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 Daily Mass

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues	**June 4**	**9:00 am**	**Carol Annette Quigg**
Wed	**June 5**	**9:00 am**	**Dora Adams**
Thu	**June 6**	**9:00 am**	**Stella Hazzard**
Fri.	**June 7**	**9:00 am**	**Sheila Hodges**
Sat	**June 8**	**5:00 pm**	**Dora Adams**
Sat.	**June 8**	**7:00 pm**	**Jack Hodges**
Sun	**June 9**	**8:30 am**	**Howard Britton Sr.**
Sun	**June 9**	**11:00 am**	**Kate O'Connor Cropp (L)**

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, J. Goldsmith, C. Galli, J. Re
Meals-on-wheels: J/V Royston, V. Worch, K. Raley
Altar Preparation: C. Cantrill

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon., June 3: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Wed., June 5: St. Boniface
Thu., June 6: St. Norbert
Sun., June 9: Pentecost Sunday

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.

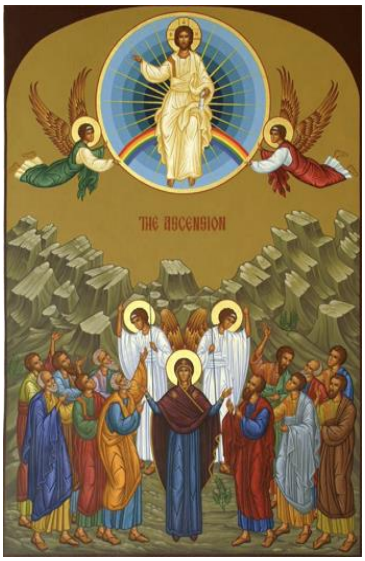
PARISH CALENDAR

Sun. June 2	KoC Pancake Breakfast **9am** (CC)
Mon. June 3	Softball (Team A) **8:15pm (Field 2)**
Tues June 4	Softball (Team C) **6:15pm (Field 3)**
	KoC Council Meeting **6:30pm** (CC)
Wed June 5	Cantor Practice **6:30pm** (C)
	Choir Practice **7pm** (C)
Fri June 7	1st Friday Mass & Devotions **9am** (C)
Sun. June 9	Apologetics **9:30am** (CC)

C: Church, **CC: Community Center*

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

ACTS 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23 or HEB 9:24-28; 10;19-23; LK 24: 46-53



On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Both the First Reading and today's Gospel draw our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples just before ascending to the Father. In the First Reading, from Acts, He tells them (and us) "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Then in the Gospel, from Luke, we read, "Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent, and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

In the use of Time, we can ask ourselves if we are keeping the particular prayer commitments we have made. If so, have I noticed a deepened closeness to our Lord and an increase in virtue in my daily life? Perhaps I have let one or two of my "holy habits" go by the wayside. Then simply re-commit to them. Or maybe my prayer commitments have become routine and I could carry them out more intentionally once again. Maybe my schedule has changed and I need to establish a new time to pray.

In the use of Talent, have I stayed faithful to the ministry commitments I made? How is my attitude towards serving? Am I joyful and humble about the work I am doing? How has my serving of others changed and blessed me?

Finally, let's take a look at our use of Treasure. Have I been generous in my financial giving? If so, have I noticed a deepening trust in God's care for me? Have I become a little more detached from the pull of materialism that surrounds us all in this day and age?

A stewardship way of life is challenging because it is counter-cultural to put God and others before ourselves. But that is precisely why this way of life is such a powerful witness to the message of the Gospel. And we can embrace this way of life with great confidence and joy because we are not expected to do this on our own. Our Gospel passage today tells us we are "clothed with power from on high." Whether it is as small a detail as finding a new prayer time, or as big as changing career paths to be more available to loved ones, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to show us the way,

On this Feast of the Ascension, take the time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	5/26/2019	5/27/2018	
General Collection	$3203.05	$3821.11	-$508.06
E-Giving (Weekly)	$1172.00	$1062.00	
Identifiable Gifts	108	121	-13
Maintenance	$60.00	$35.00	+$25.00
Poor Box	$129.00	$204.30	-$75.30
Donations	$655.00	$400.00	+$255.00

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

To all of the High School Graduates from this past week. May God bless them as they continue to grow in their faith and knowledge.

Kate O'Connor Cropp, granddaughter of Mary Jo O'Connor, is entering a community of consecrated women religious sisters, the Apostles of the Interior Life. She is moving to Rome to attend school this summer.

Peter Trossbach, son of Michelle and Paul, has been accepted and will enter John Paul II Seminary this fall to study and continue to discern the priesthood.

Please add our summer seminarian, **Khoi Nguyen** to your prayers, and continue to pray for **Joe Heisey**, as they continue their discernment and on road to the priesthood.

BABY BOTTLES

The annual Baby Bottle Blitz in support of Care Net Pregnancy Centers continues. Bottles are available in the vestibule for you to fill and return by **Father's Day on June 16.**

FATHER'S DAY MASSES

Envelopes to have your Father remembered in all of the Masses on Father's Day and throughout June are now available in the vestibule.

Coming **November 9, 2019**….
St. George Biennial Christmas Bazaar!

