

Established in 1851

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.*



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



## WELCOME STATEMENT

*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.stgeorgerc.org](http://www.stgeorgerc.org)).*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### 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@stgeorgerc.org](mailto:kim.browne@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 (Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris De-Piazza) 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)

**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 Prep.) 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. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tues March 26 9:00 am Lisa Sheridan**  
**Wed March 27 9:00 am Ruth Hackathorn**  
**Thu March 28 9:00 am Carol Annette Quigg**  
**Fri March 29 9:00 am Mary Edwards**  
**Sat March 30 5:00 pm St. George Parishioners**  
**Sun March 31 8:30 am Jimmy Robrecht**  
**Sun March 31 11:00 am Dorothy Lampkin**

**WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Daily Lector:** J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith, C. Galli, J. Re  
**Meals-on-wheels:** I. Hardy, W/B Walker, M. Rymer, N. Jubeck

**Altar Preparation:** M. Goldsmith

**LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS**

**Mon. March 25 – The Annunciation of The Lord**

**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. March 24 Apologetics 9:30am – CC**  
**YFF 9:30am- CC**  
**Wed. March 27 Cantor Practice 6:30pm – C**  
**Choir Practice 7pm – C**  
**Fri. March 29 Bible Study 10am - CC**  
**Fish Dinner 4:00pm - CC**  
**Stations of the Cross 7:00pm - C**  
**Sat March 30 RCIA 10am-CC**  
**Sun. March 31 YFF 9:30am- CC**

*\*C: Church, CC: Community Center*

**Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward**

*EX: 3:1-8A, 13.15; PS 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12, LK 13:1-9*

Today’s readings capture the essence of God’s Lenten message to us, His people, offering words of compassion and mercy as well as warning of the need to repent and make the most of the gift of time He has given us.

The First Reading, from Exodus, recounts Moses’ first encounter with the living God who provides reassurance of His nearness to the people in their suffering and tells of His desire to deliver them from slavery into freedom and fullness of life. He tells Moses, “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore, I have come down to rescue them... and lead them... into a land flowing with milk and honey.” This compassionate God goes even farther, revealing His name to the people as a sign of intimacy with them and telling them, “This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations.”

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that God, though full of mercy and compassion, is also just, and that there will be consequences for our behavior. He admonishes us, “whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.”

Today’s Gospel passage includes the familiar parable of the unfruitful fig tree. It is preceded by an interesting dialogue between Jesus and some people reporting the news of the day, asking for His “take” on the matter. They tell Jesus about a bloody massacre that some Galileans had suffered at the hands of Pilate. They expected Him to confirm their view that the Galileans had done something to deserve such a death. But Jesus defies their expectation, telling them that the people who died such an awful death were no more sinful than they themselves are. He goes on to say the same of another recent event in which a group of people had been killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. They, too, Jesus says, were no more sinful than anyone else. They were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time when tragedy struck.



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Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn’t doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let’s turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

**STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT**

	3/17/2019	3/18/2018	
<b>General Collection</b>	\$3386.00	\$4270.39	-\$739.39
<b>E-Giving (Weekly)</b>	\$1167.00	\$1022.00	
Identifiable Gifts	118	132	-14
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$150.00	\$80.00	+\$70.00
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$167.54	\$291.52	-\$123.98
<b>Donations</b>	\$590.00	\$440.00	+\$150.00

*Thank you for your faithful Parish support.*

**PARISH NEWS**

**2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS**

The Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25,30,35,40,45,50 and 51+ years will be held **Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 2:00pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the Parish Office or use the sign up forms in the back of the Church to register. Names of the Jubilarians need to be turn in to the Parish by **Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

Thanks to all of you who picked a card from the Vocations Tree. Please keep up the daily prayers for seminarians throughout Lent and beyond if you wish.

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Every Lent, parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington collect food to help food-insecure families and individuals in our community. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place on the weekend of **March 30-31**. Please note that bags for your donations are in the back of the Church. Many in our community face hunger. Our collection will be donated to the Local Foodbanks. Please be generous with your contribution.

**PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY**

Our parish annual Spring cleaning of the church, grounds & cemetery in preparation for Easter is

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm**

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*Please bring rakes, trimming and gardening tools if you have them. Lunch will be provided.*

**A NOVENA FOR LIFE**

“A Novena for Life, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council will be held from **Wednesday 20 March to Thursday 28 March** to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation and world. The novena will commence after 9 a.m. daily Mass in the church with a couple of exceptions: Monday 25 March novena will be said in the church at 9 a.m., Saturday 23 March during the pilgrimage to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton shrine, Sunday 24 March after 11 a.m. Mass.

A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. A Novena for Life is meant to bring Knights of Columbus and parish families together in a spiritual battle to lead their communities, through both public and private acts of prayer, to ensure a culture of life in our nation.”

