

Established 1851

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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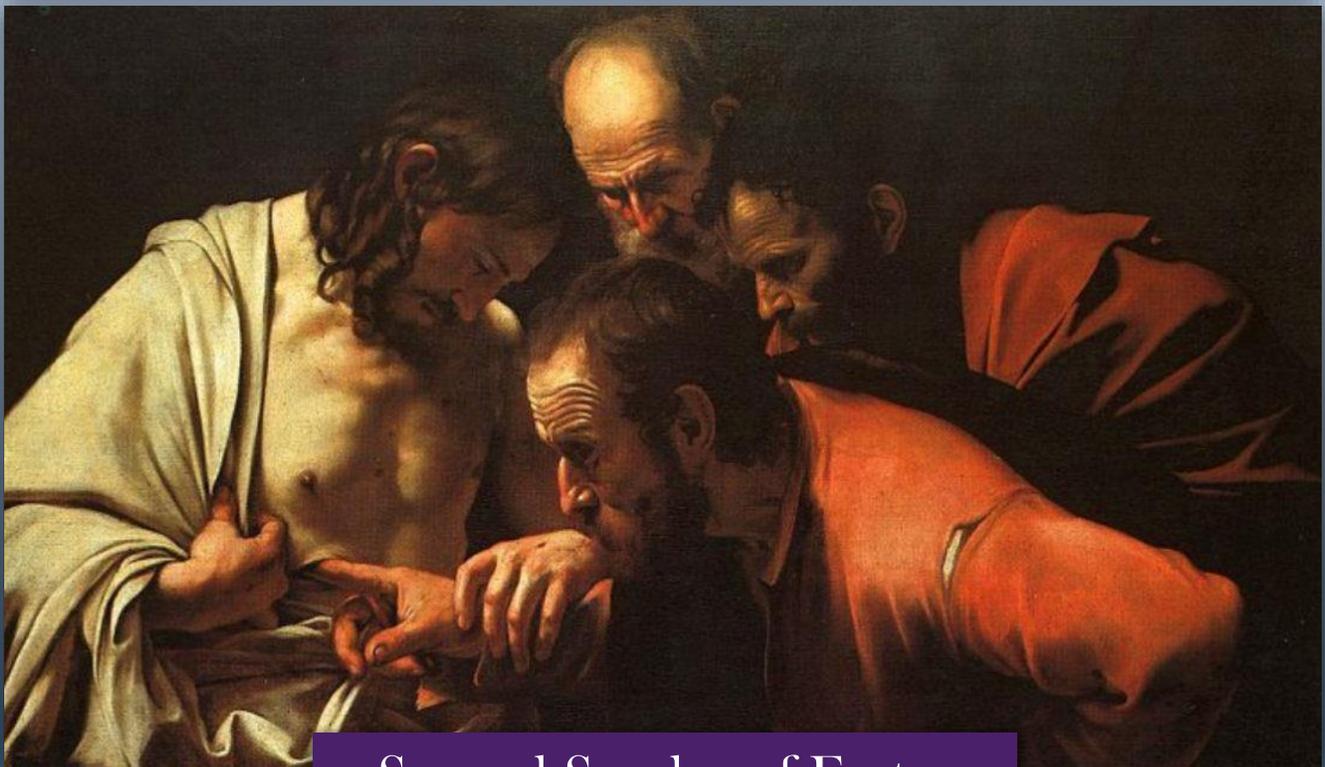


## WELCOME

*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.



## Second Sunday of Easter

### 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

*Closed on Mondays*

**Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am-4:00pm**

**Wednesday & Friday 10:00am-2:00pm**

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses: (all Masses limited to 39 households that reside together)

**Tuesday — Saturday: 9:00 am**

Weekend Masses: (all Masses limited to 39 households that reside together)

**Saturday — 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 7:30am**

**10:00am**

**2:00pm (in Vietnamese)**

St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (on St. George's Island)

**Saturday — 7:00pm** \*Memorial Day - Labor Day

Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

**Tuesday — Friday: 5:00 pm**

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](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. 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.org](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.org)

## 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 (outside).

### **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:** Tuesday-Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm Saturday 9:30am-10:30am

***We can no longer share books, pamphlets and resources. Please bring your own if you have them. If we make resources available, please take them with you or we will be forced to discard them.***

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Apr. 13	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Wed	Apr. 14	9:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
Thu	Apr. 15	9:00am	Gianna Heisey (L)
Fri	Apr. 16	9:00am	Ollie & Stella Hazard
Sat	Apr. 17	9:00am	Elizabeth Anne Robertson
		5:00pm	Linda Dean (L)
Sun	Apr. 18	7:30am	Springer Family (L)
		10:00am	John Re
		2:00pm	Robena Keatley

## WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

## LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Tue. Apr. 13                      St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr



### 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.*

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*ACTS 4:32-35; PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 JN 5:1-6; JN 20:19-31*

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. The access to Divine Mercy has been with us since that time. Many centuries later, in 1931, Jesus revealed specific instructions to a nun named Sr. Faustina to help further spread the message of His Divine Mercy. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

As we see in our Gospel, even Thomas, one of Jesus' apostles, falls short as he doubts the resurrection. We can resonate with Thomas in the ways we might have doubts about the presence of Christ in our day-to-day lives — not believing in His power, doubting His presence in times of suffering, or even doubting His love for us. Yet, there is something valuable we can learn from Thomas. Once he realized his weakness, he cried out, "My Lord and my God." Surely at that moment, Jesus could see the thoughts of Thomas' heart and extended His merciful love towards him. When we recognize our need for God's mercy, let us cry out for Him at that moment, saying, "My Lord and my God, have mercy on me."

