

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME STATEMENT

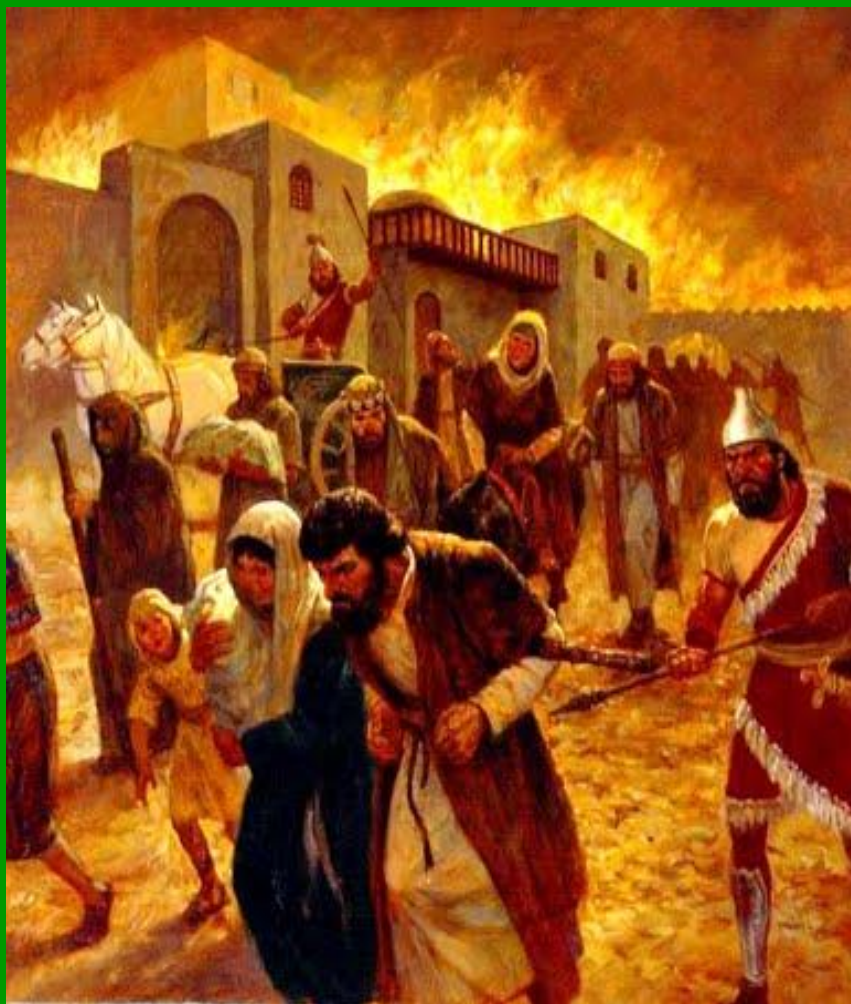
Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship, guidance or instruction.

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)



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

Kimberley Browne, Minister of Religious Education

Barbara Carpenter, Business Manager

Director of Liturgy and Music

Divine Stachowski, Secretary

Rico Romero, Facility Maintenance Supervisor

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00AM-2:00PM

Closed on Mondays

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Tuesday — Friday: 9:00 a.m.

First Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Anticipatory Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (St. George's Island):

Saturday 7:00 PM (Memorial Day - Labor Day)

Holy Day Masses: **9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

-----or 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@stgeorgerrc.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@stgeorgerrc.com

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 and Darren Rogers) at YouthGroup@stgeorgerrc.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

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@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.

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. 4:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays after Daily Mass

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tue | November 19 | 9:00 am Faithful Departed |
| Wed | November 20 | 9:00 am Faithful Departed |
| Thu | November 21 | 9:00 am Faithful Departed |
| Fri | November 22 | 9:00 am Faithful Departed |
| Sat | November 23 | 5:00 pm Faithful Departed |
| Sun | November 24 | 8:30 am Faithful Departed |
| Sun | November 24 | 11:00am Faithful Departed |

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Meals on Wheels: P. Keen, W. & B. Walker, J. & J. Lenderman

Altar Preparation: Kitton Britton

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon, Nov. 18: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Thu, Nov. 21: THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Fri, Nov. 22: ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
Sat, Nov. 23: St. Clement I St. Columbian Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Martyr

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

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| Sun, Nov. 17 | YFF (CC) 9:30am-10:45am YFF Lector Practice (CC) 9:30am-11:30am Catechist Meeting (CC) 12pm Youth Group (CC) 5pm-8pm Vietnamese Mass & Social (C) 6pm |
| Wed, Nov. 20 | Cantor Practice (C) 6:30pm Choir Practice (C) 7pm |
| Fri, Nov. 22 | Bible Study (CC) 10am |
| Sat, Nov. 23 | Stuffed Ham Prep (CC) 9am |
| Sun, Nov. 24 | YFF (CC) 9:30am Youth Group (CC) 5pm-8pm |

**C: Church, CC: Community Center*

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

MAL 3:19-20A; PS 98:5-9; 2 THES 3:7-12; LK 21:5-19

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sobering reminder that this life is not our ultimate aim, and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God first above all else as His faithful stewards.

