

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.

28th 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

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday MASSES: (all Masses limited to 39 households that reside together)

Tuesday — Saturday: 9:00 am

Weekend MASSES: (all Masses limited to 39 households that reside together)

Saturday — 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am (begins Oct 4, 2020)

10:00am

1:00pm (in Vietnamese)

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

Saturday — 7:00pm *Memorial Day - Labor Day

Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Tuesday — Friday: 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

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

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@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

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

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:

Saturday 4:00-4:30PM, or by appointment.

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	Oct. 13	9:00am	Hieu Thi Cao
Wed	Oct. 14	9:00am	Ruth & George Hackathorn
Thu	Oct. 15	9:00am	Cao Thi Hieu
Fri	Oct. 16	9:00am	Robert Springer, Sr.
Sat	Oct. 17	9:00am	Brandon & Liza Mathis (L)
		5:00pm	Special Intention
Sun	Oct. 18	7:30am	Beverly Debloom
		*11:00am	Mayowa Ojo
		1:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Liturgical Feast Days

Wed, Oct. 14 St. Callistus I, *Pope and Martyr*

Thu, Oct. 15 **ST. TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Fri, Oct. 16 St. Hedwig Religious.
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, *Virgin*



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 25:6-10A](#); [P S23:1-6](#); [PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20](#); [MT 21:1-14](#) or [22:1-10](#)

How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the “here and now,” forgetting about what matters most — living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands — with eternity in mind.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful and compelling picture of what we can hope for in Heaven. “The LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.” And not only that, our loving Father will personally heal us of each and every suffering we endured during our lives. “The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face.”

How can we say “no” to such an enticing invitation? Yet, so often we are tempted to do just that. We ignore our relationship with God, neglect our prayer and sacramental life, and the call to put others ahead of ourselves. We prioritize the “immediate” over the “eternal.”

How do we keep focused on the Kingdom of Heaven? St. Paul shares his secret for an eternity-driven life. In our Second Reading from his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.” In other words, Paul has learned to live the stewardship way of life.

What is the secret? It is this: “I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” How? Through this: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” It is so simple! But it is not easy. It takes both courage and

humility to live this way. God will supply these to us if we ask.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we return to the image of a feast. To describe the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus shares the parable of a wedding feast that a king gives for his son. The king sends several groups of servants to call the invited guests to come and join the feast. By virtue of our Baptism, we are the “invited guests” that Jesus is describing. How do the invited guests respond? The first group of guests refuses to come. Among the second group of guests, “some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.” Is this how we respond?

Our Heavenly Father is continuously inviting us (reminding us, prodding us) to come and join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Not in a far-off future, but right here and right now. If we will put Him first, partake of the sacraments He gives us (especially the gift of His Own Son in the Eucharist) we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven right now. And our example can lead others to join us.

So, let us embrace the stewardship way of life today! Let us put God first with our Time, our Talents and our Treasure, knowing that we can do all of this through Christ Who gives us strength. God is calling to us today to live with eternity in mind. If we do this, we will be feasting now and forever!



Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Lolita Greger Carlson

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Week: 10/4/2020 Wks 14 of FY2021	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Offertory	\$2,867.48	\$62,183.67	\$68,653.90
*E-Giving	----		
Maintenance	\$865.00	\$9,020.00	\$8,615.32
*E-Giving	----		
Poor Box	\$20.00	\$1,777.25	\$2,961.56
*E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$1,015.00	\$39,437.00	\$16,153.90
*E-Giving	----		
ADW-World Miss	20.00	\$20.00	N/A
*E-Giving	----		
ADW-Holy Land	\$178.85	\$178.85	N/A
*E-Giving	----		
<i>**E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.</i>			

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asian the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

LITURGICAL NEWS

Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am

Sunday: 10 am (Live-streamed to YouTube, Communion available in parking lot.)

Sunday: 1 pm (In Vietnamese)

****SCHEDULE CHANGE**** Next Sunday, October 18, the live-stream Mass will be at 11:00am instead of 10:00am due to Confirmation. We recommend that parishioners not directly involved in Confirmation attend one of the other parish Masses that weekend, or join the live stream.

