

Established 1851

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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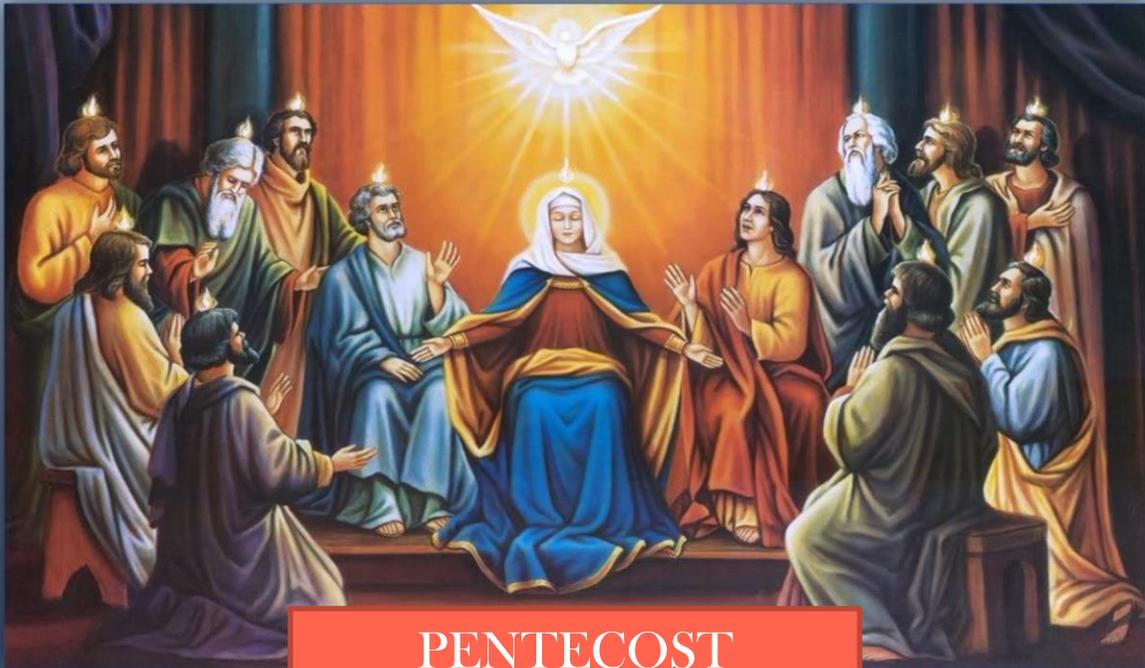


## WELCOME

*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.



## PENTECOST

### 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: (all Masses limited to 20 households that reside together)  
**Tuesday — Friday: 9:00 am (beginning June 2)**  
**First Saturday: 9:00 am (beginning June 6)**  
Weekend Masses  
**Saturday — CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
**Sunday — 10:00am (beginning May 31, attendance limited to registered parishioners, reservation required)**  
St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (on St. George's Island)  
**Saturday CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
*\*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

***We can no longer share books, pamphlets and resources. Please bring your own if you have them. If we make resources available, please take them with you or we will be forced to discard them.***

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Jun 2	9:00am	Freida Wright
Wed	Jun 3	9:00am	Linda Hammett
Thu	Jun 4	9:00am	Charlie (D) & Mary Ann Springer (L) Anniversary
Fri	Jun 5	9:00am	Linda Dean
Sat	Jun 6	9:00am	Vocations
		6:00pm (private Mass)	Rudy Baliko
Sun	Jun 7	10:00am	Howard Britton, Sr.

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

## WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Meals on Wheels: No volunteer deliveries until further notice

Altar Preparation: No Altar preparation until further notice

## Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Jun 1 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, *MOTHER OF THE CHURCH*

Tue, Jun 2 Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, *Martyrs*

Wed, Jun 3 ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, *MARTYRS*

Fri, Jun 5 ST. BONEFACE, *BISHOP AND MARTYRS*

Sat, Jun 6 St. Norbert, *Bishop*



**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 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23

Our Easter celebration reaches its grand finale today as we celebrate the glorious feast of Pentecost. Today, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our individual lives.

Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way — and that we are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us. What a stunning privilege and awesome responsibility. We must rely constantly on the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the gifts, talents and blessings we have been given so that we can fulfill the specific mission to which we have been called.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, recalls the dramatic moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles just as Christ had promised. “Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.” Amazing, but there is more. “Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” And still more. They “began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

Notice how personal and individual is this outpouring of the Spirit. The Spirit filled the entire house where they were gathered, yet also came to each one of them separately, as individuals (the tongues of fire parted and rested on each one of them). And not only that, the Spirit empowered each of them in a unique way (they began to speak in different tongues). This personalized way of “gifting” the apostles allowed them each to reach different people, sharing with them the “mighty acts of God.”

This is the same way the Holy Spirit operates today. He gives each of us a unique combination of gifts, and empowers each of us to speak in different “tongues” so that, together, every person can be offered the saving message of the Gospel in a way that is meaningful to them. (Have you ever been amazed at how some can be so creative and energetic with the little ones in the nursery or the teens in the youth group? And others so compassionate with our elderly or infirm parishioners? It is because the Holy Spirit has made us fluent in different “tongues.”)

Our second reading, from the letter to the Corinthians, illustrates the beautiful way the Spirit weaves together His personal gifts to each us for the good of all. “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Embracing the stewardship way of life means

that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the unique gifts He has given to each of us, to accomplish the particular mission entrusted to us.

