

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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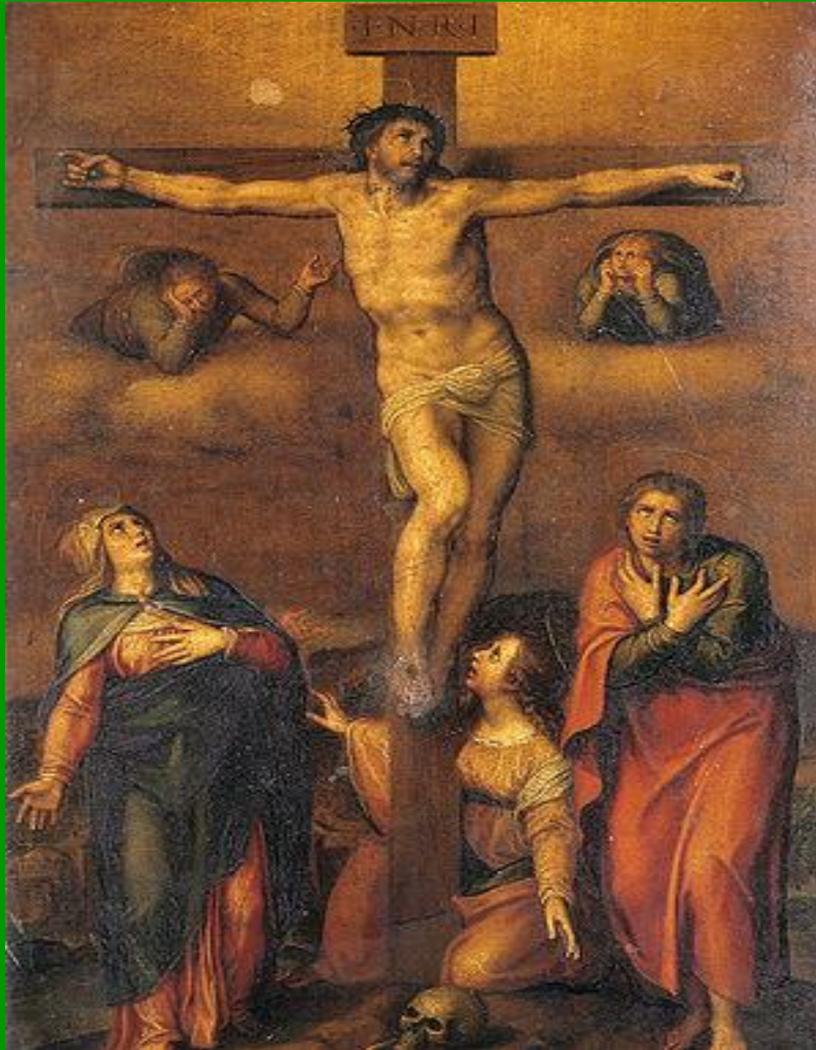
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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)



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@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.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@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. 4:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays after Daily Mass

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

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Joyce Herbert



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	November 26	9:00 am Faithful Departed
Wed	November 27	9:00 am Faithful Departed
Thu	November 28	9:00 am St. George Parishioners
Sat	November 30	5:00 pm Faithful Departed
Sun	December 1	8:30 am Joyce Herbert
Sun	December 1	11:00am St. George Parishioners

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, B. Gallo

Meals on Wheels: P. Bowens & M.A. Goddard, K. Owens

Altar Preparation: Christ Cantrill

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Mon, Nov. 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Sat, Nov. 30: ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

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, Nov. 24	YFF (CC) 9:30am-10:45am Youth Group (CC) 5pm-8pm
Mon, Nov. 25	Stuffed Ham Prep (CC) 9am-1pm
Tue, Nov. 26	Stuffed Ham Pick up in (CC) 10am-12pm KoC Planning Meeting (CC) 6:30pm
Wed, Nov. 27	Cantor Practice (C) 6:30pm Choir Practice (C) 7pm
Thu, Nov. 28	OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day Mass: 9am
Fri, Nov. 29	OFFICE CLOSED

**C: Church, CC: Community Center*

Scriptural Reflection of a Faithful Steward

2 SM 5:1-3; PS 122:1-5; COL 1:12-20; LK 23:35-43

On this Feast of Christ, the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And, what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. “All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together... For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell.”

