

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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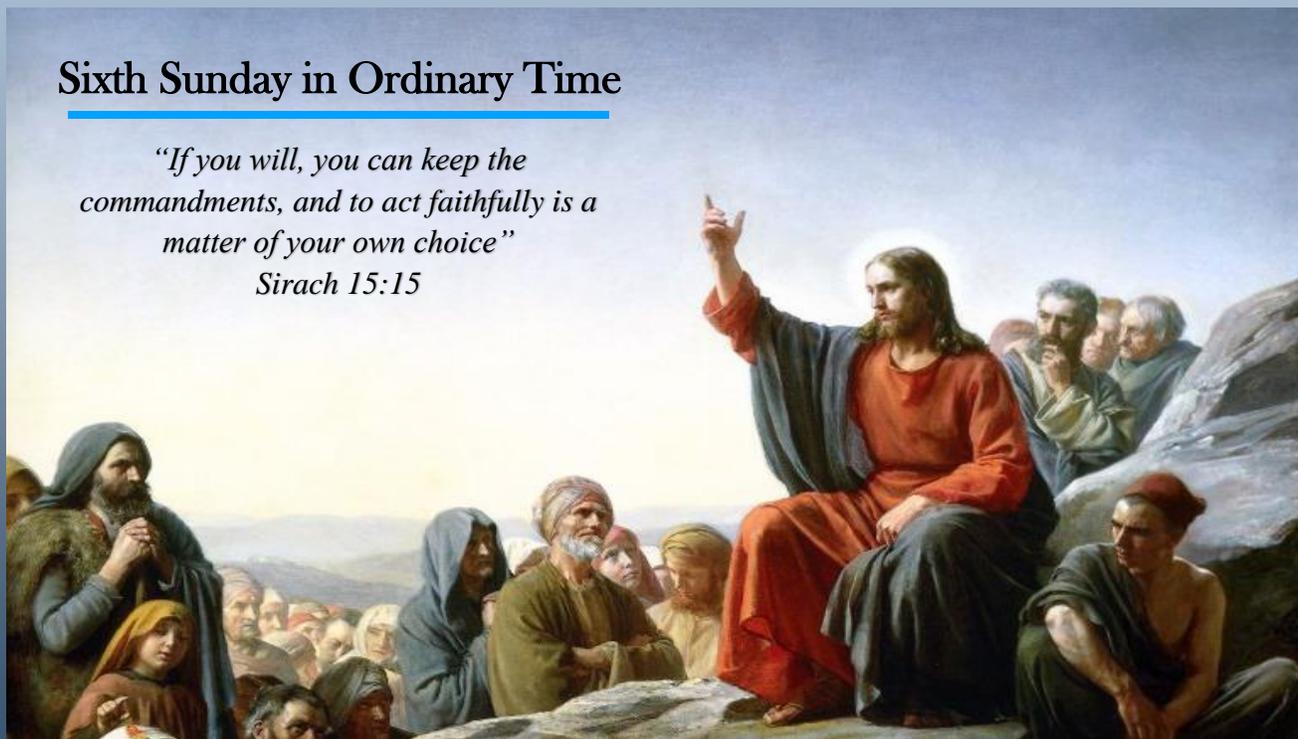
Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship, guidance or instruction. If you are new to the area or coming home, we invite you to register and make St. George Catholic Church your parish. Registration forms can be obtained in the church vestibule, at the office or online.

