

Established 1851

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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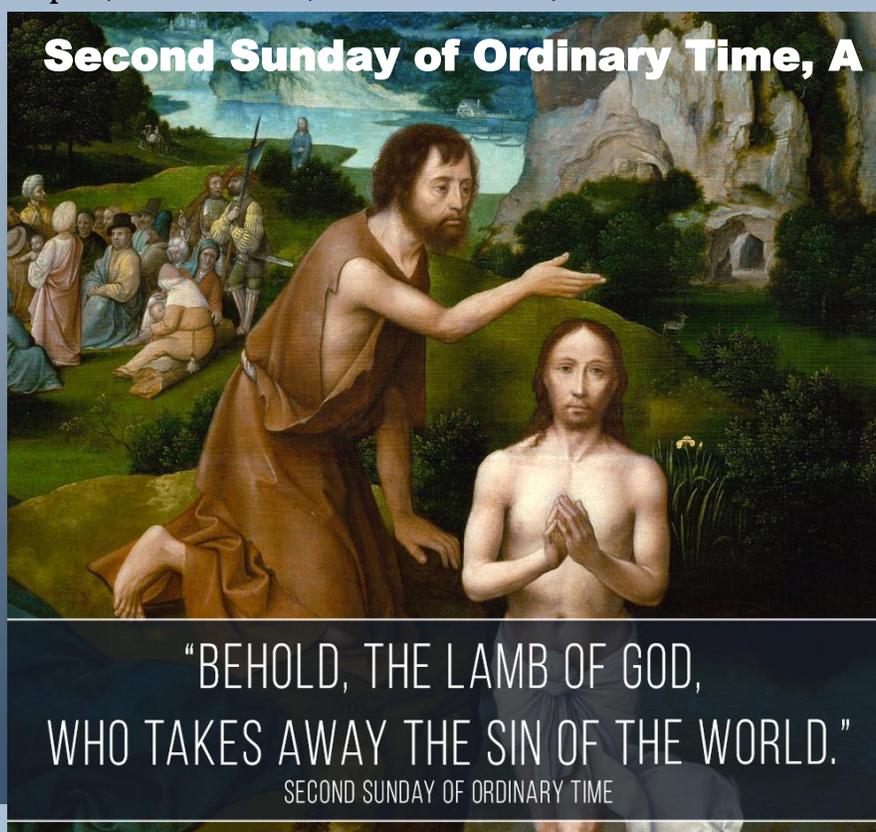


## WELCOME

*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.*

## 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 the poor, the vulnerable, and those in need; and to reconcile ourselves with God and one another.



## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Nguyen, *Pastor*

Deacon Joel Carpenter, *Parish Deacon*

Mrs. Kimberley Browne, *Minister of Religious Education*

Mrs. Barbara Carpenter, *Business Manager*

*Director of Liturgy and Music*

Mrs. Divine Stachowski, *Parish Secretary*

Mr. Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance Supervisor*

## OFFICE HOURS

Tues--Fri. 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 (on St. George island)

Saturday 7:00 PM (May to September) \*

\* Memorial Day to Labor Day

Holy Day Masses — 9am & 7pm...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](mailto: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. Classes are held Saturdays 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](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.com)

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL (pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

For registration or information, please call LFS at (301) 994-0404 or visit us online [www.littleflowercatholic.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org)

### **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:**

Saturday 4:00-4:30PM, or by appointment. And 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30am

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Tue</b>	<b>January 21</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>John Re</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>January 22</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Anne Lancaster</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Linda Hammett</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>January 24</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Bill Goddard</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>January 25</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Ryan Edwards &amp; Children (L)</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>January 26</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Catherine Evans &amp; Children (L)</b>

## Liturgical Feast Days

**Mon. Jan. 20** – St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr. St. Sebastian Martyr

**Tue, Jan. 21** – ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

**Wed, Jan. 22** – DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

**Thu, Jan. 23** – St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

**Fri, Jan. 24** – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Sat, Jan. 25** – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

## WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Meals on Wheels: P. Keen, K. Owens, G. Crawford

Altar Preparation: C. Cantrill



**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	
	YFF (CC) 9:30am
Sun	Jan. 19 Lunar New Year Set Up (CC) 10am Vietnamese Mass & Gathering (C) 2pm Lunar New Year Celebration (CC) 5pm
Mon	Jan. 20
Tue	Jan. 21
Wed	Jan. 22 Cantors (C) 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7pm
Thu	Jan. 23
Fri	Jan. 24 Bible Study (CC) 10am
Sat	Jan. 25 Movie Night (CC) 6pm-8pm

*\*C: Church, CC: Community Center*

**A REFLECTION FROM A FAITHFUL STEWARD**

**IS 49:3, 5-6; PS 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 COR 1:1-3; JN 1:29-34**

Today’s readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards.

In the first reading, from Isaiah, we hear the voice of the “Suffering Servant” — prophetic words of Jesus Christ. “Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb.” How beautiful! Even from the first moment of his conception in the womb of our Blessed Mother, Jesus’ saving mission had begun. This is true for each one of us. The Father has called each of us from the moment of our conception for a unique mission to further His kingdom on the earth. Each one of us can truly say the Father has “formed me as his servant from the womb.”

To be his servant is all that truly matters in this life, for ourselves and for our children. Career paths, athletic accomplishments, the school we attend or the city in which we live — all are secondary to the thing that matters most — that we have been called from the womb for the privilege of being God’s servants. Do our daily lives reflect this high calling? Do we use the gifts of our time, talents and treasure in service of God’s kingdom, and do we guide our children to do the same, for that is why God has entrusted these things to us?