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully. It starts with an awareness of our sins and a humble heart.

In our Second Reading, St. John helps us further understand this message of mercy. He says, "For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments." We must be careful not to fall under the misconception of a false message of mercy — God's mercy is abundant and readily available to us; however, we need to do our very best to actively live out our call as disciples of Christ. The times when we fall are the times we must seek God's mercy, in addition to changing our ways to become a more faithful disciple. One way to tangibly help us achieve this is by doing a daily examen each night. If we take just a few minutes to reflect on our day with gratitude, acknowledge our sins, and pray for tomorrow's events, surely, we will grow on our path of discipleship.

Let us continue to celebrate today, as we are in the midst of our glorious Easter season! As we celebrate, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son — Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive. And may we never withhold merciful love from anyone we meet.

## STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	March 28, 2021 (Week 39 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$2,192.27	\$174,189.52	\$191,250.00
E-Giving	\$2,094.00		
Maintenance	\$100.00	\$21,805.00	\$24,000.00
E-Giving	\$165.00		
Poor Box	\$415.00	\$9,979.07	\$8,250.00
E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$320.00	\$82,894.68	\$45,000.00
E-Giving	\$380.00		
Cath. Rel Serv.	----	\$502.00	N/A
E-Giving	----		

*\*\*E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month.  
This week does not include Easter Sunday, those numbers will be included next week.*

## LITURGICAL NEWS

**Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5 pm**

**Sunday: 7:30 am**

**Sunday: 10 am** (Live-streamed to

YouTube, Communion available in parking lot.)

**Sunday: 2 pm** (In Vietnamese)

**Daily Masses: Tuesday – Saturday: 9 am**

**Confessions: Saturday: 9:45-10:45am and**

**4:00pm-4:30pm** (Or by

appointment; heard outside on office porch until further notice.)

**Holy Hour** (w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction): **Tuesday – Friday: 5 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday, following daily Mass**

**Saturdays, following daily Mass.**



**Divine Mercy Sunday:** The Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and

inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican

decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

**Mercy and Healing:** This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God never ceases offering us His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join us throughout the month as we continue to pray for the healing of victims of abuse.

*A PRAYER FOR HEALING: VICTIMS OF ABUSE*

*God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.*

*Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.*

*Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.*

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

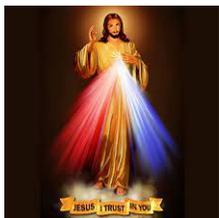
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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email

[kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org)

## PARISH NEWS



**Sunday, April 11  
3:00pm  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
with  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament**

### Cemetery Update

Christmas decorations and faded arrangements were removed from the church cemetery during spring cleanup. Broken items were discarded. Some saddles and tripods that held tributes were salvaged and stored under the shed near the Community Center. Please retrieve what belongs to you by the end of April. Remaining items will be recycled in May.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE CAR RAFFLE TICKETS

This weekend, April 10 & 11, is your last opportunity to buy tickets to win a car or cash, and other prizes. Be sure to see a member of the Knights in the lobby after each Mass. Chances are 1 ticket for a dollar, or 6 tickets for \$5. Drawing held on May 1st. No prior driving experience required to win. To drive if you win - follow the law!

## LOCAL NEWS

### A One Day Retreat - St. Joseph

Tools for Our Journey, will be held on Saturday, May 1 (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker) at St. Joseph Church, 29119 Point Lookout Road in Morganza. Registration with Donuts and Juice begins at 7:15 am, the first talk begins at 8 am followed by Mass, two more talks with lunch served in between and ending with healing prayers. This Year dedicated to this great Saint is an invitation for us to learn more about him with the help of Fr. Drew Royals and Fr. Martin Flum. Tickets are available through Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com/e/st-joseph-retreat-tools-for-our-journey-tickets-149071692445](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-joseph-retreat-tools-for-our-journey-tickets-149071692445) or call Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents to Register in person. The cost is \$15 which covers the cost of Lunch and Eventbrite fees. There is limited seating due to COVID restrictions. Registration ends on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

### Ignatian Weekend Retreat Schedule

#### *We Journey in Hope*

April 9-11 (Women) • April 16-18 (Men and Women)  
April 23-25 (Spanish-Men and Women)  
**Fee: \$245, \$195** for first time retreatants or young adults (35 and younger)

**To Register go to** [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com)

For more information-contact  
[alice.case@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:alice.case@loyolaretreat.org) or call  
Alice Case (301)-392-0819

### Spring Craft/ Vendor Fair

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's County Fair Grounds. Located at 42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown MD 20650; Outside event – Time 9:00am-2:00pm; Registration Fee: \$300, Register for event/ For more information: Call Darlene at 240-434-1095 after 5:00pm; if rains, accommodations will be made to move into buildings. (DUE TO THE CDC GUIDELINES, WE REQUEST THAT YOU WEAR A MASK AND SPACES WILL BE 6FT DISTANCE).

### Spaghetti Dinner Drive-Thru (Carry Out)

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm-7:00pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> District VFD & RS, Company 6, 45245; Menu consisting of: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garden salad, garlic bread and dessert. Cost: \$12 per dinner; for more information call 301-904-1656 (C).



### Red-Cross Blood Drive

May 10, 2021. A blood drive will be held from 1:30pm-6:00pm at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Firehouse, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee. For more information/schedule your life saving donation, call 1-80-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to download the blood donor app.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