It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That’s our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage from Luke. Now, we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers, to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, reviling Him. They tauntingly urge Him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end His suffering with a great show of power. “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”

But He does not.

Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of His greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And, we will advance His kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving Christ and others.

The “good thief” hanging on the cross next to Jesus realizes this just in time. Struck by our Lord’s perfect humility, he recognizes that Christ is indeed the King of kings. In His last moments of life, he becomes a steward of Christ’s kingdom as he counsels the criminal on our Lord’s other side to repent. What is the result? Jesus promises the good thief a place with Him that very day in Paradise. Our God simply cannot be outdone in generosity.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will clearly involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and who promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	11/17/2019 (Wk 20 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$3,352.57	\$93,366.70	\$100,000.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Maintenance:	\$50.00	\$13,320.00	\$12,320.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Poor Box:	\$315.50	\$4,163.39	\$4,240.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Donations:	\$315.00	\$18,148.00	\$21,920.00
**E-Giving:	----		
Retired Priests	\$0.00	\$1,863.94	N/A
**E-Giving:	----		
**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 Third Precept:

You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “The third precept guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.” (CCC 2042) In times past (and even today, for some), reception of the Eucharist was a rarity. As the Church grew and more and more priests were ordained, Holy Mass was able to be offered more frequently. Now, most parishes have multiple Masses on the weekend, with a vigil Mass on Saturday (sometimes more than one) and a variety of Mass times on Sunday. For most, the obstacles of not having a priest available or a church nearby have been removed. Note that this precept does not conflict with the first precept (You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of

obligation). In fact, all of the precepts work in tandem with the others. It is not an either/or, but a both/ and proposition. While receiving the Eucharist at Mass is the ordinary way, the third precept does not mention Mass, but only reception of the Eucharist. We need to take as an example those who, down through the ages, traveled many miles and endured many hardships just for the opportunity to receive the Eucharist once a year. We must view it as the precious gift that it is and long for Jesus, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. The Church encourages frequent reception of the Eucharist. Let us stay in a state of grace and receive Jesus in the Eucharist often. For further study: CCC 2042 • CCC 1322-1421”
 – 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.

PARISH NEWS

STUFFED HAM SALES!



Pick up your pre-ordered Stuffed Ham on Tuesday, November 26, from 10am – 12pm at the Community Center kitchen door. Christmas order

pick up date will be announced.

Thanksgiving Day Mass



The parish will have a Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am on Thursday, November 28. If you would like to have an item from your Thanksgiving Day meal or something that you cook with throughout the year blessed, please

place it on the table available at the front of church when you arrive at Mass that day.

Parish Christmas Bazaar

A heartfelt **“thank-you”** to everyone who participated in the bazaar in any way! Profits for the bazaar are \$5,559.85. Profits for the Chicken Dinner are \$612.26.

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!
Classes cancelled Sunday, December 1 – Happy Thanksgiving!

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 (@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

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. 25th Catholic Church and Slavery
 Dec. 2nd Is it Reasonable to Believe in God?

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!**

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

All are welcome to attend the Special Needs Mass "Celebrating Our Gifts" on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the 5:00PM Vigil Mass at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown. Our young adults participate in a weekly prayer group at Heavenly Presents named: Friends of Faith. Our Friends of Faith will be using their gifts as lectors, greeters, altar servers, cantors, gift bearers and will be singing in the choir. Please join us this Advent as we prepare the way of the Lord. Any questions contact: Liz Tomaszewski (liz.tomaszewski@gmail.com)

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!

Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

Present date to December 20th 2019, Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings located at 46370 Lexington Village Way, Lexington Park MD; Anytime during hours of operation.; 10% of bill goes to 2nd District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad; (TEAMMATE Card must be shown to waiter to receive 10% of bill for fundraiser, Call Robin for more information at 301-737-4366 (H) or 240-577-0270 (C)

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**Loyola on the Potomac-Saintly Tea**

Sunday, December 15th

3:00 to 5:00 pm

Tea will include delicious assorted hors d'oeuvres, finger sandwiches and desserts.

Door Prizes

\$25.00 per person.

Contact Alice Case at (301) 392-0819

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.

Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekend

Upcoming weekends: Dec. 12-15, Are you ready?! You're not just planning a wedding; you're preparing for a lifetime! Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS Inventory included and we are a partner of the Witness to Love Program! Registration required. Find more information on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612. These weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

Help Our Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org