

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.



SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 until further notice

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Tuesday — Friday: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

First Saturday: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Weekend Masses

Saturday — CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sunday — CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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@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. 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@stgeorgerrc.org

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. 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	May 5	Masses will be offered privately by Fr. Paul at various times.	Charles Berry
Wed	May 6		Thomas Bartley Daily (L)
Thu	May 7		John Re
Fri	May 8		Poe & Greene families (L & D)
Sat	May 9		First Communicants
Sun	May 10		All Mothers & Godmothers

Please rest assured that Father is saying private Masses daily for these intentions

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: No daily Mass until further notice

Meals on Wheels: No volunteer deliveries until further notice

Altar Preparation: No Altar preparation until further notice

Liturgical Feast Days

Sun, May 3 4th Sunday of Easter

Sun, May 10 5th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)



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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41; PS 23:1-3A, 3B4-6; 1 PT 2:20B-25; JN 10:1-10

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

In both the first and second readings, we find Peter embracing his role as leader of the newborn Church. In our first reading from Acts, he exhorts the crowd, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." We then read that the ones who accepted his message were baptized that day. Peter simply proposed the Good News to them and then left them free to accept or reject the call to repentance and belief in Christ, which is ultimately a call from God.

We can find many parallels in this passage to the call to a stewardship way of life. We, too, are free to accept or reject God's call to discipleship. We can keep our time, talents and treasure for ourselves, purely to serve our own interest. We are free to make that choice.

Or, we can embrace the call to discipleship through the stewardship way of life. If we do so, we will find a path to freedom from "this corrupt generation" just as those first disciples found in the early days of the Church.

Our second reading, again featuring St. Peter, offers further motivation for embracing this way of life. Peter reminds us that Christ, "bore our sins in his body upon the cross." And that, "by his wounds you have been healed. For [we] had gone astray like sheep but... have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls." Such an incredibly poignant description of the love our Savior has for us and the kind of relationship He desires to have with us — as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is expanded in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is yet another reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing the stewardship way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His

goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm.

On the contrary. Our Lord did not come to take from us, but to give to us. Again, we read His own words from the Gospel passage, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to freely give all of ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



<https://www.stgeorgegcc.org/donations>

Please note: No Mass means no church income! We truly appreciate those who are able who continue to support the church throughout this crisis!

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	4/26/2020 (Week 43 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$1,320.00	\$190,275.68	\$215,000.00
**E-Giving	----		
Maintenance:	\$200.00	\$27,349.00	\$26,488.00
**E-Giving	----		
Poor Box:	\$275.00	\$10,460.30	\$9,116.00
**E-Giving	----		
Donations:	\$520.00	\$46,980.43	\$47,128.00
**E-Giving	----		
Easter Donations	\$625.00	\$7,235.00	\$10,000.00
**E-Giving	----		
Holy Land:	----	\$320.00	N/A
**E-Giving	----		
Ch Miss in US	\$50.00	\$70.00	N/A
**E-Giving	----		
Rice Bowl	----	\$248.69	N/A
**E-Giving	----		

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

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who has continued to donate to the parish - we truly cannot do anything without your support!!

LITURGICAL NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US!

St George will be live-streaming Fr. Paul's private Sunday Masses at 10:00am each week.

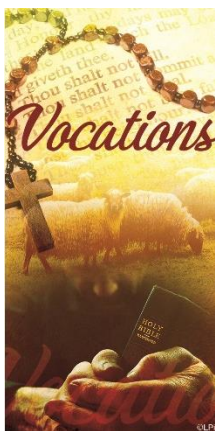
(Please note: we will be strictly following the order for no more than 10 people, and will keep the doors of the church locked. Please do not try to attend, as we simply cannot let you in.)

Fr. Paul and many of our parishioners are joining spiritually to pray the rosary each day at 11am. To join, all you have to do is pray a rosary at that time!



Weekly Readings

- 5/3 ACTS 2:14a,36-41/PS 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6/
1 PT 2:20b-25/JN 10:1-10
- 5/4 ACTS 11:1-18/PS 42:2-3,43:3,4/JN 10:11-18
- 5/5 ACTS 11:19-26/PS 87:1b-3,4-5,6-7/
JN 10:22-30
- 5/6 ACTS 12:24-13:5a/PS 67:2-3,5,6,8/
JN 12:44-50
- 5/7 ACTS 13:13-25/PS 89:2-3,21-22,25,27/
JN 13:16-20
- 5/8 ACTS 13:26-33/PS 2:6-7,8-9,10-11ab/
JN 14:1-6
- 5/9 ACTS 13:44/52/PS 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4/
JN 14:7-14
- 5/10 ACTS 6:1-7/PS 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/1 PT 2:4-9/
JN 14:1-12



Please continue to pray for our parish seminarians, **Joe Heisey** and **Peter Trossbach**, as well as all those who are currently in formation.

We sadly said goodbye to **Khoi Nguyen**, who was assigned to our parish both last summer and this past year. (Please see next column for a letter from Khoi.)

This summer, we will happily welcome **Caleb Gaeng**, who will be with us for 8 weeks. Here is a little bit about Caleb:

Second Pre-Theology
Saint John Paul II Seminary
Home Parish: Sacred Heart, Bowie

My life before the seminary: Before seminary I was studying biology and playing lacrosse at McDaniel college with plans on pursuing a career as a physician's assistant.

What convinced me to enter the seminary: I had been seriously considering the possibility of entering seminary since the winter of my junior year of college. It wasn't until I went on a mission trip to Panama, the summer after my junior year, that I realized that I was being called to enter the seminary. During my mission trip, I discovered a new type of peace and purpose through the attending of

daily mass, consistent prayer, and service to others. After much reflection and prayer when I came home from my mission trip, God revealed that the best way for me to live my best life, with the most purpose, was to enter seminary.

Other interests include: Lacrosse, soccer, or any outdoor activity

April 23, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Feast day of Saint George. I hope you and your family are doing well. I write this letter to let you know that I am leaving formation. I want to have more time to discern my vocation and finish my college first. When I finish my college, if God willing I will come back to seminary or join in the religious order. I just want to say thank you Father Paul, Deacon Joel and all of you. During this year at Saint George Parish, I learn a lot from each of you and the Southern Maryland culture. I will never forget this year in my life. The year of peaceful and happiness in my life. Once more, I want to say thank you to each of you for helping me and praying for me. I will remember all of you in my prayer and please continue pray for me.

Saint George Pray for us.

Khoi Nguyen

News from Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities has started a new volunteer initiative for the COVID-19 crisis, and wanted to share the opportunity with parishes. Right now, we need help making sewn face coverings to protect our employees at community food distributions programs and homeless shelters. We simply don't have enough masks to continue to provide, so we are turning to volunteer donations to help! More info and instructions can be found at the following link as well as our other remote opportunities during COVID-19: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/>