Daily Masses: Tuesday – Saturday: 9 am

Holy Hour (w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction):

Tuesday – Friday: 5 pm

1st Friday, following daily Mass

Saturdays, following daily Mass.

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.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

October is dedicated to the most holy rosary!

"The Rosary

Many people condemn the praying of the Rosary, calling it rote prayer and citing Matthew 6:7, where Jesus says, "In prayer, do not babble on like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words." Perhaps these people don't know that the Rosary is actually a deeply meditative prayer that focuses on events in the life of Christ and his mother. The Rosary offers us time to reflect on four sets of mysteries, each set containing 5 events. The mysteries are the Glorious, the Sorrowful, the Joyful and the Luminous. For each of the events, ten Hail Mary's are prayed. Now, many people don't even know that, while you're praying the ten Hail Marys, you're actually reflecting on an event from the Scriptures or the life of Christ or Mary. There are even Scriptural Rosaries, where you read a Bible verse before each Hail Mary. You see, the Hail Marys actually give us time for proper reflection. You may even kind of consider them like background music. So, if someone tells you that the Rosary is just rote prayer, fill them in on the deeply meditative prayer that it truly is." — excerpted from Gus Lloyd's *A Minute in the Church*, vol. 1

ADULT EDUCATION

Bible Study

Our next Bible Study is on The Book of Revelation and is entitled "The End" by Dr. Scott Hahn. It's a rich intense 11-week study (Oct. 2-Dec. 18) that Dr. Hahn presents so knowledgeably. These 2 hr. sessions have a different format from previous Bible Studies and will entail listening to 1-1/2-hour audio cds while following Dr. Hahn's lesson in a workbook. The remaining time will be spent in discussion.

Classes will start at 9:45 except for First Fridays when they start at 10:45 after Holy Hour. We will meet socially distanced in the Community Center. This Bible Study will also be available through ZOOM.

For more information, contact Joyce Blackwell 301-994-1199 or 856-842-2667.

PARISH NEWS



SAVE YOUR USED FALL/WINTER COATS

Please save your used coats for the St. George Coat Drive to be held the weekend of October 24-25. All coats will be donated to Helping Hands for distribution to the needy of our community. (For more information, call Dennis Hackathorn @ 301-994-9673)

51st Annual KoC Maryland State Council Car Raffle

Knights from our own Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council 13091 will be selling tickets after each Sat & Sun Mass **on the first weekend of the month only** from October 2020 to March 2021. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, cash or check only. The drawing will take place on Sunday, March 21, 2021

GRAND PRIZE: 2021 Ford Mustang (or \$18,000 cash option)

2nd Prize: Apple iPad

3rd Prize: \$200 Gift Card

Cemetery Update

St. George Catholic Church and St. Francis Xavier Chapel cemeteries will be brought into compliance with Catholic Cemeteries rules by July 1, 2021. If loved ones are interred at either cemetery, your family representative received a copy of the rules when plots were purchased. A synopsis of rules established by Catholic Cemeteries follows:

- Fresh cut and artificial flower memorials are welcome all year. Arrangements should be placed on the monument (not the ground) from March 15 through November 15 to facilitate grounds maintenance.

- Flowers of any type will be removed when they become unsightly or the particular holiday season ends.
- Memorials with glass containers are prohibited at gravesites and are subject to immediate removal.
- Solar lights, metal staffs, etc., should be placed as close to the monument as possible to facilitate mowing.
- Individual planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc., is not allowed as roots can invade other sites.
- Outlining or covering a site with stones is prohibited due to grounds maintenance concerns.

During this extremely wet year, gravesites and monuments became overgrown; the lawn maintenance crew could not cut grass in some areas due to numerous tributes left on the ground. It is inspiring that many in our church honor family and friends on birth, death, or anniversary dates. Once a particular celebratory date has passed, however, a site covered with multiple tributes becomes a hazard for lawn maintenance crews and others visiting the cemetery, particularly if items have been blown over or relocated by wind.

