

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

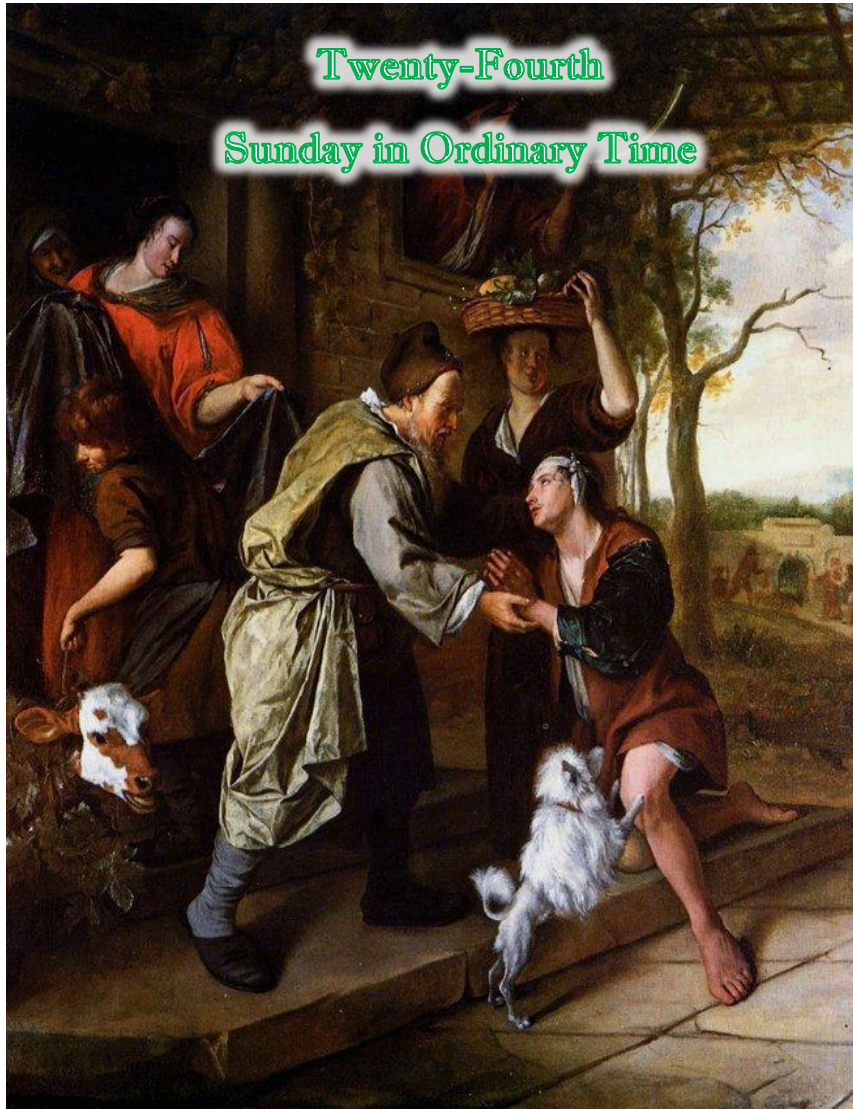
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WELCOME STATEMENT

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.stgeorgerrcc.org)



Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Nguyen, *Pastor*
Deacon Joel Carpenter, *Permanent Deacon*
Barbara Carpenter, *Business Manager & Director of Liturgy and Music*
Divine Stachowski, *Secretary*
Kimberley Browne, *Minister of Religious Education*
Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance Supervisor*

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00AM-2:00PM
Closed on Mondays

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

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. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Classes are held every Saturday 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.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 (Maddie Mushrush, Omotayo Ojo & 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
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.

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. 4:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays after Daily Mass

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	September 17	9:00 am	Stewart Thames
Wed	September 18	9:00 am	Tom Buckler
Thu	September 19	9:00 am	Alvin Fenwick
Fri	September 20	9:00 am	John Grant Chapman Jr.
Sat	September 21	5:00 am	Linda Faye Hammett
Sun	September 22	8:30 am	Gertrude Britton
Sun	September 22	11:00am	St. George Parishioners

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo, C. Galli, D. Orwig

Meals on Wheels: P. Keen, M. A. Springer & K. Britton, G. Crawford

Altar Preparation: K. Britton

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon, September 16: STS. CORNELIUS, POPE AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

Tue, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine

Thu, September 19: St. Januarius

Fri, September 20: STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PAUL CHÔNG HA-SANG AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Sat, September 21: ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

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, Sept. 15 9th Grade Confirmation Class (C) 9:30am
YFF (CC) 9:30am
YFF Parenting Meeting (CC) 9:45am
Catechist Meeting (CC annex) 12:00pm
Pho Fundraiser (CC) 12:00pm-2:00pm

Wed, Sept 18 NO Cantor/Choir rehearsals this week

**C: Church, CC: Community Center*

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

EX 32:7-11, 13-14; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 TM 1:12-17; LK 15:1-32 or LK 15:1-10

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate and merciful love of God, which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

In our First Reading from Exodus, we see the Israelites whom God has just rescued from slavery, behaving like ungrateful brats. The Lord provides them divine rescue from their enslavement, and they turn their backs on Him to create a false idol in the form of a molten calf to worship. What hubris! Yet, Moses pleads for God's mercy towards them, and once again, God grants it in abundance.