Jesus gives us this mission in our Gospel passage from John. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We are called to be Christ’s hands and feet to all those He places in our path. But we must not let this responsibility overwhelm us. Jesus Himself tells us so. Actually, He tells us twice in this passage: “Peace be with you.”

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

<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!**

<b>STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT</b>			
	5/24/2020 (Week 46 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory:	\$2,120.00	\$207,310.68	\$235,000.00
**E-Giving	----		
Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$29,689.00	\$28,952.00
**E-Giving	----		
Poor Box:	\$50.00	\$11,250.30	\$9,964.00
**E-Giving	----		
Donations:	\$1,325.00	\$60,560.43	\$51,512.00
**E-Giving	----		
Easter Donations	----	\$7,635.00	\$10,000.00
**E-Giving	----		
CRS	----	\$765.00	N/A
**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.*

***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 continue live-streaming Sunday Masses at 10:00am each week.

‘In-person’ Masses will begin on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am for **registered parishioners only**. Reservations will be required, as we can only fit 20 families (*that reside at*

*the same address*) in the church. Please see the letter sent to all registered parishioners below for more details and instructions.

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!



### NEW Bible Study series

#### THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

#### This study includes 3 of Dr. Scott Hahn's foundational talks

("The Fourth Cup"; "The Lamb's Supper"; and "Consuming the Word")

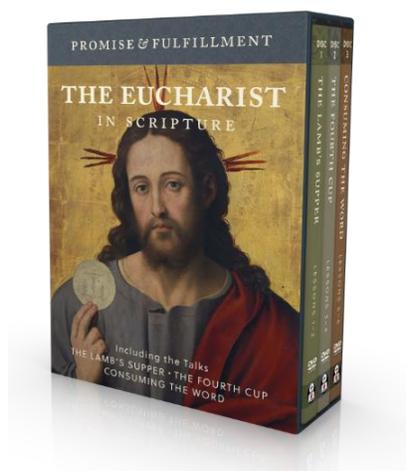
Each examines, from a different angle, the biblical foundations of the Eucharist. Each also explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible — the time and place where they were proclaimed, the ritual setting intended by the Scriptures' human and divine authors.

All are welcome to join!

Friday session beginning **June 5, 2020 at 10:00 am** in the **Community Center**

(Will also provide zoom information for those who would like to join the study from home)

For more information, please call the church office (301) 994-0607.



#### Celebrating Special Wedding Anniversaries: 2020 Jubilarian Mass

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2020? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and

51+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. The Mass this year is postponed until fall and will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. To register for the Mass, please call or email the parish office with the following information:

- Name of the Couple (as you want it printed on the certificate):
- Anniversary (number of years married):  
25 30 35 40 45 50  
More than 50? \_\_\_\_\_ years
- Will you attend the Mass at the Basilica?
- Mailing Address:

The deadline to register has been extended to August 30th. **If you have never attended this Mass, please consider doing so – it is truly a wonderful way to celebrate your marriage!**

#### First Communion/Confirmation Gifts

Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas to meet your First Communion and Confirmation needs! We are located at: 22697 Washington Street, (on the Square) in Leonardtown, Maryland. Operated by volunteers are store hours are: Tuesday & Thursday, 10 am - 5pm; Wednesday & Friday. 10am - 6pm and Saturday 10am - 3pm. Patron Saint medals should be ordered in advance! Communion Catalogs are available upon request! For more information call us at: (301) 475-9770.

#### Annual Baby Bottle Blitz

#### (Supporting CareNet Pregnancy Center)

The annual Baby Bottle Blitz is still happening this year! Even though we will not be handing out bottles to be filled and returned, you can still save your spare change or make a donation to be collected on Father's Day. Details about how funds will be collected will be forth coming, closer to Father's Day. If you prefer to make an electronic donation, please visit: [friendsofcarenetsomd.org/babybottles](http://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/babybottles) and follow the instructions found there. **Thank you** for your continued support – every dollar counts in saving babies and changing lives in Southern Maryland!

#### News from Catholic Charities:

#### From Credit Cards to Students Loans: Managing Your Debt During COVID19

Catholic Charities Financial Stability Network is offering a free taped webinar reviewing how

parishioners can best manage students loans, credit cards, mortgage debt during COVID 19.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6dZ2BJ\\_e-19LgBP05F\\_mYLI4XdyiT6a8hH1b-KZZxU5--6GAztW3JSgOMatixZRR?startTime=158947328900](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6dZ2BJ_e-19LgBP05F_mYLI4XdyiT6a8hH1b-KZZxU5--6GAztW3JSgOMatixZRR?startTime=158947328900)

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### Stress Reduction Workshop Offered by Catholic Health Ministry Leader

Donna Chacko, a St. Mark Catholic Church Health Ministry leader and a retired physician, is offering a faith-based stress reduction workshop online, Three Keys to Less Stress During the COVID-19 Crisis. It is free and open to all.

<https://www.serenityandhealth.com/covid19guide>  
For more information contact Donna Chacko [dc@serenityandhealth.com](mailto:dc@serenityandhealth.com).



#### FIRST READING

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)



#### PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) or Alleluia



#### SECOND READING

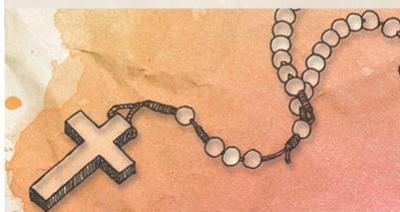
As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)



#### GOSPEL

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:22-23)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

##### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.