This theme of right priorities is rolled out in no uncertain terms from the first verse of our first reading from Malachi. "Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble and the day that is coming will set them on fire."

But, there is good news for those who are faithful. "For you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." All the trials, any sufferings or injustices we endure for the sake of the Gospel, will be healed, and we will be rewarded in the end by our loving God who cannot be outdone in generosity.

Our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians reinforces the message that we must order our lives so that they are directed to the attainment of holiness and nothing else. We see in this passage that conducting ourselves as good stewards involves not only action in certain areas (intentional prioritizing of our time, talents, and treasure); it also means refraining from certain actions and areas that are really none of our concern.

St. Paul puts it this way: "some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others." It can be tempting in family life, work life and parish life, especially for those go-getters among us, to want to insert ourselves into others' way of doing things. But a good steward must have the humility to recognize that God has given gifts to everyone, and the way others use their gifts is between them and God. Besides, with a strong stewardship plan of life, we should have plenty to focus on without worrying about how those around us are operating.

Finally, our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around Him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here — the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Everything in this world is fleeting, our Lord reminds us. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet, before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name." Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not meant to be easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be

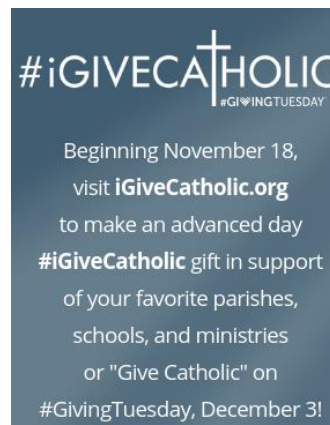
hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Onward Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

| | 11/10/2019 (Wk 19 of FY) | YTD Actual: | YTD Budget: |
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| Offertory: | \$3,440.79 | \$90,014.13 | \$95,000.00 |
| **E-Giving: | \$3,468.00 | | |
| Maintenance: | \$115.00 | \$13,270.00 | \$11,704.00 |
| **E-Giving: | \$365.00 | | |
| Poor Box: | \$153.63 | \$3,847.89 | \$4,028.00 |
| **E-Giving: | \$100.00 | | |
| Donations: | \$355.00 | \$17,833.00 | \$20,824.00 |
| **E-Giving: | \$225.00 | | |
| Retired Priests | ---- | \$1,863.94 | N/A |
| **E-Giving: | \$250.00 | | |
| **E-Giving will be reported after it has been received by the church | | | |

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.



St. George is participating in Giving Tuesday this year! If you participate in this annual fundraising effort, we respectfully ask you to consider "Giving Catholic!"

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

"The Second Precept:

You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The second ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness." (CCC 2042) Many Catholics have stopped going to confession. Honestly, it's sad that they choose not to receive the graces available in the sacrament. Regarding this precept, the Catechism says, "According to the Church's command, 'after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.'" Many think that since they don't believe they've committed any mortal sins; they need not go to confession. A good

examination of conscience may change one's mind on that. The Church encourages frequent confession. "Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed, the regular confession of our venial sins helps us from our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful." (CCC 1458) Most parishes have a penance service during Lent and/or Advent, making it more convenient for the faithful to fulfill this precept. If you've been away from the sacrament for months, years or even decades, go as soon as possible. God's grace and mercy await! For further study: CCC 2042 • CCC 1422-1498" – *Quoted from A Minute in the Church: Back to the Basics by Gus Lloyd.*

LITURGICAL NEWS

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – not a Holyday of Obligation in 2019

This year, the First Sunday of Advent falls on December 8, 2019. Because the First Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Because of this, the Solemnity is not a Holyday of Obligation this year.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lector Workshops

Holy Face church will be hosting workshops for EHMC's and Lectors **on Saturday, November 23rd**. Cost \$5 pay at the door. (St. George will reimburse all ministers from our parish.) EMHCs: 9am – 12pm, Lectors: 1pm-4pm. To register email liturgy@adw.org or call Maria Hamm 301-853-4594

PARISH NEWS

STUFFED HAM SALES!



