



# Saint George Catholic Church

*Established in 1851*

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## 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.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*



## 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 ([www.stgeorgerrcc.org](http://www.stgeorgerrcc.org)).

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Nguyen, *Pastor*

Deacon Joel Carpenter, *Permanent Deacon*

Matthew Hendrick, *Parish Secretary*

Barbara Carpenter, *Business Manager &  
Director of Liturgy and Music*

Kimberley Browne, *Minister of Religious Education*

Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance Supervisor*

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:00AM-2:00PM

Tues., Thur. 10:00AM-5:30PM

## 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 (St. George island)

**Saturday 7:00 PM (May to September) \***

*\* 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@stgeorgercec.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgercec.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 meet on Sundays 5:00-8:00PM in St. George Community Center. All teens grades 6 and up are invited and welcomed 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 (Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris De-Piazza) at [YouthGroup@stgeorgercec.org](mailto:YouthGroup@stgeorgercec.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@stgeorgercec.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgercec.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.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall and requires a 2-year preparation in our Sunday Youth Faith Formation.

### **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 Preparation) is required.

### **RCIA (Preparation for Easter Sacraments)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of inquiry and discernment for prospective converts to the Catholic faith who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Classes are held every Saturday at 10:00am-11:30am in St. George Community Center beginning in October and ends in May. For more information and registration, please contact Fr. Paul at the church office or email: [fr.paulnguyen@gmail.com](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@gmail.com)

## **DEVOTIONS**

**Holy Rosary:** After Daily Masses & Sat. 4:30 PM

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays after Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. & 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

## **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Tues	Feb.5	9:00 am	Richard Michael Boothe
Wed	Feb.6	9:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Thu	Feb.7	9:00 am	Charles David Downes
Fri	Feb.8	9:00 am	Mary C. Edwards
Sat	Feb.9	5:00 pm	Anna Korner Tomaszewski & the Korner Family
Sun	Feb.10	8:30 am	Nancy Tuazon
Sun	Feb.10	11:00 am	St. George Parishioners

## **WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Daily Lector:** J. Blackwell, T. Buckler, C. Galli, D. Orwig

**Meals-on-wheels:** J/V Royston, K. Owens, G. Crawford

**Altar Preparation:** L. Dean

## **LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS**

Tues.	Feb.5	St. Agatha
Wed.	Feb.6	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Fri.	Feb.8	St. Jerome Emiliani
		St. Josephine Bakhita

**LOVE** is patient.  
is kind. ♥  
IT DOES NOT ENVY. IT DOES NOT BOAST.  
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS.  
IT IS NOT { SELF-SEEKING IT KEEPS NO  
EASILY ANGERED RECORD OF WRONGS  
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL  
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH  
(IT) **ALWAYS** { PROTECTS  
TRUSTS  
HOPES  
PERSEVERES  
**LOVE. NEVER. FAILS.**  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

## **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.3	KofC Pancake Breakfast <b>9am - CC</b> YFF <b>9:30am – CC</b> Youth Group <b>5pm-CC</b>
Tues. Feb.5	KofC Council Meeting <b>6:30pm - C</b>
Wed. Feb.6	Cantor Practice <b>6:30pm – C</b> Choir Practice <b>7pm – C</b>
Sat Feb.9	RCIA <b>10am-CC</b>
Sun. Feb.10	YFF <b>9:30am – CC</b> Apologetics <b>9:30am - CC</b> Youth Group <b>5pm-CC</b>

\*C: Church, CC: Community Center

## STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

	1/27/2019	1/28/2018	
<b>General Collection</b>	\$3251.00	\$3396.53	-\$120.53
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$1082.00	\$1057.00	
Identifiable Gifts	113	137	-24
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$245.00	\$135.00	+\$110.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$145.00	\$263.71	-\$118.71
<b>Donations</b>	\$190.00	\$440.00	-\$250.00

*Thank you for your faithful Parish support.*

## Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

JER 1:4-5, 17-19; PS 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 COR 12:31-13:13 or 1 COR 13:4-13; LK 4:21-30

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” These ancient words in our First Reading from the Book of Jeremiah are meant for each one of us reflecting on them today! God has given us, His children, a purpose and mission to fulfill while we are here on this earth. Embracing stewardship as a way of life helps us to both find and fulfill the unique mission that God has in mind for each one of us. How?