No surprises - rules are in place to keep grounds maintenance crews as well as cemetery, church, and community center visitors safe. Additionally, church and chapel cemeteries are situated along roadways; rocks and shards of broken glass or ceramic containers could damage vehicles and passengers. Bikers and joggers are also susceptible to injury from flying objects.

The Cemetery Committee has started bringing the cemetery grounds into compliance. Please assess your family sites at the church and chapel cemeteries and bring them into compliance with Catholic Cemeteries rules. The Cemetery Committee does not want to inadvertently throw away tributes that hold special memory for your family; it is important that you remain involved in maintaining monuments of family and friends if you occasionally leave tributes. Thank you for your help!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Classes began Sunday, September 13 and are in full swing! It's not too late to join your class – for registration information, email kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

ADW Youth Minister Network

The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting monthly online gatherings with youth ministers to develop a network of support, sharing of ideas and best practices. The gatherings are on the 4th Thursday of each month and offered from 11:00am-Noon and from 6:30pm-7:30pm to accommodate as many people as possible. If you would like more information or to register for this gatherings, please email phelpst@adw.org

Fall Call for Volunteers: Say Yes!

Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service. If you are someone who is friendly, dependable, culturally sensitive and able to encourage a person going through a big change, become a virtual mentor or instructor today. Additionally, we are seeking doctors, nurses, lawyers, and/or financial professionals to contribute their expertise through pro bono opportunities. **Ready to commit?** Complete an [application](#) for the role of your choice. **Apply by October 14!** To learn more about other COVID-19 volunteering opportunities, visit our COVID-19 Volunteer Opportunities Page: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/>

LOCAL NEWS

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

St. Mary's Bryantown SAT Oct 24 7-8:30PM with Dr. Mary Healy

This healing prayer service is open to all, Catholics and non-Catholics. Bring your relatives friends and neighbors who would like prayers for healing. Because our maximum seating in the church right now is approximately 100, you need to register for the healing prayer service. Those who have

registered for the healing prayer conference during the day will automatically be registered for the healing service. You can register by contacting at Fr. Conley at frconley@comcast.net or 301-870-2220 ext 13.

Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac

Ignatian Weekend Retreats: We Journey in Hope
October 16 – 18 (Women), October 23 – 25 (Men)
November 6 – 8 (Men), November 13 – 15 (Men and Women)

The weekend retreat fee is \$245/ \$195 for first time retreatants or young adults (35 years and younger)

Directed and Private Retreats

October 19 – 23, November 30 – December 4
Fee: \$425 Directed/ \$380 private.

Days of Prayer

October 19 (*Ignatian Prayer*)

November 30 (*The Advent of Hope*)

Each day of prayer begins at 9 am and includes: Continental breakfast, Lunch, and Mass. Fee \$40

New Year's Eve Retreat: We Run the Race With Endurance

December 31, 2020 – January 1, 2021 *Dinner, time for prayer and reflection, Eucharist to bring in New Year--followed by a Social, and Brunch New Year's morning. Fee: \$110.*

For more information on any of the retreats, go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com or call (301) 392-0819

Annual Fall Dinner at Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, MD is sponsoring its annual Fall Dinner on Sunday October 25th from 11:00am until sold out. Menu includes fried oysters, turkey with stuffing & gravy, parsley potatoes, candied sweet potato, cole slaw, green beans, and rolls. DRIVE THRU CARRY OUT ONLY. \$25 per dinner. Cakes also available for purchase.

Spaghetti Dinner Drive-Thru

Saturday, **October 24th** 2020, Spaghetti Dinner, Drive Thru (Carry Out), TIME: **4:00pm-7:00pm**; MENU: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert; COST: \$12 per Dinner. For more information, call 301-994-999. Event held by the 2nd District Firehouse & Rescue Squad (Company aka Valley Lee) Auxiliary located at 45245 Drayden Rd, Valley Lee, MD 20692.