

# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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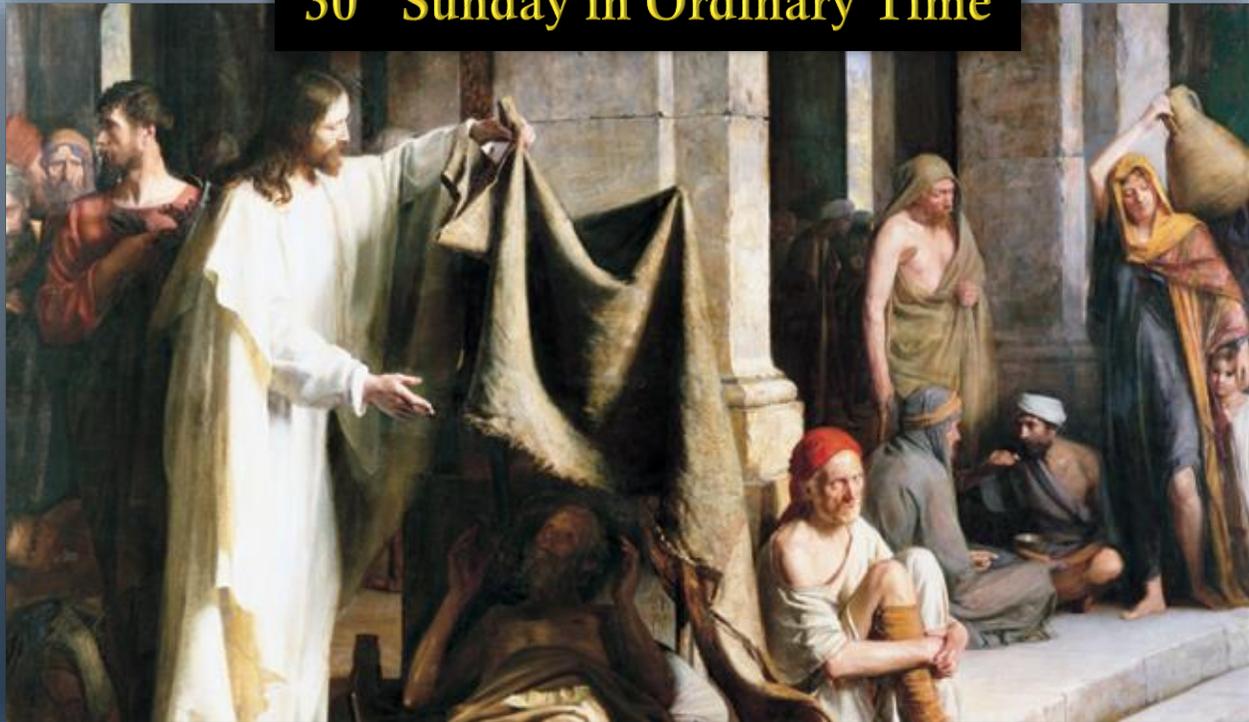
## WELCOME

*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.

## 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

**10:00am**

**2:00pm (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](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 (outside).

### **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.***

## WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

## Liturgical Feast Days

Wed, Oct. 28     STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Sun, Nov. 1     ALL SAINTS DAY

Tue	Oct. 27	9:00am	Hieu Thi Cao
Wed	Oct. 28	9:00am	John Re
Thu	Oct. 29	9:00am	Phero Pham Van Hinh
Fri	Oct. 30	9:00am	Stella Hazard
Sat	Oct. 31	9:00am	Louanne Loan Huynh
		5:00pm	Rudy Baliko
Sun	Nov. 1	7:30am	Faithful Departed
		10:00am	Faithful Departed
		2:00pm	Faithful Departed



### 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

*EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 THES 1:5C-10; MT 22:34-40*

Today's readings are all about love — the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate Father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another.

Our First Reading, from Exodus, is an example. In this ancient text God says, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien... You shall not wrong any widow or orphan... If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset... If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." This love of neighbor was a radical departure for the people of this era. But this is the radical God that we serve.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

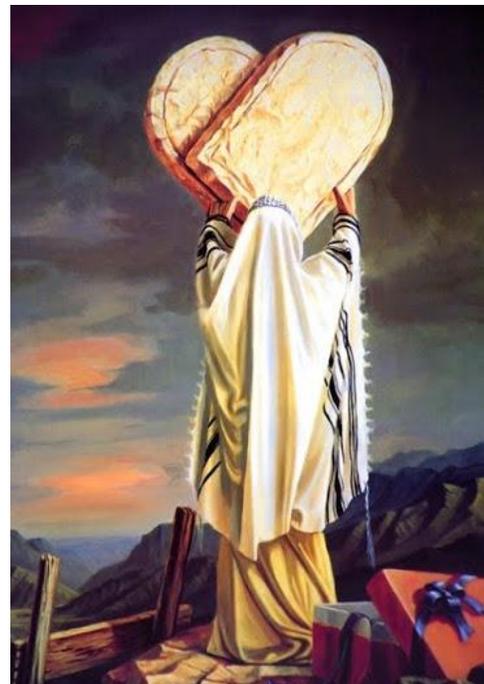
Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging

enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up." The "how" of loving God first and neighbor as self is unique to each individual.

