those with carpentry skills for an 8-day relief mission to Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas, in February. The area was recently devastated by Hurricane Dorian. Travel by van to Pompano Beach, Florida, and sail by 55' Yacht. Lodging on board. For further information, contact Dan Guenther at 301-672-1478 or 301-475-3106

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

The Sunday TV Mass

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The Mass airs every **Sunday at 10:30am** on WDCW-50: No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50, Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County; Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland, RCN: Ch. 15, Verizon: Ch. 3.