Our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, gives us another reminder of our true identity as God’s servants and the high calling we have as Christian stewards. St. Paul greets the Corinthians, and us as well, with this description: “To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy...” We are called to nothing less than holiness. After all, only the holy can enter heaven.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’”

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore, He truly does “rank ahead” of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Again, let us examine our daily lives, and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family “rank ahead” of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God’s kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	1/12/2020 (Week 28 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$3,419.42	\$133,316.01	\$140,000.00
**E-Giving	\$3,288.00		
Maintenance:	\$480.00	\$18,804.00	\$17,248.00
**E-Giving	\$365.00		
Poor Box:	\$195.00	\$7,097.95	\$5,936.00
**E-Giving	\$100.00		
Donations:	\$720.00	\$32,483.43	\$30,688.00
**E-Giving	\$525.00		
Arch.Mil. Serv.	----	\$982.00	N/A
**E-Giving	\$80.00		

*\*\*E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month.*

**Thank you for your faithful Parish support.**

**2019 DONATION STATEMENTS**

Statements will not be released until after January 27, 2020, in order to ensure that everyone’s contributions have been recorded. Instructions on how to retrieve your statement electronically will appear in the bulletin at that time. In the interest of being good stewards of our financial gifts, we do not send statements in the mail. You can request that we print a statement for you to pick up from our office, or we can email you a copy of your statement. If you wish to receive your statement via email, please send a request to: [accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org](mailto:accounting.stgeorge.md@adw.org).

**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS**

**“The Capital Sins:** (Also known as the Seven Deadly Sins) Pride, Greed (Avarice), Lust, Anger, Gluttony, Envy, Sloth (Acedia)”

*Pride*

When it comes to sins and vices, pride is the big dog. This is why it is always first in the list of sins or vices. A very simplistic definition of pride may be thinking of oneself as better than everyone else, including God. It is a super-magnified sense of self-importance. The opposite of pride is humility. Pride is known as the root sin, or at the root of all sin. The prideful person is one who thinks they know better than everyone else. This also includes knowing better than God. We find the sin of pride in its first instance with Satan. Satan was once a mighty angel but because he thought he knew better than God, through the sin of pride he fell. Pride caused him to reject God, just as it causes us to reject God. (See CCC 391-395) Pride manifests itself in many different ways. First, it causes us to turn away from

God, because we think we know better than He does how to handle our lives. It causes us to look down on others, thinking ourselves better than they. It causes us to pick and choose which commandments and teachings of the Church we want to accept, and which ones we refuse to accept. God becomes an afterthought, if He is thought of at all, because of our self-centeredness. There is, by the way, a good kind of pride. When a parent takes pride in one of their children, it is a good thing, and not the sin of pride. Many people are familiar with an axiom that contains great truth, “Pride goes before a fall.” This is from Proverbs 16:18 – “Pride goes before disaster and a haughty spirit before a fall.” (NAB) For further study: CCC 2094, 2540 Proverbs 16:18” – *Quoted from A Minute in the Church: Back to the Basics by Gus Lloyd.*

**PARISH NEWS**

**Stuffed Ham**

A huge “thank-you” to Pat Bowes and all who help make our Stuffed Ham sales a success each year! The total profit this year was \$6,326.16!

**Save the Date**

Our parish group, VASMA (Vietnamese American of Southern Maryland Association), will once again sponsor a celebration of the Lunar New Year.

**Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 4-7pm  
In the Community Center of St. George**

**FAITH FORMATION**

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

Please contact Mrs. Kim Browne, [kim.browne@stgeorgegcc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgegcc.org)

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

**BIBLE STUDIES**

Fridays, 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:LFSoffice@littleflowercatholic.org)).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**January 25, 2020:** Movie Night 6pm

**January 28, 2020:** Planning Meeting 6:30pm

**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

- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Defending the Right to Life
- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Did Jesus really do Miracles?
- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Defense of Church Property

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land!**

Walking Where Jesus Walked -- Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Join us in the footsteps of Jesus, Oct. 18 - 27, 2020. We will visit many biblical holy places on this trip including: Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, Dead Sea and more! Fr. Rob Maro and Fr. Michal Sajnog will be joining us to provide Mass, confession & spiritual direction. Cost: (based on double occupancy) \$3,855.00. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for full itinerary & trip details at 301-475-7139 or visit: [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org) & click on the Holy Land Pilgrimage button at the top right. This trip will fill up fast, so don't wait to register!

**Annual Gathering of Southern MD Musicians**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Southern MD Musicians will take place on January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30am – 2:30pm at a member's home on Breton Bay near Leonardtown. Past gatherings have addressed issues like seasonal repertoires, effective psalm singing, and the Revised Roman Missals – always with time allowed for sharing and networking. This year's topic is Encouraging Assembly Singing: The Challenges. The invitation is for directors, singers, ensemble leaders, accompanists, cantors, instrumentalists, pastors – anyone involved with the musical worship of the parish.

**OTHER EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

**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: Jan. 23-26, Feb. 20-23, Mar. 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 Registration required. Find more information on our website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://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

**Leap into the 12 Steps of Recovery**

Living through a loved one's process of addiction & recovery is challenging & sometimes overwhelming for all involved. This retreat offers the opportunity to reflect on how the 12 Steps of Recovery may support anyone on this journey towards acceptance, serenity, and growth one step at a time. The Retreat leaders bring years of experience in working in the areas of addiction & recovery using the 12 step model as a tool toward Spiritual recovery and growth. **Registration deadline: Feb. 14.** To Register: Email [directorcampmaria.org](mailto:directorcampmaria.org) Questions: contact Ann Kovalcik at 301 475-8330