Perhaps God is calling you to love Him with your whole heart, soul and mind by committing to a daily time of praying with the Scriptures. Maybe He is calling you to spend time with Him in adoration or a weekday Mass. It might be that He is asking you to put Him first as a family with a time for evening or morning prayer together. Maybe He wants you to spend a bit less time watching the news or surfing the internet, and a little more time pondering the blessings He has given you throughout the day.

And how is God calling you to love your neighbor as yourself? Maybe it is by checking on a relative or neighbor who is isolated. Or by patiently listening to a colleague at work who is overwhelmed. Or by getting involved in a ministry that serves children or the poor.

The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies the two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love.





*Flowers on the altar are in honor  
of Stella Hazard's  
105<sup>th</sup> birthday 'in heaven'*

### STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Week: 10/18/2020 Wks 16 of FY2021	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Offertory	\$2,230.00	\$72,496.67	\$78,461.60
*E-Giving	----		
Maintenance	\$25.00	\$10,600.00	\$9,846.08
*E-Giving	----		
Poor Box	\$50.00	\$2,297.25	\$3,384.64
*E-Giving	----		
Misc. Donations	\$110.00	\$41,207.00	\$18,461.60
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ADW-World Miss	\$746.00	\$1016.00	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.			

### LITURGICAL NEWS



**During the month of November, all our Mass intentions are reserved for the Holy Souls. If you would like to make a stipend for these Masses, envelopes are available in the vestibule or may be picked up at the parish office. All loved ones listed on the envelopes will be remembered at each Mass during the month of November.**

**Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5 pm**

**Sunday: 7:30 am**

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

**Sunday: 2 pm** (In Vietnamese)

**Daily Masses: Tuesday – Saturday: 9 am**

**Holy Hour** (w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction): **Tuesday – Friday: 5 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday, following daily Mass**

**Saturdays, following daily Mass.**

### QUESTIONS OF FAITH

*October is dedicated to the most holy rosary!*

#### Mary – Sinless Life

“There’s an old joke that, after Jesus said, “Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone,” a rock flew past his head and Jesus turned and yelled, “Mom!” While that’s a joke, Catholics do believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary lived a sinless life. Where does that teaching come from? First, the Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 411 says that this was “by a special grace from God.” It all stems from Mary’s Immaculate Conception. You see, when the angel Gabriel greeted Mary in Luke 1:28 with “Hail, full of grace,” that notion of being full of grace was not a one-time deal. Mary was full of grace from the moment of her conception, and throughout her life. And being full of God’s grace meant that there was no room for sin in her life. Bear in mind that Mary, like all of us, had free will. She was not some kind of robot, pre-programmed to do God’s will. She had the choice every moment of every day to say yes to God, or to turn her back on God and commit sin. Unlike you and me, Mary always chose God’s will.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 411, says that the Blessed Virgin Mary was “preserved from all stain of original sin and by a special grace from God committed no sin of any kind during her whole earthly life.” Mary never sinned. “Wait a minute!” goes the objection. “That goes against the Bible! In Romans 3:23 it says that ‘all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.’ (RSVCE) It doesn’t say ‘all except Mary.’” Well, let’s think about that for a moment. What about the child who only lives a few moments or a few hours or even a few years? They couldn’t possibly commit sins. What about the severely mentally disabled person who has no concept of right and wrong? Do they sin? Of course not. St. Paul is saying that humans sin without distinction, meaning Jew and Gentile alike, not without exception. Mary’s sinless life is a result of the merits of her Son, Jesus, and her Immaculate Conception. And, as the Catechism tells us, it is by a special grace from God. Mary was tempted to sin just like all of us. But because she was “full of grace,” (Luke 1:28) she always chose to do God’s will.” — excerpted from Gus Lloyd’s *A Minute in the Church*, vol. 2

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email  
[kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org](mailto:kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org)

Family Event:

### Drive Through FESTIVAL OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, November 1

(Rain date: November 8)