Stewardship helps us to continuously evaluate all areas of daily life. It calls us first to come to an awareness of the specific gifts God has given us in each area. Once we have been awakened to the particular ways in which God has blessed us, we can set about putting those gifts to the best possible use for the advancement of His Kingdom. While every baptized Christian is called to this universal mission, God has in mind a unique way for each one of us to carry it out. We need to ask ourselves if our daily use of the Time, Talent, and Treasure God has given us

aligns with this mission in the individual circumstances of our lives right now.

But what is the real measuring stick in each of these areas? Is it the number of Rosaries I can recite in a given week? The number of ministries in which I am involved? The amount of money I give in the weekly offering? How can I tell if I am fulfilling God’s mission for my life?

It is not the numbers themselves that please our Lord. Rather, as St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading today, the “measure” is the love that we put into the Time, Talent and Treasure we offer Him in grateful return. “If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own and hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.” God is not after a particular number. What He wants us to give over to Him is our very selves.

Real love is not a sentiment. Real love is manifested in living a virtuous life. We read later in St. Paul’s letter that real love takes strength: it is patient, kind, humble, other-centered, truth-seeking and long-suffering. Love is the heroic giving of oneself even when it is uncomfortable; especially then. Love looks like Jesus. Love lives like Jesus.

Sometimes, perhaps oftentimes, living like Jesus is difficult. We see this in the Gospel Reading today where we find Jesus in action, preaching in the synagogue in His hometown. He speaks truth to the people He loves, the ones He grew up with and shared His early days with. How do they respond? They are filled with fury and run Him out of town, intent on throwing Him from a cliff! Yet Jesus is undeterred. He passes right through them and presses forward with the mission His Father has entrusted to Him.

We are called to live with this same strength and determination, fueled by the power of love and by gratitude for all God has given us.





## NEWS IN OUR PARISH

### 2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

1. Please visit the church website ([www.stgeorgercc.org](http://www.stgeorgercc.org)<<http://www.stgeorgercc.org>>).
2. On the home page, scroll down to "Parish News".
3. Click the headline "Access your contribution statements on line.<<https://saintgeorgeromancatholicchurch.org/news/access-your-contribution-statements-on-line>>"
4. Follow the instructions to download your statement.

In the interest of being good stewards of our financial gifts, we no longer 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](mailto:accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org)<<mailto:accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org>>.

### LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL



The Lunar New Year is also called the Spring festival which begins with the new moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar (15 days later). Some of the East Asian countries who celebrate Lunar New Year includes the Chinese (*Chunjie*), Korean (*Seolnal*), Japanese (prior to 1873), Vietnamese (*Tết*), Mongolian (*Tsagaan Sar*), and Tibetan (*Losar*). As a part of the cultural diversity celebration in our parish, all parishioners are invited to experience **TÉT** in our parish **Community Center**, on **Sunday, February 10, 2019** from **4:00-7:00pm**. Traditional New Year food, music, dance, programs will be provided by the Vietnamese families in St. Mary's County, for all to enjoy.

### BOTTLES AND BRUSHES



Come and join us for Fellowship and Painting at Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Bottle and Brushes event at the Community Center. Save the date for **Friday, February 22, 2019** at 6pm

### A COLUMBARIUM INTEREST

St. George Catholic Church is exploring establishing a columbarium for storage of cremated remains. A

columbarium is a structure of vaults in a straight, curved, or round design. The structure is compact and has multiple recesses or niches of various sizes allowing for single or double interment. A columbarium, located in a quiet cemetery or garden, is conducive to peaceful visitation and reflection.

The majority of the cost is up-front. The columbarium is secure and durable situated on a concrete pad. Perpetual care cost of traditional gravesites far exceeds that of a columbarium. There are several columbaria in the local area if you want to see one first hand: Charles Memorial Gardens and Queen of Peace Cemetery are the closest.

The Church is accepting donations or designated weekly tithing toward this effort. Donations of approximately \$8000 have already been given to the church for this effort. If you wish to contribute, you may mark your check "columbarium" in the memo section of your check. If you give electronically, there is a monthly appeal fund in the system called "Specified Donation" which you may designate to go toward the columbarium. If you are interested in joining a committee dedicated to helping this idea come to fruition, contact Karen Garner at [kgarner54@gmail.com](mailto:kgarner54@gmail.com).

### SIGN UP NOW AT THE CHURCH OFFICE:

#### PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, LOURDES, AND FATIMA

Fr. Paul is hosting a 11-Day Spain Pilgrimage **November 12<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** with stops in Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca, Avila, Madrid, Lourdes, Montserrat and Barcelona. Please see the Booklet and registration form in the Vestibule for more information. If you are interested in going please fill out the form and turn it in along with your deposit as soon as possible into the Parish Office. Space is premium, please sign up early.

