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# 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

*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 – Saturday: 9:00 am**

Weekend Masses: (all Masses limited to 20 households that reside together)

**Saturday — 5:00pm (beginning July 4, reservation required)**

**Sunday — 10:00am (beginning May 31, reservation required)**

St. Francis Xavier Mission Chapel (on St. George's Island)

**Saturday** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE \**Memorial Day - Labor Day*

Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction: **Tuesday – Saturday: 5:00 pm**

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:** Tuesday-Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm Saturday 9:30am-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	Aug 4	9:00am	Robert Springer, Sr.
Wed	Aug 5	9:00am	Fr. Matt Siekierski
Thu	Aug 6	9:00am	Rudy Baliko
Fri	Aug 7	9:00am	Sherye Laughrun
Sat	Aug 8	5:00pm	Parishioners
Sun	Aug 9	10:00am	Gladys Sheehan

## WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, M. Goldsmith, C. Galli, B. Gallo  
Meals on Wheels: No volunteer deliveries until further notice  
Altar Preparation: No Altar preparation until further notice

### Liturgical Feast Days

Tue, Aug 4	ST. JOHN VIANNEY, <i>PRIEST</i>
Wed, Aug 5	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thu, Aug 6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Fri, Aug 7	St. Sixtus II, <i>Pope, and Companions, Martyrs</i> St. Cajetan, <i>Priest</i>
Sat, Aug 8	ST. DOMINIC, <i>PRIEST</i>



## 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

[IS 55:1-3](#); [PS 145:8-9, 15-18](#); [ROM 8:35, 37-39](#); [MT 14:13-21](#)



Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude to our God Who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love.

In our First Reading, from Isaiah, we hear God calling to us, even trying to entice us, to come and

be filled with the good spiritual food He wants to give us. *"Come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!"* And, *"Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare."* Note that He uses the word "heed" in that verse and then repeats it in the next, *"Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life."* We must be intentional in going to God on a regular basis through prayer and the sacraments. We must "heed" and "listen" to receive the nourishment He want to give us. We must choose Him — above our selfishness, above the worldly diversions that surround us constantly. But if we seek Him intentionally, we can be sure He will reward us: *"I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David."*

And we can have complete confidence in this promise of His faithful love. In our Second Reading, from Romans, St. Paul reminds us emphatically that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife — nothing — can keep our God from His faithful love for us. His love is so powerful that not only does it allow us to survive all these things and

more, but, *"in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly."* God has got us in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this assurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Today's Gospel passage from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift — the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. This is so marvelous to contemplate that it is tempting to skip right over the beginning of the passage to get to the miraculous part. But let's look at the first verses of this passage, for they reveal a little of the tender heart of Jesus for all of us.

As the passage begins we find that Jesus *"withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."* He had just heard of the death of His cousin John the Baptist and was attempting to find a few moments of solitude. But the crowds would not leave Him alone. They followed him and tracked him down. Yet, our Lord was not frustrated with their interruption.

Rather, *"his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick."* What generous and compassionate love He shows. But even that is not enough for our Lord. He remains with the people, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it. He insists that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Christian stewards. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love.



*Flowers on the altar are in memory of Aliene Springer*

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

### STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Week: 7/26/20 Wks 4 of FY2021	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Offertory	\$2,401.37	\$18,949.60	\$19,615.40
*E-Giving	\$2,430.00		
Maintenance	\$45.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,461.52
*E-Giving	\$150.00		
Poor Box	\$220.00	\$640.25	\$846.16
*E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$1,100.00	\$5,277.00	\$4,615.40
*E-Giving	\$510.00		
<i>No National Collection this month</i>			
<i>**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.</i>			

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development Working on the Margins

This week our 2nd collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive changes to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Father Charles Muzzey will be celebrating his 88th birthday on August 12<sup>th</sup>. If there are parishioners that would like to send him a card for his special day, we know he would really appreciate it! He enjoyed hearing from those who sent him cards for Christmas last year.

