

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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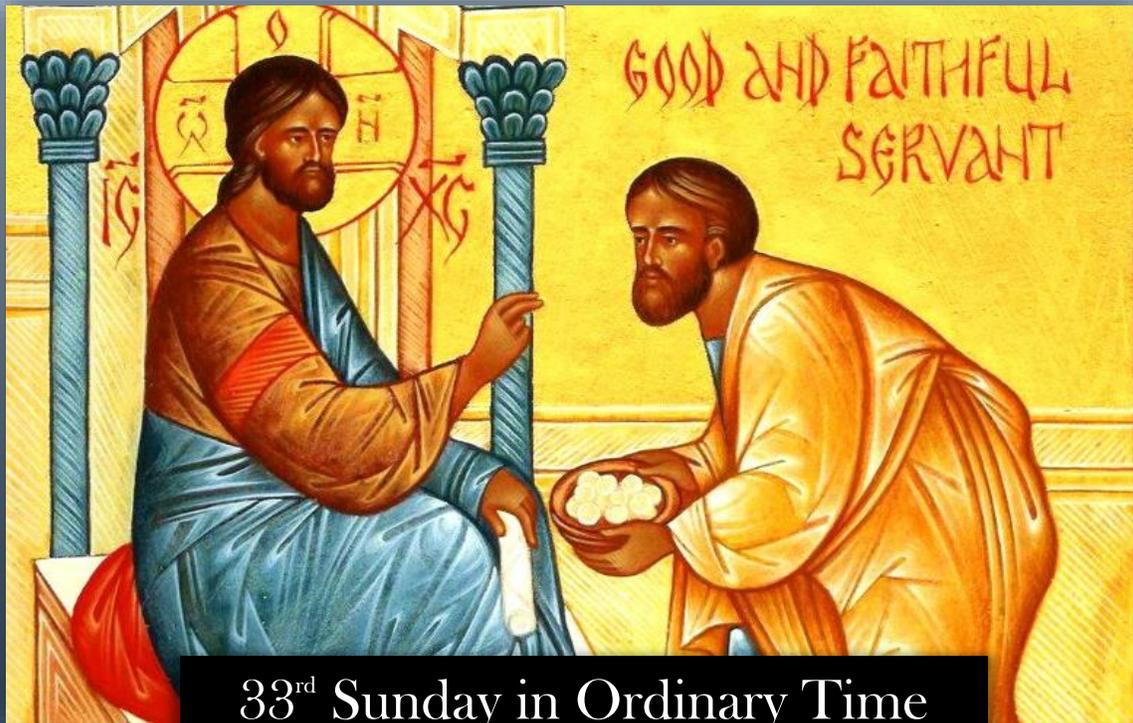


WELCOME

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.



33rd 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

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 (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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Nov. 17	9:00am	Faithful Departed
Wed	Nov. 18	9:00am	Faithful Departed
Thu	Nov. 19	9:00am	Faithful Departed
Fri	Nov. 20	9:00am	Faithful Departed
Sat	Nov. 21	9:00am	Faithful Departed
		5:00pm	Faithful Departed
Sun	Nov. 22	7:30am	Faithful Departed
		10:00am	Faithful Departed
		2:00pm	Faithful Departed

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Liturgical Feast Days

Mon, Nov. 16 St. Margaret of Scotland. St. Gertrude, *Virgin*

Tue, Nov. 17 **ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY,**
RELIGIOUS

Wed, Nov. 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, *Virgin*

Sat, Nov. 21 **THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



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

PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; PS 128:2-5; 1 THES 5:1-6; MT 25:14-30

Today's readings challenge us to live not for the "here and now," but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them.

St. Paul gives us a wonderful lens through which to do this type of self-examination, in our Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians. He reminds us of our true identity as disciples of Christ. "All of you are... children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." We are to live in a way that is counter to the prevailing wisdom, living not for ourselves and for the pleasure of immediate gratification, but rather to advance the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus illustrates this Kingdom-oriented way of living in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the story — commonly known as the Parable of the Talents — of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to "entrust his possessions to them." This should sound familiar. As Christian stewards, we know that all the gifts we have been given are, in truth, the possessions of our Heavenly Father, who has entrusted them to us for our good and His glory.