What we need now:

- Please start making those crafts – we need lots of great crafts for people to buy! We don't accept vendors, so it's really important to have lots of things made by our parishioners. (Wondering what to make? Google 2018 Craft Fair bestsellers for some great ideas!)
- Raffle Basket donors – we will once more feature a basket raffle, so we will need donors of themed baskets. Some suggestions are: game night, movie night, Maryland, beach, etc.
- Mystery Gift Card donors – one very popular raffle is the gift card raffle. Gift cards of all kinds and amounts are needed – we pull a winner every ½ hour!
- Kitchen help, both prep and during the Bazaar. This year, we will feature a carry-out only Chicken Dinner.
- **NEW**! We are looking for a volunteer to oversee our Candy Shop portion of the Bazaar. Please call Barbie Carpenter at the parish office or email bazaar@stgeorgercc.org. for more information.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

"Feast of the Ascension:

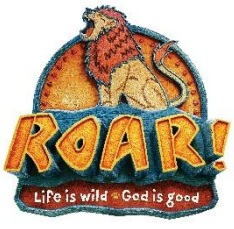
The fortieth day after Easter Sunday, commemorating the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2. In the Eastern Church this feast was known as analepsis, the taking up, and also as the episozomene, the salvation—denoting that by ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, ascensio and, occasionally, ascensa, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. The feast falls on Thursday. It is one of the Ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost among the most solemn in the calendar, has a vigil and, since the fifteenth century, an octave which is set apart for a novena of preparation for Pentecost, in accordance with the directions of Leo XIII. **[In the Archdiocese of Washington, this Feast is transferred to the 7th Sunday of Easter.]** History: The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. Although no documentary evidence of it exists prior to the beginning of the fifth century, St. Augustine says that it is of Apostolic origin, and he speaks of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. Customs: Certain customs were connected with the liturgy of this feast, such as the blessing of beans and grapes, […] the blessing of a candle, the wearing of mitres by deacon and subdeacon, the extinction of the paschal candle, and triumphal processions with torches and banners outside the churches to commemorate the entry of Christ into heaven. […] In the liturgies generally the day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ, and His entry into heaven with our human nature glorified."

– Excerpted from, www.newadvent.org

FAITH FORMATION

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

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne,
kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org



Coming this summer…
TOTALLY CATHOLIC VBS!
July 22-26, 9am – 12pm in the Community Center

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Totally Catholic Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Registration available for students (age 3 through 5th grade) and those wishing to volunteer (6th grade through adult).

Register online at ***www.vbspro.events/p/fcf610***
Cost: $27/student. (Includes $2 processing fee)
Or register in person after Sunday Masses in June and July for $25/student.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

APOLOGETICS

9:30-10:45am in Community Center

Sun., June 9:

What has the Catholic Church Done for us?

Sun., June 23:

What does it take to be happy?

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, **June 16,** 9:30-10:45am

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group is on summer break!

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:

June 4th Business Meeting **Elections** at St. George 6:30PM

June 15th Ordination Mass for Seminarian in DC

June 16th 1st Mass for Seminarian in DC

June 25th Planning Meeting at St. George 6:30PM

NEWS IN OUR AREA

Sun. June 16th 2nd District VFD , **Breakfast for Father's Day –All-You-Can-Eat Home-Made-Home-Style**, Time: 8a.m-11a.m.; **MENU:** Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage Links, Ham, Bacon, Hot Biscuits, Creamed Chipped Beef, Sausage Gravy, Spiced Applesauce, & Grits; Assorted juices, milk and coffee will be available - **Cost: Adults - $10.00; Children 6 - 12 - $5.00; Children 5 & under are free; For more info call: 301-994-9999**

YOUTH DAY CAMP

Hospice of St. Mary's will be hosting a Youth Day Camp starting on Fri., **June 7 –** Sun., **June 9 at Camp Maria.** For more information, call 301-994-3023.

SUMMER JOB OPENING AT CAMP MARIA

Camp Maria's swim season will begin on Memorial Day weekend and continue through September 9. We are looking to hire several currently certified lifeguards. Contact Theresa Peoples at admin@campmaria.org or 301-475-8330 for a job application

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR FR. JOHN LUBEY

Please join us for a 20th Anniversary Mass commemorating the priesthood of Fr. John A. Lubey on **Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM** at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD. Father Lubey was well known in the Archdiocese of Washington for his gentleness and compassion, and for the gifts of prophecy and healing which brought Christ to souls, and countless souls to Christ, through his priesthood.

STRONGER MEN'S RETREAT

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for a retreat on **Saturday, June 22**. Explore how God calls you to lead as a man of faith, husband, son, and father. Lunch is included with registration. More information and registration at strongerretreat.eventbrite.com. For questions, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

"THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES"

The Spiritual Exercises are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world and experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. These retreats touch on so many important aspects of the spiritual life. The central principles are self-knowledge, discernment of God's will for your life, and the decision to follow Christ more closely. Upcoming Dates--**For Men: August 16-18(3 day) cost is $250.00 per person; For Women: June 20-27 (week-long) cost is $600 per person**. Registration is required. Find more information and links to register on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org.