### OUR PARISH FAITH FORMATION

#### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

Registration for the 2018-2019 year is ongoing.

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,  
[kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org)

#### Adult Faith Formation

**APOLOGETICS: 9:30-10:45AM in Community Center Sun.Feb.10<sup>th</sup>** Is Human Nature good or bad? (defense of original sin)

**Sun.Feb.24<sup>th</sup>** Why is THAT a heresy?

#### BIBLE STUDY

**Sun. Feb.17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-10:45am in Community Center.**

Topic: "St. Teresa of Avila: A Study in Perseverance"  
St. Teresa of Avila went from Nobel-born to learning what a Life that is pleasing to God would be.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Youth Group will not be meeting today

**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](http://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 ([LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**Fr. Sebastien De Rose**  
**Council # 13091**

**Grand Knight: Christopher A. Wilcox**  
[CWILCOX@MD.METROCAST.NET](mailto:CWILCOX@MD.METROCAST.NET)

**Upcoming Events:**

**Feb.5<sup>th</sup>** Business Meeting at 6:30PM at St. George

**Feb.6<sup>th</sup>** 1st Degree at St. Michaels 7:00PM

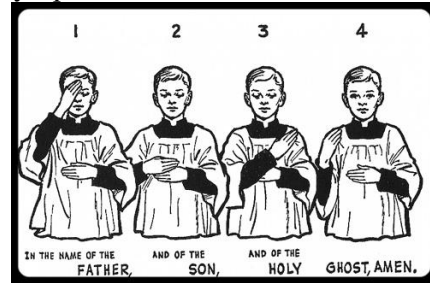
**Feb.16<sup>th</sup>** Family Movie Night at St. George, *following the 5:00pm Mass*

**Feb.26<sup>th</sup>** Planning Meeting at 6:30PM at St. George

**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS****"Sign of the Cross**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross? The sign of the cross has been used since the very earliest days of Christianity. We find writings from the Fathers of the Church as early as the second century. Early on, the cross was traced on the forehead with the thumb or forefinger. Over the centuries, the practice evolved to include marking the forehead, the breast and each shoulder. It wasn't until Pope Leo IX gave an instruction in the middle of the ninth century on making the sign of the cross that the practice became what it still is today. But the sign of the cross is far from just a rote gesture or superstition. The sign of the cross is used throughout the Liturgy and Sacraments. It is, at its essence, a blessing. When we enter the Church and make the sign of the cross with holy water, we bless ourselves and remember our baptismal promises. And we always begin and end our prayers with it. So, even if you've been making the sign of the cross all your life, don't ever let it lose its meaning. Receive your

blessing! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!"



*Excerpt taken from "A Minute in the Church" by Gus Lloyd. This and four other books in the series on Church teachings are available in our kiosk in the vestibule.*

**NEWS IN OUR AREA**

Sat. Feb.16th. The 2nd District Fire Department and Rescue Squad. **Valentine's Dinner Dance with Silent Auctions.** Doors open at 4:30, dinner served at 6:00. Events will include a 50-50 raffle, door prizes and a cash bar. DJ Rich Wilson will provide music. For tickets, call DEE DEE at 240-561-2750 or GEORGIA at 301-994-1960. Proceeds will go to the New Building Fund

***SAVE THE DATE: SHADOW DAY***

If you are a Junior or Senior in High School, come and shadow a day in the life of a seminarian at Saint John Paul II Seminary to experience seminary life first-hand! You'll be able to meet, talk and eat with our seminarians, ask them questions, and attend class, Mass and adoration with them. We hope you can join us. **Friday, February 15, 2019**

***SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?***

At the Well is a ministry open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel, and clarity after separation or divorce. We use a program called *Surviving Divorce*. Our next sessions will be held on Sunday evenings from **February 10 – May 5, 2019**. You are welcome to register through February 24, 2019. Time and Location: 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Babysitting is available with advanced notice. If you would like more information, please email [atthewell@ihmrcc.org](mailto:atthewell@ihmrcc.org) or call Amy Miller at 912-663-7588.

***HELPING THOSE IN NEED***

Angels Watch Shelter in Waldorf is in need of assistance of food donations for meals. We are in need of meals, produce and non-perishable items (such as rice, beans, canned goods, etc.) to assist with meals. We are also looking for someone with experience who might be interested in cooking for a large group on a continued basis. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Clark at 301-274-0680 or email her at [Kathy.Clark@CatholicCharitiesDC.org](mailto:Kathy.Clark@CatholicCharitiesDC.org)