In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated... Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us, as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards.

In fact, the more we have been forgiven and live with the awareness of our continuing need for forgiveness, the deeper our gratitude to God, and thus the more fuel we have in our tanks to live the stewardship way of life.

Jesus Himself gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one in particular — the story of the lost sheep. Jesus begins this parable by asking, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

The natural response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend the time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic — God's mercy — defies human logic.

Jesus does go after the lost one and continues to pursue him "until he finds it." And when he finds the lost one, Jesus does not bring him back into the fold begrudgingly, with annoyance and frustration at having had to go after him. No, He brings the lost one back with great joy, carrying him upon His own shoulders. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think — even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior.

How can we demonstrate our gratitude to such a God? By living as His good stewards. We thank Him by offering back to Him the very best of ourselves — the talents He has given us (to use for His glory), the time He has given us (to spend

with Him in prayer), the material resources He has given us (to advance His kingdom).

In so doing, we can make the words of St. Paul, former enemy of Christ, our own stewardship motto: "I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry," We must keep rolling, Christian stewards!



STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL REPORT

	9/8/2019 (Wk 10 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$4,301.25	\$49,351.30	\$50,000.00
**E-Giving:	\$4,125.00		
Maintenance:	\$810.00	\$7,423.00	\$6,160.00
**E-Giving:	\$365.00		
Poor Box:	\$151.70	\$2,194.04	\$2,120.00
**E-Giving:	\$100.00		
Donations:	\$355.00	\$12,583.00	\$10,960.00
**E-Giving:	\$225.0		
Catholic University	\$810.61	\$910.61	N/A
**E-Giving:	\$100.00		
**E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church			

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

PARISH NEWS

Please save the date for the coming events:

Bottles & Brushes:
Thursday, October 3, 6pm
Tickets: \$30 in advance,
\$40 at the door



Parish Picnic
Sunday, October 13, 12:30pm
Sign Ups coming soon – please save the date!

Parish Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 9, 9am-3pm. Follow this event on Facebook for some sneak peeks at what will be for sale!

www.facebook.com/events/2367277793488722/

IF YOU HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT, PLEASE GO TO THIS EVENT AND SHARE IT – WE WANT LOTS OF FOOT TRAFFIC!

NEEDED NOW: This year, we would like to set up the Bazaar like a shop, or boutique. We are looking for some carpenters to help us by designing/building some self-standing displays. If you have this skill, please contact Barbie Carpenter at the parish office. 301-994-0607 or accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org.

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

“Spiritual Direction:

As Christians, we'll never reach perfection this side of heaven. There's always room to learn and grow in our spiritual life. We should be drawn to people who can help us along the way. That's why many people seek out spiritual direction. A spiritual director is someone who will “walk with you,” helping you discern and understand God's promptings and will for your life. Typically a person will meet regularly with their spiritual director, perhaps once a month. It's important to note that a spiritual director is not a therapist, or someone who will tell you what to do. They listen, ask questions and offer insight that will help you see and hear more clearly what God may be speaking to you. The aim of spiritual direction is to help you grow in holiness. A spiritual director can be a priest, religious or lay person. A reputable spiritual director will have gone through a training and certification process. (Note: while all priests can give spiritual counsel, not all priests are trained as spiritual directors.) Spiritual direction is for those who seriously wish to grow closer to God, to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in their life. If you're interested in seeking out a spiritual director, talk first with your local parish or diocese. Many parts of the country now offer formation and training for spiritual directors. For further study: www.foryourmarriage.org/spiritual-direction/

-excerpt from “A Minute in the Church: Life in Christ” by Gus Lloyd. This and three other such booklets are available on the book rack in the vestibule.

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

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

Classes begin TODAY, September 8 at 9:30am for all grades!

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 (@LFSpatrists)!