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money ("talent") commensurate with that servant's abilities. He then goes off and we learn what those three servants do with the talents they have been given. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they "immediately" put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear. He did not

make an effort to use the talent entrusted him. In fact, he did the opposite — he hid the master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response!

This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given, what an opportunity he had squandered. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talents and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Week: 11/8/2020 Wks 19 of FY2021	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Offertory	\$2,949.55	\$87,218.99	\$93,500.00
*E-Giving	\$5,020.00		
Maintenance	\$970.00	\$13,360.00	\$11,733.34
*E-Giving	\$465.00		
Poor Box	\$594.00	\$3,391.25	4,033.34
*E-Giving	\$350		
Misc. Donations	\$271.00	\$44,028.00	\$22,000.00
*E-Giving	\$600.00		
ADW Priest Ret.	\$655.28	\$1,235.28	N/A
*E-Giving	\$480.00		
<i>**E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.</i>			

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

1st Friday, following daily Mass

Saturdays, following daily Mass.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9am at St. George!

The Catholic Origins of Thanksgiving

“Did you know that Thanksgiving is a Catholic holiday? True, it’s not on the Church calendar. And

it is celebrated only in America, whereas Church holidays are universal. Our national holiday is certainly an event that has taken on a life of its own, with an established tradition involving turkey and mashed potatoes, football, shopping, and a four-day weekend—which is fascinating since none of those things have anything to do with the original event that gave rise to annual celebration on the fourth Thursday in November. But any time a nation does anything in unison that involves families getting together and counting their blessings, it is a good thing. “Thanks,” says G.K. Chesterton, “is the highest form of thought.” And he mentions the fact that the worst moment for an atheist is when he is thankful and suddenly realizes he has no one to thank.

But what is the origin of this holiday?

What most people believe is a variation on what I was taught in public school in the 1960s. The Pilgrims came to Plymouth on a ship called the Mayflower. They were the first English settlers in America. They came for religious freedom. And they had a big feast with Indians, and that was the first Thanksgiving. That about sums it up. And that is what Chesterton calls “The Myth of the Mayflower.”

First of all, they were not known as “pilgrims” till about 200 years afterwards. They were Puritans, a radical Anglican “low church” sect that loathed the “high church” Anglicans that happened to include the King of England. In fact, about 30 years after the Puritans arrived in America, some of their fellow Puritans back in England arranged for King Charles I to have his head chopped off. Secondly, there were at least nine other British settlements before the Plymouth colony. In fact, one of them was at Plymouth. All but one of them failed, including the first settlement at Plymouth. The Puritans who came to Plymouth in 1620 almost didn’t survive. Half the settlers died the first winter. They were saved by a Native American named Squanto, who taught them how to hunt and fish and grow corn.

But here’s what is really interesting: Squanto was a Roman Catholic.

In 1614, he had been captured by an English party led by Captain John Smith (of Pocahontas fame) and taken on a ship to Spain where he was to be sold as a slave. He was rescued by some Dominican friars

who instructed him in the Catholic faith. He told them he wanted to return to his people in America. They helped him get to England, where he met John Slaney, who taught him English and arranged for him to get to Newfoundland. Squanto served as an interpreter between the English and the Indians and crossed the Atlantic six times. He was never able to return to his own tribe, because they had been wiped out in a plague. After he came to the aid of the Plymouth settlers, helping them grow their own food, he arranged for a joint harvest feast with the local Wampanoag tribe. It was this event that is the basis of our Thanksgiving holiday. So Thanksgiving was started by a Native American Catholic. Ironically, the Wampanoag tribe later took Squanto hostage because they distrusted him, and he was rescued by the English. It is possible that the Indians poisoned him, which led to his death shortly afterwards in 1622.

And then there is this other thing we never learned in school: In 1621, the year after the Puritans arrived at Plymouth, another group of English settlers arrived in Ferry, