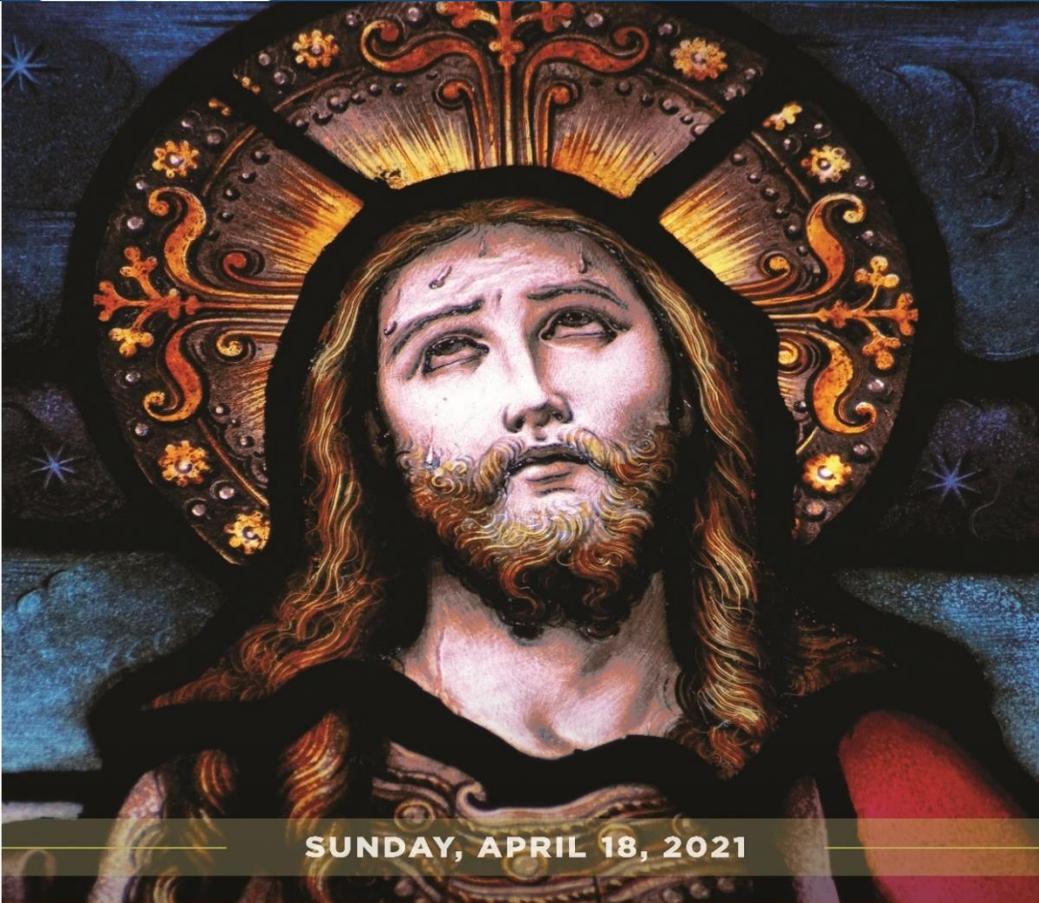


St. George Catholic Church

Established 1851



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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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.

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**

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

19199 St. George's Church Rd.
Valley Lee, Maryland 20692

Phone: 301-994-0607
Fax: 301-994-1793

Website: www.StGeorgeRCC.org
Email: secretary@stgeorgerc.org

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 (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. 20	9:00am	Ruth Hackathorn
Wed	Apr. 21	9:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
Thu	Apr. 22	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Fri	Apr. 23	9:00am	Christian Heisey (L)
Sat	Apr. 24	9:00am	Joseph Kovalcik
		5:00pm	Joe & Virginia Royston (L)
Sun	Apr. 25	7:30am	Joseph Earl "Fuzzy" Knott
		10:00am	John Re
		2:00pm	Linda Slade

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, Flora Grider

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Wed. Apr. 21 St. Anselm, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Fri. Apr. 23 St. George, *Martyr*. St. Abalbert, *Bishop and Martyr*

Sat. Apr. 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, *Priest 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

During this Easter season, in addition to celebrating all that Christ did for us, we are also reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives. The knowledge of His sacrifice should not only affect our minds but also our hearts, changing how we live. With that in mind, our readings today call us to reflect on the necessary changes we must make as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading reminds us that we are called to conversion. St. Peter recounts that man put Christ to death as he stated, “You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.” Although many were unaware of what they were doing at that time, many became aware through the preaching of the disciples. St. Peter was calling those individuals to repent and transform their lives.

Through sin, we betray Jesus once again. It is like saying, “crucify Him!” Sometimes we deliberately turn away from Jesus out of pride and selfishness, and other times, we are not even aware of the gravity of our sin. Whether we know our weaknesses or are ignorant to them, let us ask God to reveal the areas of our lives in which we are betraying Him — maybe through addiction, materialism, and how we spend our money or time and putting things above God. And let us ask for the grace to repent and change our ways.

In our Gospel, we are reminded that Jesus should be the central point in our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them. They had previously spent a day with Him without recognizing His appearance.

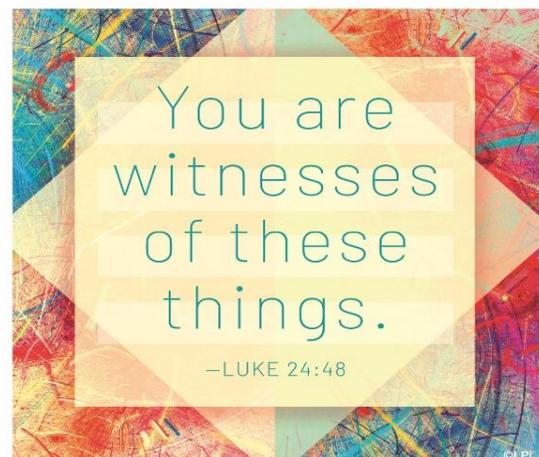
We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus’ appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just ten minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that time week by week. We might begin by reading Scripture, the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out a specific time or times each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord. As these disciples spent

time with Jesus, it says, “He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” Through building a routine of prayer and intentionally working on our relationship with Jesus, God will help us better understand His Word and all that He is calling us to do.

As the disciples mentioned in our Gospel, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We can also better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him as frequently as possible or to go into the church and talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives — through prayer and the sacraments — we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

The end of our Gospel reminds us that we are called to evangelize. The disciples in Jesus’ time were witnesses of His life, death, and resurrection. It was their duty to spread it to the ends of the earth. We are also witnesses. We were not physically at Calvary, but we are witnesses of the truth of our faith and the effects that Christ has on our lives. We are called to share the goodness and love He pours out on us to all those we meet. Very simply, we are called to be evangelists by the way we live our lives.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, let us take some time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	April 11, 2021 (Week 41 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$3,486.00	\$184,165.52	\$201,857.00
E-Giving	\$4,923.00		
Maintenance	\$230.00	\$23,290.00	\$25,333.34
E-Giving	\$635.00		
Poor Box	\$25.00	\$11,001.07	\$8,708.34
E-Giving	\$350.00		
Misc. Donations	\$1,900.00	\$87,847.68	\$47,500.00
E-Giving	\$525.00		
Easter	\$6,773.00	\$7,303.00	\$8,500.00
E-Giving	\$530.00		
Rice Bowl	\$361.56	\$632.56	N/A
E-Giving	----		
Holy Land	----	\$841.27	N/A
E-Giving	\$195.00		
US Missions	\$5.00	\$25.00	N/A
E-Giving	-----		

***E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.*



Lord, let your face shine on us.

—Ps 4:7a

April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

Learn more!

usccb.org/environment

wearesaltandlight.org/cst101

catholicclimatecovenant.org

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LITURGICAL NEWS

Adoration and Benediction will be temporarily cancelled from Tuesday April 20th-23rd

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**

1st Friday, following daily Mass

Saturdays, following daily Mass.

All holy men and women, pray for us!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email

kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

PARISH NEWS

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



Fr. DeRose Council would like to thank the parishioners of St. George Parish and the community of Valley Lee for their tremendous support of the Drive-thru Fish Dinners served during Lent. Look in the bulletin for the return of our Drive-Thru Shrimp dinners.

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 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.

Mass with Healing Prayers

There will be a Mass with healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park MD. The Mass will start at 5:30 pm, followed by healing prayers. Confessions will start at 5pm. Hope to see you there, all are welcome!

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

For more information-contact

alice.case@loyolaretreat.org or call

Alice Case (301)-392-0819

Spring Craft/ Vendor Fair

Saturday, April 24th 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).

Red-Cross Blood Drive



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

Scratch-Off Fundraiser Raffle

PRIZE; \$250 Scratch-Offs and \$100 Cash; \$5 per Ticket – (MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS) Purchase in person at SDVFD & RS, Valley Lee – Wednesday (6:30pm-8:30pm); *At Dyson's Lumber, Great Mills – Saturdays (8:00am-2:00pm); or *At WEIS, Callaway – Sundays (9:00am-1:00pm); For more information contact: Robin Dove (240)577-070, Drawing: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ SDVFD RS Auxiliary; Meeting; Winner need not to be present to win!

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