Cards can be sent to:  
Father Charles Muzzey  
4016 Decatur Avenue  
Kensington, MD 20895



### LITURGICAL NEWS



On August 23, 2020, our live-streamed Mass will be at 11:00am instead of 10:00am! The Knights of Columbus induction of new officers and reception will follow.

### CURRENT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- Sunday Masses:**      **Saturday: 5 pm**  
    **Sunday: 10 am** (*Live-streamed to YouTube, Communion available in parking lot.*)
- Daily Masses:**      **Tuesday – Saturday: 9 am**
- Holy Hour** (*w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction*):      **Tuesday – Saturday: 5 pm**  
    **1<sup>st</sup> Friday, following daily Mass**  
    **Saturdays, following daily Mass.**

Sign-ups are required only to attend Sunday Masses. Please call the parish office Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 2pm, or visit our parish website to sign up to attend Mass.

Reminder: the side vestibule doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. On Saturdays, the doors will not open early for the group rosary devotion – for the time being, we still must limit the amount of time spent in groups indoors.

All parishioners who would like to receive the Eucharist, but are not yet comfortable attending Mass in person, are most welcome to call the office and either Father Paul or Deacon Joel will visit you at your home, outdoors or indoors, however you are comfortable.

### ADDRESSING RACISM

*The topic of racism in our Church can be a delicate and emotional one for many people. We cannot, however, as Catholics, simply ignore the issue and pretend it doesn't exist. Over the next few weeks, we will post here a series of excerpts from: "The document Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism was developed by the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full*

*body of bishops as a formal statement of the same at its November 2018 General Meeting and has been authorized for publication by the undersigned. Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary, USCCB*

Holy Scripture boldly proclaims, “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are” (1 Jn 3:1). This love “comes from God and unites us to God; through this unifying process it makes us a ‘we’ which transcends our divisions and makes us one, until in the end God is ‘all in all’ (1 Cor 15:28).”<sup>1</sup> By the work of the Holy Spirit, the Church is called to share with all the world this gift of love. As Pope Francis points out, “The salvation which God has wrought, and the Church joyfully proclaims, is for everyone. God has found a way to unite himself to every human being in every age.”<sup>2</sup> Through his Cross and Resurrection, Christ united the one human race to the Father. However, even though Christ’s victory over sin and death is complete, we still live in a world affected by them. As bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States, we want to address one particularly destructive and persistent form of evil. Despite many promising strides made in our country, racism still infects our nation.

### What Is Racism?

Racism arises when—either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard. When this conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat, or unjustly discriminate against persons on the basis of their race or ethnicity, it is sinful. Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of the persons offended, to recognize them as the neighbors Christ calls us to love (Mt 22:39).

Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and

fear of the other, and—all too often—hatred. Cain forgets this truth in his hatred of his brother. Recall the words in the First Letter of John: “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him” (1 Jn 3:15). Racism shares in the same evil that moved Cain to kill his brother. It arises from suppressing the truth that his brother Abel was also created in the image of God, a human equal to himself. Every racist act—every such comment, every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin—is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persists in our lives, in our country, and in our world. Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racial and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanics and African Americans, for example, face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices, and African Americans, for suspected criminal activity. There is also the growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners, immigrants, and refugees. Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered. *[to be continued...]*

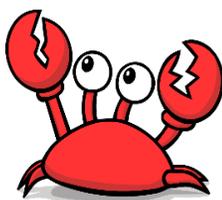
<sup>1</sup>Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 18.

<sup>2</sup>Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 113.

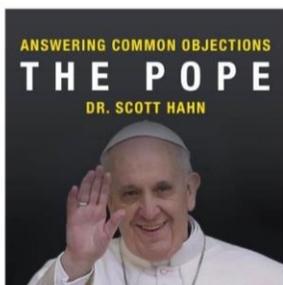
## AUGUST DINNER NEWS

Our August Dinner is quickly approaching on August 16: 11:30am – 5pm (or until sold out)! Drive-Thru only! \$27/dinner. **TO SIGN UP TO HELP, please visit:**  
<https://stgeorgevl.flocknote.com/signup/6369>

**50/50 Raffle:** We will be holding our first ever Virtual Raffle! Chances are \$1 each or \$5/6 chances. How it works – please send in the money for the number of chances you would like to purchase, along with the Name/Phone number for the chance. For each ticket purchased, the name goes into a computer spreadsheet that is then randomized. The winning chance will be randomly selected by the computer program. No more writing your name 20 or more times! No more little stubs to cut!



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## Local News

### Drive-Through Carry Out Breakfast Home-Made-Home Style

Sunday, August 9th, 8am - 11am.; **Modified MENU:** Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Sausage Links, Hot Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, & Spiced Applesauce; **\$10/Breakfast; For more information call: 301-994-9999.** *Event/Fundraisers are being held by the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Firehouse & Rescue Squad (Company 6 aka Valley Lee) located at 45245 Drayden Rd. Valley Lee, MD 20692. "Due to COVID-19, Customers are not allowed inside the Firehouse. All Breakfast must be picked-up at the kitchen entrance behind the Firehouse. One way access from the parking lot to the right side of the building."*

### Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

**Present date – 12/20/20,** Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings located at 46370 Lexington Village Way, Lexington Park; Anytime during hours of operation; 10% of bill goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad; TEAM F (Teammate Card must be shown to water to receive 10% of bill for fundraiser); Call Robin for more information and teammate card at 301-737-4366 (H) or 240-577-0270 (C)

### Golf Cart Raffle Fund Raiser

Get your Tickets!! Star 36-2+2 Black with color matching Long Top and Tan Seats, 4 passenger with rear flip seat, Six 6 V (36 V) Batteries, 4 hp Advance DC motor, 300 A Curtis programmable controller with regenerative braking and much more, Tickets are 1/\$10 or 3/\$25.00, Drawing October 14, SDVRDRS Business Meeting, Do not have to be present to win. For more information or get your tickets call: Dee Dee 240-561-2750, or Georgia 301-994-1960 or Robin 240-577-0270

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

## Mark Your Calendars:

**Sunday, November 22, 2020 Jubilarian  
Mass**

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 22 at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. To register, couples should contact their parish office by September 30. For more information, call the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4546 or send an email to: [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org)

- 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:

**If you have never attended this Mass, please consider doing so – it is truly a wonderful way to celebrate your marriage!**

**Lord Teach Me to Pray - Deepen Your  
Prayer Life; Help others do the same!**

Are you a woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups? On August 29, St. John Neumann Mission Church (Mission Church of St. Mary's Parish) Annapolis, MD will host a Facilitator *Training-Retreat* for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" (LTMTPr) prayer series. There is no charge. It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. COVID-19 regulations and social distancing guidelines will be observed. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord, Teach Me To Pray" prayer series, you are also invited! For information and registration, contact Mrs. Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933 or [carolweiler@cox.net](mailto:carolweiler@cox.net). Or to download a registration form, go to [www.lordteachmetoprayer.com](http://www.lordteachmetoprayer.com)

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of  
Washington Internship for the Volunteer  
Office**

Current undergraduate students looking for a remote internship opportunity are invited to apply to the Outreach and Events Intern at Catholic Charities D.C. for the Fall semester. The intern will work with our Volunteer Engagement Office to and will be responsible for project coordination and communication with our volunteers. This is a good position for someone interested in developing skills in community outreach, event coordination, and learning more about large non-profits. Interested students can find the full job description and apply online <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/2020-summer-internships/> Please contact intern coordinator [claire.sanfilippo@cc-dc.org](mailto:claire.sanfilippo@cc-dc.org) with any questions.

**On-line Marriage Preparation Class, August  
11 from 7:00pm – 9:30pm**

The Office for Family Life will be offering a virtual marriage preparation class from August 11 – August 20 for 4 evening sessions: August 11, 13, 18, and 20. Couples must attend all four sessions. Space is limited. If you are getting married in 2020, please contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or email [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org).