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice”
Sirach 15:15*



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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.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 18	9:00 am	Anna Nguyen Ngoan
Wed	February 19	9:00 am	Linda Hammett
Thu	February 20	9:00 am	John Re
Fri	February 21	9:00 am	Robert Springer, Sr.
Sat	February 22	5:00 pm	Leroy & Evelyn Adams
Sun	February 23	8:30 am	John Link
		11:00 am	Parishioners

Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Feb. 17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Fri, Feb. 21 – St. Peter Damian, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Sat, Feb. 22 - THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, *The Apostle*

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, D.D Orwig

Meals on Wheels: P. Keen, K. Owens, S. & M. DeMoss-Coward

Altar Preparation: Marie Goldsmith



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. 16	VASMA Language Class (CC) 12pm—1pm Vietnamese Mass and Gathering (C) 6pm-8:30pm
Wed	Feb. 19	Cantors (C) 6:30-7pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7pm-8pm
Fri	Feb. 21	Bible Study (CC) 10am
Sat	Feb. 22	1 st Reconciliation Retreat (CC) 9am-12pm Living Stations Practice (C) 9am-10:30am Movie Night (CC) 6pm
*C: Church, CC: Community Center		

A REFLECTION FROM A FAITHFUL STEWARD

SIR 15:15-20; PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 COR 2:6-10; MT 5:17-37 or 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Today’s readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice: “If you choose you can keep the commandments.” “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” What great dignity the Father bestows on us that He does not force us to commit to Him — rather He allows us the freedom to choose Him, even though He emphatically does not want us to reject Him through selfishness and sin. (We read at the end of this passage, “No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.”)

Our second reading, from Corinthians, reminds us of the great joy that will be ours if we do choose to commit to God by the way we live our lives. “Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard... what God has prepared for those who love him.” Our Heavenly Father is more eager than we can comprehend to fill us with His grace and blessings. But we must choose Him. How do we do this? By keeping His commandments as our first reading instructs — by putting the teachings of our Lord and the Church into practice every day,

The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise in which we participate on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life, a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage, from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart. He says to His disciples, “Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” The scribes and Pharisees were the spiritual heavyweights of their day. They checked all the boxes when it came to the proper exercise of the religious practices required of them. Yet our Lord says it wasn’t enough.

Why? They did not allow those practices to penetrate their hearts and change them internally. Jesus explains with a further illustration saying, “You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead let us examine the state of our hearts, to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	2/9/2020 (Week 32 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$3,481.00	\$152,594.87	\$160,000.00
**E-Giving	\$3,288.00		
Maintenance:	\$960.00	\$22,134.00	\$19,712.00
**E-Giving	\$365.00		
Poor Box:	\$304.48	\$8,029.64	\$6,784.00
**E-Giving	\$100.00		
Donations:	\$1,245.00	\$36,535.43	\$35,072.00
**E-Giving	\$577.00		
<i>**E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.</i>			

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.stgeorgercc.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.

Annual Appeal

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Annual Appeal. Please be generous in making your pledge. No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

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

Gluttony

"Everything in moderation." This is a wise saying that has to do with, well, everything! Gluttony is the deadly sin that abandons that idea. We normally think of gluttony as having to do with food. It is the overindulgence or excessive consumption of food. It is closely related to greed, as it is taking far more than what we need, sometimes to the detriment of others. But the sin of gluttony is not just about food. For instance, drunkenness is the excessive consumption of alcohol, which would be a form of gluttony. With obesity rates skyrocketing, it is obvious that gluttony is a serious problem. Gluttony, though, can extend far beyond just food. We can be gluttonous with many things: possessions, sex, power, and so much more. It has been said that gluttony is a form of idolatry. St. Paul spoke of this in Philippians 3:19. "Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is their 'shame.' Their minds are occupied with earthly things." And Proverbs 23:21 warns, "For the drunkard and glutton come to poverty, and torpor clothes a man in rags." Just because one is overweight, it does not mean they have fallen into the sin of gluttony. Genetics, physical and chemical factors can surely play a role in that. That's why we must go deeper. We fall into the sin of gluttony because we're trying to fill a void not in our stomachs, but our souls. Food (or other things) becomes a substitute for God. Gluttony can lead to addiction, which is very serious indeed. The remedy for gluttony is the virtue of abstinence. For further study: Philippians 3:17-21 • Proverbs 23:21 CCC 1866" – *Quoted from A Minute in the Church: Back to the Basics by Gus Lloyd.*

LITURGICAL NEWS

Monthly Vietnamese Mass and Gathering:

Sunday, February 16, 6:00pm

PARISH NEWS

Save the Date:



St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Sunday, March 15, 4pm – 7pm

"Vocation Tree" Coming Soon!