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

Knights of Columbus Car Raffle

The Fr. Sebastian De Rose Council #13091 will be selling tickets after Masses in September for the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus 50th Annual Car Raffle. The drawing will be held on October 12th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

GRAND PRIZE: 2020 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 Cash Option
2nd PRIZE: iPad
3rd PRIZE: \$200.00 Gift Card

NEWS IN OUR AREA

Sept. 28 Fall Dance – Fundraiser for 2nd District VFD & New Building; Time: **8:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.** at 2nd District VFD & RS, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD; Music by DJ Rich Wilson; Cash Bar / Refreshments; 50 / 50 Raffle; Basket of Cheer; Advanced Tickets: \$20 pp or At the Door \$25 pp; POCs Dee Dee Johnson 240-561-2750 & Georgia Wheeler 301-994-1960

Country Fix'ns Dinner

Sun, Sept. 29th Sacred Heart Parish of La Plata will host a “Country Fix'ns Dinner” at **12:00pm-5:00pm** in the Friendship Room. Our menu will include fried chicken, pulled pork, baked crab balls, parsley potatoes, green beans, corn pudding, baked apples, coleslaw, and rolls. The cost for dining in/all you can eat dinners will be \$25 for

adults, and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Children under 6 eat free. Carry out and drive thru options include a meal (1/2 fried chicken, pulled pork, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and a roll) for \$16, and a bucket of chicken (whole chicken and 4 rolls) for \$16. We will also have six baked crab balls for \$5. Delicious desserts and baked treats will be available for purchase. We will have a split the pot raffle this year. First prize will be 20% of the tickets sold; Second prize 15%; and Third prize 5% of tickets sold. Tickets are \$10 each for 6 for \$50. They are available at the Parish Office and will be on sale at the dinner prior to the 5:00pm drawings. For more info, call the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 301-934-2261

Prayer on the Square, Saturday, October 12, 2019

Thousands of Rosary Rallies are being organized across America to pray for our Country on Saturday, October 12, 2019! Join us "on the Square" in Leonardtown from 11:30 am to 1 pm for "Prayer on the Square - Rosary Rally." This year we are especially blessed to be given a talk by Fr. Martin Flum, beautiful Hymns will be performed by some members of the John Paul II Seminarian Choir and the St. Aloysius Hand Bell Choir! At Fatima, in 1917, Our Lady made it very clear that the Rosary is the supernatural solution to our earthly problems. St. Louis de Montfort stated that "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer...." As Christians, it is our responsibility to pray for our Nation. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12 *(In the event of inclement weather we will pray the Rosary inside the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fenwick Street in Leonardtown.)*

Apologetics Classes

Apologetics class is being held in the **St. Aloysius parish hall** with Ken Scheiber **on Monday nights at 7pm**

Apologetics Topics for this month

Sept. 9th Transgenderism and the Catholic Church
 Sept. 16th What Duties Do We Have to Immigrants?
 Sept. 23rd Sex Abuse Scandal: Fact and Fiction
 Sept. 30th Mercy-Killing Isn't Merciful

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

The 177 Project

On Sunday, September 22, the 177 Project will be returning to St. Aloysius Church. The 177 Project is a nationwide tour designed to help bring more people into Eucharistic Adoration. The night begins with an acoustic concert at 7:00 pm before moving into a Holy Hour. Confession will be available. Doors open at 6:15 pm, and

no tickets are necessary. The event is free to attend. A love offering will be taken. Lee Roessler will be the artist traveling for this event. For more information, please visit the177project.com.

The T.A.S.T.E. Program

Looking for a way to grow closer to God? Do you want to learn more about your Faith? You're invited to join women from 60+ Parishes every Thursday Morning. Come relax and be fed! The T.A.S.T.E. Program (Taste And See Eat...Eat) is a Catholic Women's Program dedicated to bringing women closer to Jesus AND the Church He founded. For more info on our speakers, topics or to register please go to: www.TasteProgram.com **First class begins September 19, 2019. Classes continue EVERY Thursday morning until May 7, 2020. Thursday mornings, 9:00am-11:30am.** Babysitting is Available! Please register online before August 31st so we can prepare a name tag and know that you are coming!

That Man is You!

That Man is You is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. For more info or register, please contact Mark Coontz at 240-561-22774 or mark_coontz@live.com

Monthly Mini-Retreats for Women

"A Path to Holiness... A Path to Happiness!" Join the Women of Regnum Christi as we begin our new season of monthly mini retreats. Evening retreat **Wednesday, Sept. 25th 7:00pm – 9:45pm**, Morning retreat **Thurs Sept. 26th 9:45am- 12:00pm**. This mini retreat includes: Mass, practical talk, personal reflection, opportunities for Confession, a meal and fellowship. Advanced Registration is requested, visit our website to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org

Babysitting is available for the morning session, and requires reservation. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD 20817.



JOIN us for lunch today, Sunday September 15th at St. George Community Center for a bowl of Vietnamese beef noodle soup (PHO) from 12-2pm. Suggested donation: \$10/adults, \$5/children 8-12, free/children 7 and under.