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.

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.stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.org

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 (Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris De-Piazza) 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@stgeorgerrc.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 **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults 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

DEVOTIONS

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues	**April 9**	**9:00 am**	**Msgr. Karl Chimiak**
Wed	**April 10**	**9:00 am**	**Jaleyn B. Grider**
Thu	**April 11**	**9:00 am**	**Dora Adams**
Fri	**April 12**	**9:00 am**	**All Souls in Purgatory**
Sat	**April 13**	**5:00 pm**	**St. George Parishioners**
Sun	**April 14**	**8:30 am**	**James Carroll Sheehan**
Sun	**April 14**	**11:00 am**	**Lien Pham**

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith, C. Galli, J. Re

Meals-on-wheels: P. Keen, V. Worch, K. Raley

Altar Preparation: C. Cantrill

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Thurs. April 11 – St. Stanislaus

Sat. April 13 – St. Martin I

Sun. April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our 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.	April 7	YFF **9:30am- CC** Pretzel Making **12pm - CC**
Wed.	April 10	Cantor Practice **6:30pm – C** Choir Practice **7pm – C**
Fri.	April 12	Bible Study **10am - CC** Fish Dinner **4:00pm - CC** Stations of the Cross **7:00pm - C**
Sat	April 13	RCIA **10am-CC** Spring Clean Up Day – **9am-1pm**
Sun.	April 14	Apologetics **9:30am-CC** YFF **9:30am- CC**

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

IS 43:16-21; PS 126:1-6; PHIL 3: 8-14; JN 8:1-11

Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. Consider these key verses from each of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent: First from Isaiah, "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Next from St. Paul, "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." Then the verse before the Gospel: "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful." And finally, from the Gospel, these words from Christ to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

A clear theme emerges from these verses — when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ. Indeed, it seems our heavenly Father delights in doing this for His children. What gratitude we owe to Him!

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." "Again, He bent down and wrote on the ground." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. This tells us that Our Lord is not at all distant and aloof from His children. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," He bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

If ever you feel unworthy to be called His disciple — to serve in a ministry or tell others about your faith — because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new — and go! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of being called His disciples. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him and seizing the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	3/31/2019* (5th Sunday)	4/1/2018* (1st Sun/Easter)	
General Collection	$3559.54	$1385.00	+$1389.54
E-Giving (Weekly)	$1167.00	$1952.00	
Identifiable Gifts	111	90	+21
Maintenance	$280.00	$1713.00	-$1433.00
Poor Box	$135.00	$627.67	-$492.67
Donations	$300.00	$1565.00	-$1265.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

Pope Francis has asked that our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic School and offer Religious Education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the Sacred Shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides Humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

PARISH NEWS

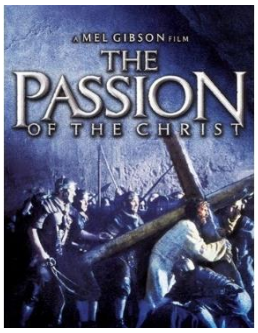
EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Easter Flower envelopes are now available in the vestibule. Please return them by **April 14** if you wish your loved ones to be included in the listing.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION TIMES/LOCATIONS

Parish	Location	Ending Time
Holy Angels	Church	12:00
Holy Face	Church	12:00
Immaculate Conception	Parish Center	12:00
Our Lady of the Wayside	Church	11:00
Our Lady's Church	Church	11:00
Sacred Heart	Church	12:00
St. Aloysius	FAW Gym	12:00
St. Cecilia	Rectory	12:00
St. Francis Xavier	Parish Hall	10:00
St. George	Community Center	10:00
St. John F.R.	Msgr. Harris Center	12:00
St. Joseph	Church	10:00
St. Michael	St. Joseph Chapel	12:00
St. Peter Claver	McKenna Center	12:00

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Join us for a Family Movie Night featuring the film by Mel Gibson, ***The Passion of the Christ,*** immediately following the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, April 13** in the Community Center. A meditative way to start Holy Week. Dinner and snacks will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Babysitting is available. All are welcome!

PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Our parish annual Spring cleaning of the church grounds & cemetery in preparation for Easter is **Saturday April 13th** from **9am** to **1pm**

spring cleanup

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

FISH DINNERS EVERY FRIDAYS 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

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 for more information."

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

"Fasting:

Fasting is a great spiritual discipline, one that can bear much fruit. For Catholics, there are only two days each year where fasting is required: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to observe the fast. On fast days, one full meatless meal may be taken, and two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics over 14 years of age on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. Fasting is an ancient practice and very clearly taught in Scripture. In Matthew 6:16-18, Jesus tells His disciples, "When you fast…" and tells them not to be showy about it. And in Luke 9:23, Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Fasting is simply a way of denying ourselves. In fasting, we imitate Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the desert before beginning His public ministry. It is meant to bring our hearts and minds closer to God. When we feel those pangs of hunger, we turn to God in prayer and ask for the strength to carry on. And we offer up our small sufferings to unite with the sufferings of Christ. For further study: Matthew 4:1-11 • Matthew 6:16-18 CCC 538-540 • CCC 1434, 1438"

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

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. April 14th Did Vatican II Really Say That?

Sun. April 28th Why Should I Fast?

BIBLE STUDY

We will continue our Lenten journey next Friday with ***"A Lent To Remember"*** from FORMED. It is a 4 week study on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Friday classes, 10-11:30am: **April 5, 12, 26 and May 3**

Sunday,9:30-10:45am: **April 7**,

* Next Friday is 1st Friday, so we will start at 10:45am.

Looking forward to our continuing journey into The Bible.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group meets today at 5pm in the Community Center. All teens, 6th grade and older are welcome to attend. Youth Group Team Leaders: Kelly Carpenter, Omotayo Ojo, Chris De Piazza. For more information, please call the church office (301) 994-0607 or email: YouthGroup@stgeorgercc.org

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 (@LFSpatriots)!

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

Upcoming Events:

April 12th Lenten Fish Dinner at St. George (CC)

April 13th Family Movie Night after the 5pm Mass (CC)

April 30th Planning Meeting at St. George (CC)

NEWS IN OUR AREA

24TH ANNUAL RUN &FUN WALK FOR HOSPICE

Attention Runners! Hospice of St. Mary's is Holding its 24th Annual Run &Fun Walk for Hospice on **Saturday April 13th 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.runforhospice.org. Thank you for your support of Hospice of St. Mary's.

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.loyolaonthepotomac.com to make a reservation.

CATHEDRAL PENANCE SERVICE

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle invites you to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a Lenten Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Easter," on **Tuesday, April 16 at 12:10pm**. More than 15 priests will be available for individual confessions, including Spanish-speaking and other foreign language confessors. www.stmatthewscathedral.org/Lent2019

IHC MYSTERY PLAYERS: "IT'S A PLAY, IT'S A PRAYER, IT'S A MYSTERY" –

Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30pm at St. Aloysius Church

Since 1981, IHC Seniors have been bringing the stories of Jesus' birth and death on the cross during the Advent and Lenten seasons. Lent calls to mind many ancient traditions in the Catholic Church, one being the Stations of the Cross. The Immaculate Heart Central High School Mystery Players from Watertown, NY, present, in a very creative way, the centuries old stations. Meditation and contemplation on the death and resurrection of Jesus is the central mystery in the prayer life of the Catholic Church. The Mystery Plays of the Middle Ages focused on the presentation of this central mystery. Connected to ancient Mystery Plays, the IHC Mystery Plays bring the stations to the modern level through use of special lighting, music, pantomime, and paraliturgical readings. Using the sanctuary of the church as a stage, the Paschal Mystery is recreated in a moving, dramatic presentation. This group has performed extensively throughout NY State, as well as NJ, MA, PA. MD, VA, NC, CT, and Canada. We strongly encourage everyone to attend this unique and powerful prayer experience. Please be advised that small children may be frightened due to the nature of the play. It is typically recommended for grades 5 and up. Please refrain from taking pictures during the actual event. If you would like to see a preview, please visit: https://www.ihcschool.org/spiritual-life/mystery-players.