

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.



Third Sunday of Lent

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

Closed on Mondays
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday & Friday 10:00am-2:00pm

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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.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@stgeorgercc.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: 1st Fri. & Sat. 9:30-10:30am

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	March 17	9:00 am	Chris DePiazza (L)
Wed	March 18	9:00 am	Lucy Hammett (L)
Thu	March 19	9:00 am	John Re
Fri	March 20	9:00 am	Thomas Leo Dougherty
Sat	March 21	5:00 pm	Parishioners
Sun	March 22	8:30 am	Thomasine Thompson & Randolph Saxon
		11:00 am	Leigh & Kelly DePiazza (L)

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Meals on Wheels: B. Adams, K. Owens, S. & M. DeMoss-Coward

Altar Preparation: Marie Goldsmith

Liturgical Feast Days

Tue. Mar. 17 – St. Patrick, *Bishop*

Wed. Mar. 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Thu. Mar. 19 – ST. JOSPEH, *SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*



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	Mar. 15	YFF (CC) 9:30am-10:45am Bible Study (CC) 9:45am VASMA Language Class (CC) 12pm-1pm Youth Group (CC) 4pm-7:30pm Vietnamese Mass & Gathering (C) 6pm
Wed	Mar. 18	Theological Debate (CC) 5pm Cantors (C) 6:30pm-7pm Choir Rehearsal (C) 7pm
Fri	Mar. 19	Bible Study (CC) 10am Fish Dinner (CC) 4pm-6:30pm Living Stations (CC) 7pm
*C: Church, CC: Community Center		

A REFLECTION FROM A FAITHFUL STEWARD

EX 17:3-7; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; ROM 5:1-2, 5-8; JN 4:5-42 or JN 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided abundantly to quench their thirst, instructing Moses to strike a rock "and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." God continued to provide generously for them. And He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our second reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans, is a further reminder of God's graciousness to us: "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." And not because we are deserving, but because God is so very good: "God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." If we spent the rest of our Lent truly contemplating that latter verse, we would surely be inspired to become more passionate stewards in response to such overwhelming love. We would become stewards who, by the heroic sharing of all the gifts God has given us, lead many of those around us to Christ and help to quench His thirst for souls.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter that Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." She is puzzled by this request so our Lord adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." Christ is speaking these same

words to us today: "Give me a drink" and "If only you knew..."

These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace: "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

For some mysterious reason, God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. It is an indescribable privilege to live this way.

Yet, our Lord does not wish us to be concerned about our unworthiness for such a high calling. He demonstrates this throughout the Scriptures by calling the "unworthy." In today's passage He chooses the Samaritan woman. She is a woman with a "past" and even a current living situation that is scandalous. But He calls her to conversion, and she responds to His call, becoming a disciple for her whole village.

He is calling to us too, to live as His modern-day disciples. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst for the salvation of all.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT			
	3/8/2020 (Week 36 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$3,504.26	\$171,044.68	\$180,000.00
**E-Giving	\$3,900.00		
Maintenance:	\$860.00	\$24,729.00	\$22,176.00
**E-Giving	\$365.00		
Poor Box:	\$165.00	\$9,805.30	\$7,632.00
**E-Giving	\$100.00		
Donations:	\$265.00	\$39,348.43	\$39,456.00
**E-Giving	\$600.00		
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**E-Giving	\$80.00		

***E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th 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.

Second Collection This Weekend:

Our 2nd collection this weekend is for the Church in the Developing World. Thank you for whatever you can give to help

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

“Why Did Jesus Allow the Cross?

Let’s talk about love.

He died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him. —2 Corinthians 5:15

Who is the most important person in your life? So, who is it? Who is the most important person in your life, right now, today? *Solution Offered* Many of us would respond with the name of a family member, or a boyfriend or girlfriend, or husband or wife. Some would respond with the name of their best friend. Think hard; I’ll wait. Of all of the people in your life today, whom do you care about the most? Who means the most to you? Whose happiness means the most to you? The sad truth is that as much as we love or care about another person, there are many of us alive today who will find the answer to this question not in one another but in the mirror. For years my favorite two phrases were “I don’t want to” and “because I don’t feel like it.” I was a very selfish person. Actually, it hurts to say this, but I still am pretty selfish sometimes. As much as I care about others (or claim to), a lot of times, I still put my wants and needs ahead of others’ because I feel like it, or it’s more comfortable, or it’s easier. What if Jesus had done that instead of hanging on that cross? Make no mistake: Nails didn’t keep Jesus on that cross; love did. That person you thought of first, or those people you thought of, when I asked you who is most important: Would they die for you? Truthfully? Would Jesus? Yes. Did Jesus? Yes. Does that really mean anything to you? Yes. That’s love, true love: to be willing to die for another (see John 15:13). So this verse from 2 Corinthians is telling us two things: Real love means sacrifice and death. If the person who says, “I love you,” is not willing to sacrifice for you—it ain’t love. If we want to experience true love, we need to put our own needs and wants second to God’s. He has a plan for you. You can follow it, or you can fight it. Your choice. Just remember, the easy way out is just that—the easy way out. And anything easy has its cost. *Salvation Given* He died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him. —2 Corinthians 5:15 This week, have more faith in God. He has faith in you.” – *Quoted from Ask the Bible Geek by Mark Hart.*

LITURGICAL NEWS

Guidance regarding concerns over the flu/coronavirus:

Sign of Peace: Parishioners are reminded that no one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace (a nod, bow or other gesture is appropriate).