**PRAYER CARDS FOR LIFE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE**

**SNEAK PRE-VIEW MOVIE SCREENING**

“Unplanned” is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson’s transformation from being a Planned Parenthood clinic director involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions to being one of the most ardent Pro-Life speakers in America. See this powerful pro-life movie with our priests and Catholic friends as soon as it hits the screen.

Join us in a pre-release private viewing on **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm** at the RC Theater in California,

MD. Ticket price: Donation. You must reserve your tickets in advance on-line at:

<https://fs2.formsite.com/stjohns/Unplanned/index.html>.

**ST. GEORGE SOFTBALL**

The St. George softball teams are looking for new players from our parish. We will have an A team (competitive) and a C team (recreational). The season runs from May to August. Please contact Amanda Delgado at [amsquires@smcm.edu](mailto:amsquires@smcm.edu) for more information."

**FISH DINNERS EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT**



The Knights of Columbus will be offering fish dinners on Fridays in Lent from **4pm – 6:30pm** in the **Community Center**. Come for dinner, stay for Stations of the Cross

**MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, LOURDES, AND FATIMA**

*SIGN UP NOW AT THE CHURCH OFFICE:*

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 to the parish office. Space is premium, please sign up early.

**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS**

**“RCIA:**

If you know someone who became Catholic as an adult, they probably went through RCIA, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is a process of learning and growing in the Catholic faith which culminates in reception of one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. The RCIA process is typically a bit less than a year, but can be shorter or longer, depending on the individual. There are generally two categories of people who go through RCIA, Catechumens and Candidates. Catechumens are those who have never been baptized and will therefore receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Candidates have been baptized, but did not receive one or both of the other Sacraments of Initiation. Most often, Candidates and Catechumens are received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil, a beautiful – and often long – service that takes place on the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday. If someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or perhaps becoming Catholic, have them contact a priest or the Director of RCIA at a local parish. Oh, and by the way,

RCIA classes are not just for people wanting to become Catholic. Any Catholic can join in if they would just like a little refresher course in their faith! For further study: <http://bit.ly/WhatIsRCIA>

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

## OUR FAITH FORMATION

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

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

Children Faith Formation Class is held every Sunday at 9:30am-10:45am in the Community Center.

### Adult Faith Formation

**APOLOGETICS: 9:30-10:45AM in Community Center**

**Sun. March 24<sup>th</sup>** How to apply the 10 Commandments

**Sun. April 14<sup>th</sup>** Did Vatican II Really Say That?

### **BIBLE STUDY**

**Sun. April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-10:45am in Comm. Center.**

Topic: "St. Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls"

### BIBLE STUDY

**Fri. March 29<sup>th</sup>: "Into the Desert"** Lenten Study on Prayer

## OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

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## 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 (@LFSpatriots)!

**Interested in learning more about Little Flower School?** Call (301)994-0404 or check out the information online ([LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

### Upcoming Events:

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** Planning Meeting at 6:30PM in Comm. Ctr.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Fish Dinner at St. George (CC)

## NEWS IN OUR AREA

### *HEALING MASS*

There will be a Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers scheduled at Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Monday, March 25, 2019**, at 7PM. Confessions will begin at 6:30pm, healing prayers will be immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

### *CARE NET BANQUET*

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is Hosting their Annual Banquet on **Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the HVFD Social Hall. This year's speaker is Dr. Alveda King. Tickets are \$27 a person and have until **March 14<sup>th</sup>** to RSVP for this event. For more information, call 301-737-4604 or go to [FriendsOfCareNetSoMD.org](http://FriendsOfCareNetSoMD.org).

### *LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC: LENTEN DAYS OF PRAYER*

**April 15** *The Lord Hears Our Cry* Each day of Prayer begins at 9:00 am and includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch and mass. Fee \$40.00 Call (301) 392-0801 or go to [www.loyolaontheopotomac.com](http://www.loyolaontheopotomac.com) to make a reservation.

### *24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RUN & FUN WALK FOR HOSPICE*

Attention Runners! Hospice of St. Mary's is Holding its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice on **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**. The Race will begin at the St. Mary's County Governmental Center in Leonardtown and will be held rain or shine. Runner can sign up for either a 5K or 10K run, and walkers can sign up for a 5K fun walk. If you would like to participate, please complete and return the Registration Form, along with your registration fee, to: Run & Fun Walk for Hospice, P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, Maryland, 20650. Race Day registration is also available at the Governmental Center from 7am-8am for more information and an online registration form please visit [www.runforhospic.org](http://www.runforhospic.org). Thank you for your support of Hospice of St. Mary's.

### *JOB OPENING AT CAMP MARIA*

Camp Maria Retreat Center seeks someone with food and customer service experience OR a strong interest in food service, food preparation, and customer service. This position is ideal for students, retirees, and parents with children in school with reliable transportation. The hours for this position include day time, evenings and weekends. Please contact Theresa Peoples at [admin@campmaria.org](mailto:admin@campmaria.org) or 301-475-8330 for a job application form. To learn more about Camp Maria, visit our website at [www.campmaria.org](http://www.campmaria.org). Job closes on **April 15, 2019**