Community Center Drive, 11am – 12pm

### NO-CONTACT CRAFTS, PRIZES, GAMES

*The saints came from different walks of life, different eras, and lived their life in communion with God in different ways. For us, they provide models for living in this world as disciples of Christ.*



**Box of Joy:** *Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of*

*Christmas and planting seeds of hope.*

Three ways to participate:

- ❖ Pick up a box and brochure in the vestibule.
- ❖ Use a shoe box (Cardboard or plastic with lid). <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/how-to-send/>
- ❖ Online Create a Box Option  
<https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/create-a-box/>

Ideas and Guidelines: <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/resources/#boj-gift-ideas>

**IMPORTANT: Return boxes to the vestibule by Sunday, November 8**

## PARISH NEWS

### ST. GEORGE COAT DRIVE: OCTOBER 24-25

The annual St. George Coat Drive will be held **this weekend, October 24-25** to assist the needy of our community. All sizes of coats are needed (men, women & children's coats) and may be used or new. Also needed are gloves, mittens and hats, especially

for kids. Coats, hats, and gloves may be donated before all Masses on 24-25 October. An SUV will be parked in front of the main entrance to collect the items. Donated items will be provided to Helping Hands for distribution to the needy of our community. For more information, contact Dennis Hackathorn (301-994-9673).



### Family Movie Night

**NEW FATIMA MOVIE 2020 on Big Screen**

After 5pm Mass on **Saturday, October 24**

**St. George Community Center**

*Pizza Dinner and Refreshments provided for all*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Safe distancing required and masks must be worn  
 (We will provide if you don't have one)*

In 1917, outside the parish of Fátima, Portugal, a 10-year-old girl and her two younger cousins witness multiple visitations of the Virgin Mary, who tells them that only prayer and suffering will bring an end to World War I. As secularist government officials and Church leaders try to force the children to recant their story, word of the sighting spreads across the country, inspiring religious pilgrims to flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. What they experience will transform their quiet lives and bring the attention of a world yearning for peace. Based on real-life events and starring Joaquim de Almeida ("Queen of the South"), Goran Višnjić (Beginners), Stephanie Gil (Terminator: Dark Fate) and Lúcia Moniz (Love, Actually), with Sônia Braga (Aquarius) and Harvey Keitel (The Piano, The Irishman), Fatima is an uplifting story about the power of faith.

## Quilts of Valor Meeting

Fr. Paul has agreed to sponsor the local group for Quilts of Valor, a National, non-profit foundation. Our local group is called Pax Sound of Freedom, serving the Southern Maryland community. Our mission is to cover all service members with comforting and healing quilts, which are presented on a monthly basis. On the second Saturday of each month (except in December), we will be meeting in the church hall. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in learning more about our group. If you are experienced in sewing, we could use your talents. If you are interested in learning how to sew, we can provide instructions and teach you how to make a quilt. We will provide fabric, and all the proper tools to use, including rotary cutters, cutting mats, irons, ironing boards, sewing machines and willing helpers to get you started and help you along the way. Our next meeting will be held in the community center on Saturday, November 14th, from 9:00am- 3:00pm. Please come and join us! Just drop by to see what we are doing. If you plan to stay for the whole day, bring a bag lunch to eat. Bring a friend or neighbor with you, or just come and make some new friends. Before you know it, you will have made a quilt of which you can be proud, and that one more service member will enjoy for the rest of his or her life.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### 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

## LOCAL NEWS

### Fall Oyster Fest

Sat. Nov 7th - Noon to 3 pm at Saint Francis de Sales, Benedict - Including drive thru pickup option.

MENU: Fried oysters, steamed shrimp, fresh local BBQ/spit roasted hog donated by Serenity Farms, homemade apple sauce & cole slaw plus dessert. Baked goods sale also available/raffle/mini-flea market. Adults drive-thru \$20 with advance purchase/\$25 day of fest. Children \$5/\$20 for more than four children in family. Dine-in \$25/adult; reserve table for six in advance and one person eats free. Visit the parish web site [www.stfrancisbenedict.org](http://www.stfrancisbenedict.org) and use Paypal/Credit portal to purchase tickets or call office at (301)274-3416) and for more info. 7209 Benedict Avenue, Benedict, Maryland 20612

### Annual Fall Dinner at Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood, MD is sponsoring its annual Fall Dinner on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac

Ignatian Weekend Retreats: *We Journey in Hope*  
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

November 30 – December 4

*Fee: \$425 Directed/ \$380 private.*

#### Days of 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](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com) or call (301) 392-0819*