Holding hands during the Lord’s Prayer: Parishioners are reminded that this is not part of the gestures for the Catholic liturgy. Our sign of unity is Communion. Joining

hands with others during the Lord’s Prayer is always discouraged.

Reception of the Precious Blood: At St. George, we have discontinued the distribution of the Precious Blood until Easter. Even then, no one is required to receive from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood.

Receiving Communion on the tongue: Update: please consider receiving in the hand. Receiving in the hand instead of on the tongue is always perfectly acceptable. If choosing to receive on the tongue, the recipient should make sure to receive in such a way as to ensure that the person distributing the host does not have to touch one’s mouth in any way.

Update: Holy Water fonts have been removed temporarily.

Further, anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of good will, or if warranted, refrain from participation in public activities, including Mass. If you need to refrain from Sunday Mass, you are dispensed from the Sunday obligation. Ministers, including servers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMHC), also should be reminded to practice good hand hygiene.

Lenten Activities:

Stations of the Cross:

Friday, March 20, 7:00 pm

Confessions @ St. George:

Friday, March 20, 6-6:45pm

Friday, March 20, 7:30-8pm

Saturdays, 4-4:30

For your convenience, the following is a list of **confession times at other parishes** in our county, listed by day of the week:

Mondays	5:30-6:30pm	Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico
Tuesdays	6-7pm	St. Michael, Ridge
	6-7pm	Sacred Heart, Bushwood
Wednesdays	6-7pm	Holy Angels, Avenue
	6-7pm	Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Solomon’s (in historic church)
	6:30-8pm	St. Aloysius, Leonardtown
	6:30-8pm	Immaculate Conception, Mechanicsville
Thursdays	6:30-8pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park
Fridays	8:30am & 6:30pm	Our Lady’s Church, Medley’s Neck
	6-7pm	Holy Face, Great Mills
	6-7pm & 7:30-8pm	St. George, Valley Lee
	7:30pm	St. Francis Xavier Newtown Neck, Leonardtown

Regional Penance Service: **Tuesday, April 7 @ 7 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park**

PARISH NEWS

Ecumenical Dialogue and Debate

On Wednesday, March 18, David Nguyen will discuss and debate Mariology, particularly the question of whether Mary has other children besides Jesus. Everyone is invited to attend this learning opportunity at 6pm in the Community Center. No registration or reservation needed, all are welcome.

Lenten Pilgrimage:

Saturday, March 21, 7:30am - 9pm

The parish and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this trip to the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem for the National Shrine of the Holy Family. The trip is first-come, first-served, so please call the parish office to reserve your space today! 301-994-0607.

POSTPONED!

Fish Dinners



To assist you in your Lenten Friday abstinence, our Knights of Columbus offer a fish dinner on Fridays, from 4pm – 6:30pm in the Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend and all donations made help support the good works of our KoC Council.

“Keep Praying for Our Seminarians”

Thanks to all of you who picked a card from the Vocations Tree. Please keep up the daily prayers for seminarians throughout Lent—and beyond, if you wish. By the way, did you notice each seminarian’s card lists his year of formation? Did you wonder what it meant? Archdiocesan seminarians go through many years of formation before ordination!

NEW: UNBOUND Ministry

The Gospel promises us peace, but we so often find ourselves bound by feelings of anxiety, fear, guilt, hopelessness, and shame. Unbound Ministry is a safe, confidential, and effective prayer ministry to help us to respond more fully to the Gospel using five simple keys. To learn more, please join us for an information conference and presentation by Leonard Wathen on **Sunday, March 29** after the 8:30am Mass (9:45-10:30) in the Community Center.

PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Our parish annual Spring cleaning of the church, grounds & cemetery in preparation for Easter is Saturday March 28th from 9am to 1pm * Please bring rakes, trimming and gardening tools if you have them. Lunch will be provided.

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF) GRADES K-8

Contact Kim Browne, kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org
Classes begin at 9:30am on Sundays for all grades!

BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

February 28, 2020 – April 3, 2020: Fish Dinners every Friday 4pm-6:30pm

March 31, 2020: KoC Planning Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

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

Mar. 16th - Why are there many religions? (If There's Only 1 God)

Mar. 23rd – Two Lungs of the Church: Catholicism and Orthodoxy

Mar. 30th – The Logical Difficulties of Sola Scriptura

Holy Angels Church Seafood Dinner

On Sunday, March 22, from 11:30am - 4:00pm, Holy Angels Church in Avenue will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. Menu: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, & all the trimmings! Served buffet style – all you can eat! Adults: \$30; Children (12 - 6): \$8; & children (5 & under): Free. Carry-outs available at \$28 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and craft table! Raffle Prizes: First prize: \$1,000, Second prize: \$500. You do not need to be present to win. Holy Angels Church address is 21340 Colton Point Rd. Avenue, MD 20609. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, call 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com