The parish will once again be offering stuffed ham for sale for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Orders for **both holidays** must be placed **no later than Sunday, November 17**. This deadline is firm. Price: \$10/lb. Sign up in the vestibule after Masses to place your order(s)!

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

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

Classes begin at 9:30am on Sundays for all grades!

Catechist Meeting: Today, 12pm!

BIBLE STUDIES

Fridays, 9:30am (1st Fridays start at 10:45am)

Sundays, 9:45am

Both groups are studying The Gospel of Mark

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 (@LFS patriots)!

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

Planning Meeting: Tuesday, November 26: 6:30pm

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, December 1, 9:00am-10:30am

LOCAL EVENTS

Apologetics Classes

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

Upcoming Topics

Nov. 18th The Moral Hazards of Egg Freezing
Nov. 25th Catholic Church and Slavery

Mass with Healing Prayers and Eucharistic Adoration

There will be a Mass with healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 5:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Lexington Park, Confessions start at 5pm. All are welcome.

Olde Fashioned Christmas Bazaar

The Historic St. Francis Xavier Church is hosting the Thirty-Second Year of the Finest Arts, Crafts and Food on **November 23, 2019** at 10:00am-3:00pm. Café style luncheon and Carry out

Annual Fall Craft Show

On **Sunday November 24, 2019** The ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Vol. Fire Dept. is hosting our annual FALL CRAFT SHOW from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Social Hall located at 24801 Three Notch Rd. Hollywood. Free Admission and parking. Over 130 vendors displaying their handmade items. The Ladies will sell lunch items to include stuffed ham and bar-b-que sandwiches, homemade soups and more. Stuffed ham will be available by the pound. Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle. ATM on site. We will be collecting non-perishable items for Helping Hands. For more information, contact Leone Gatton at craftshow@nvfd7.com

Hollywood Tree Lighting 2019

The Hollywood Tree Lighting 2019 will be held **Sunday, December 1, 2019**. Doors open at 4:00pm at Hollywood VFD Social Hall, 24801 Three Notch Rd, Hollywood MD. Crafts will start at 4:00pm. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrive about 5:30pm. Refreshments available after Mr. Mrs. Clause arrive. Write your Santa letter and put in our Santa box. Fire prevention display. Giving away one Boy and one Girl stocking. Also, giving away one Girl and one Boy bike. **BRING YOUR CAMERA!**

Bear Hugs for Healing

The Bear Hugs for Healing is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas. Please drop off your donated bears by December 6th at Heavenly Presents, 22697 Washington Street (On the Square), Leonardtown, MD. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, or use the after-hours drop off box outside the store front door. Your tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. You may also purchase a bear or make donations through our website at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org click on Bear Hugs Project. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with the store tags

attached. Sorry, used stuffed bears are not accepted by the hospitals. Bear Hugs was an inspiration received in Thanksgiving for favors granted through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Jude. Please contact Patricia Disandro at 240-681-3606 for more details about how you can participate in this special outreach. Thank you for your continued generous support of Bear Hugs!

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

ADW Special Need Ministry

The annual Turkey Dinner held at the Pope Francis Center is an opportunity for the Deaf community and all those supported by the Department of Special Needs Ministries of the Archdiocese of Washington to gather together in fellowship, food, and fun! All are welcome to this dinner on **November 17th** from 11:30 – 4 pm. For more information contact 301-853-4560, 301-200-5430 VP, or deafcatholic@adw.org

The Sunday TV Mass

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The Mass airs every **Sunday at 10:30am** on WDCW-50: No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50, Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County; Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland, RCN: Ch. 15, Verizon: Ch. 3

Men's Retreat February 7-9, 2020: "Life in Christ: The Gift of the Sacraments"

The Office for Family Life is hosting a Men's Retreat. Join men from around the Archdiocese of Washington for a weekend retreat directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Msgr. Robert Panke. Are you living the graces of a fully sacramental Life? What does it mean to live out our baptism, to live a Eucharistic life and to access the grace of the sacrament of reconciliation in our daily lives and relationships? This retreat will help you to reflect on the importance of our sacraments and to reconnect with the most important relationship in your life - your relationship with Christ. The retreat will be held at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. To register go to the following link: <https://2020adwmensretreat.eventbrite.com> or for more information call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499.

We would like to give a huge thanks to those who helped with this year's Christmas Bazaar donations and preparation. We are grateful.

