

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.

MATTHEW 5:13  
16 **SALT  
&  
LIGHT**

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH. BUT IF THE SALT LOSES ITS SALTINESS  
HOW CAN IT BE MADE SALTY AGAIN? IT IS NO LONGER  
GOOD FOR ANYTHING, EXCEPT TO BE THROWN OUT  
AND TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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's 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.org](mailto:fr.paulnguyen@stgeorgerc.org)

## **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>February 11</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>John Re</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>February 12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Julius Owens</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Phyllis Browne</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>February 14</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Phero Dang Chang</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>James Gladman</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Glenn &amp; Marilou Toledo (L)</b>

## **Liturgical Feast Days**

**Mon, Feb. 10** – ST. SCHOLASTICA, *VIRGIN*

**Tue, Feb. 11** – Our Lady of Lourdes

**Fri, Feb. 14** – ST. CYRIL, *MONK*. ST. METHODIUS, *BISHOP*

## **WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

Meals on Wheels: I. Hardy, W. & B. Walker, K. Raley

Altar Preparation: Linda Dean



### 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	Feb. 9	YFF(CC) 9:30am-10:45am 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent Mtg (CC), 9:45am VASMA Language Class (CC) 12pm-1pm Youth Group (CC) 5pm-7:30pm
Wed	Feb. 12	Cantors (C) 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7pm
Fri	Feb. 14	Bible Study (CC) 10am
*C: Church, CC: Community Center		

### A REFLECTION FROM A FAITHFUL STEWARD

**IS 58: 7-10; PS 112:4-9; 1 COR 2:1-5; MT 5:13-16**

Today’s readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us as Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: “Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.” The Lord gives no wiggle room here — care for our brothers and sisters in need is a “must do” for the Christian steward. Note, too, that these instructions require action — to share, to shelter, to clothe, and to hang in there with your family members, even the demanding ones.

But note, too, how generous our God is to us when we do these things. “Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer... Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.” Our gracious God commands us to place a high priority on serving the needs of others because He has created us for just this purpose. He knows that the more we give ourselves away, the more we will find ourselves — and “light shall rise” for us in the form of more of His grace in our lives and more of His joy and His peace in our hearts. This is the beauty of a stewardship way of life.

Our second reading, from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, reassures us that we need not worry too much about our personal skill set in answering this call from the Lord to serve — for it is the Lord Himself who will act through us if we step forward in faith. Paul says of himself, and we can take his words to heart, “I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom... I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling... so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.” Our weakness is no obstacle for God — He uses even our weaknesses to show His glory if we simply cooperate with Him. This should be an encouragement for those moments when we don’t feel qualified to do all that God is calling us to do.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale, and light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and, above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let’s give it our all!



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	2/2/2020 (Week 31 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$4,566.00	\$145,825.87	\$155,000.00
**E-Giving	----		
Maintenance:	\$1,770.00	\$20,809.00	\$19,096.00
**E-Giving	----		
Poor Box:	\$161.01	\$7,625.16	\$6,572.00
**E-Giving	----		
Donations:	\$870.00	\$34,713.43	\$33,976.00
**E-Giving	----		
**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**

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).

To retrieve your electronic statement:

1. Please visit the church website ([www.stgeorgerc.org](http://www.stgeorgerc.org)).
2. On the home page, scroll down to "Parish News"
3. Click the headline "How to Access Your 2019 Contribution Statement"
4. Follow the instructions to download your statement.

**Annual Appeal**

Next weekend, our Bishop will ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal. This weekend, brochures and frequently asked questions about the Annual Appeal are available in our church to help inform your giving. You may also visit the Annual Appeal website at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

The Annual Appeal Supports more than 60 ministries and programs that benefit countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community.

As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**CATHOLIC TEACHINGS**

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

**Anger**

Anger is not always a sin, much less a deadly sin. There is such a thing as righteous anger. Jesus modeled this in numerous places in Scripture. For instance, He called out the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy, referring to them as hypocrites, blind fools and blind guides. (Matthew 23) He turned over the tables of the moneychangers in the temple. (Mark 11:15-19) Being angry at injustice is not the deadly sin of anger. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Anger is a desire for revenge. If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin." (CCC 2302) While righteous anger should lead to positive actions, sinful anger (also known as wrath) often manifests itself in violence and hate and outbursts of language. Even if those who fall into anger may be able to curb their actions, anger inwardly leads to a blackness of the heart, and separation from the love of God. Jesus warns of anger in Matthew 5:21-22 when He said, "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna." Also, Psalm 37:8 says, "Give up your anger, abandon your wrath; do not be provoked; it brings only harm." The remedies to anger are the virtues of patience and meekness. Work on those and your anger will fade away. For further study: Matthew 5:21-26 • Psalm 37:8 CCC 1765, 1866, 2259, 2262, 2302" – *Quoted from A Minute in the Church: Back to the Basics by Gus Lloyd.*

**LITURGICAL NEWS**

Monthly Vietnamese Mass and Gathering:  
Sunday, February 16, 6:00pm

**PARISH NEWS**

Save the Date:



St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Sunday,  
March 15, 4pm – 7pm

**“Vocation Tree” Coming Soon!**

What’s a “Vocation Tree”? Shortly before Ash Wednesday, you’ll find a “tree” in the church foyer covered with cards that each feature a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Washington. We invite you to choose a card (or more than one!) and commit to praying a short prayer for that seminarian each day during Lent as part of your Lenten activities.



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)).

**FAITH FORMATION  
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES**

**K-8**

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent Meeting: TODAY (Sunday), 9:45am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Retreat: Saturday, February 22, 9am – 12pm**

**Catechist Meeting: Sunday, February 23, 12pm**

**BIBLE STUDIES**

Fridays, 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> Fridays start at 10:45am)  
Sundays, 9:45am

**New Friday morning session beginning February 21!**

"The Bible and The Church Fathers" is a 12 session study of the "historical overview of the early Christian Church’s approach to the Word of God as seen through the eyes of the Church Fathers." These Fathers of the Church are as relevant now as they were in the early centuries of Christianity.

This new study will start on Feb. 21 and end on May 15 (assuming no weather-related cancellations). There will be no session on Good Friday.

We invite all to join us in this new study so you too can experience "AHA and Lightbulb Moments", interesting discussions and deepening faith.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**February 22, 2020:** Movie Night after 5pm Mass

**February 25, 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

- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Defense of Church Property
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Martin Luther from the Catholic Perspective
- Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... One Nation, Under God?

**2nd District Firehouse & Rescue Squad  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

February 25, 5pm - 7pm; Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Links, and Apple Sauce; Assorted juices, milk, and coffee will be available; Cost: Adults - \$8.00; Children 6 – 12 \$4.00; Children 5 & under are free; For more info, call 301-994-9999

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**Wednesday, February 12** - at St. Aloysius Church in the parish hall. We will begin with a Rosary starting at 6:30 pm followed by Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayers from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please come and join us as we give thanks to the Lord!

**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.