Here's something simple you and your family can do for Lent! Next weekend, you will see a "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer with cards hanging on it. Each card has information about a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Washington. We invite you to choose a card (or more than one!) and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Who knows? You could be praying for a future pastor of our parish!

**Lenten Day of Recollection
Saturday, February 29, 2020
St. George Community Center**

All are invited to join Father Paul and Deacon Joel in this special day of reflection, recollection, and reconciliation. The event is FREE and we request advance registration so that we can properly prepare Lunch and materials for all. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

"The Case of Christ", a film based on a true story of an atheist journalist and investigative reporter who looks to disprove his wife's Christian faith. "One mans' journey to solve the biggest mystery of all time."

Join us for Movie and Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22 after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass in the community center. (Our newest movie screen and system)

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES

K-8

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

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

**7th & 8th Grade: Living Stations Rehearsal:
Saturday, 2/22, 9 – 10:30am, CC ANNEX**

**1st Reconciliation Retreat: Saturday, February
22, 9am – 12pm**

Catechist Meeting: Sunday, February 23, 12pm

BIBLE STUDIES

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

**New Friday morning session beginning
February 21!**

"The Bible and The Church Fathers" is a 12 session study of the "historical overview of the early Christian Church's approach to the Word of God as seen through the eyes of the Church Fathers." These Fathers of the Church are as relevant now as they were in the early centuries of Christianity.

This new study will start on Feb. 21 and end on May 15 (assuming no weather-related cancellations). There will be no session on Good Friday.

We invite all to join us in this new study so you too can experience "AHA and Lightbulb Moments", interesting discussions and deepening faith.

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

February 22, 2020: Movie Night after 5pm Mass

February 25, 2020: Planning Meeting 6:30pm

February 28, 2020: Fish Dinner 4pm - 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. 24th Martin Luther from the Catholic Perspective
- Mar. 2nd One Nation, Under God?
- Mar. 9th How Dark were the "Dark Ages"?

**2nd District Firehouse & Rescue Squad
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

February 25, 5pm - 7pm; Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Links, and Apple Sauce; Assorted juices, milk, and coffee will be available; Cost: Adults - \$8.00; Children 6 – 12 \$4.00; Children 5 & under are free; For more info, call 301-994-9999

Mass with Healing Prayers

There will be a Mass with healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, February 18th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park, MD. The Mass will start at 5:30pm, followed by healing prayers. Confessions will start at 5pm.

Women's Morning of Reflection

St. Francis Xavier Church will hold a woman's Morning of Reflection on February 29, 2020. The theme of the morning is The Visitation: A Story of Fear, Fiat & Faith. Our guest speaker is Laura K. Roland, Catholic speaker and co-founder of Encounter Grace. Tickets are \$10.00 and includes breakfast. Doors open at 9am, and the program will conclude by 12 noon. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://sfxmorningofreflection.evenbrite.com> Contact us at 301-475-9885 for more information

**Maryland March for Life Monday 24
February:**

Join the family-friendly, peaceful, prayerful witness in Annapolis! The march originates at St. Mary's Church and proceeds through the streets of Annapolis and ends with a Rally at Lawyer's Mall by the State House. The Rally will serve as a visible witness in support of defending vulnerable life, and it will feature speakers from the local and national pro-life movements.

For the March, please arrive in St. Mary's Church parking lot no later than 6:00 p.m.
4:30 Youth Rally (requires pre-registration)
5:15 Catholic Mass – St. Mary's Church Annapolis
6:15 Assemble for March
6:30 March through Annapolis
7:00 Rally on Lawyer's Mall
8:00 Free Food and Networking with pro-life groups back at St. Mary's School
Visit <https://www.mdmarchforlife.com/> for more information.

Contact John Cruz, 240-538-1023, to coordinate a ride to the MD March for Life.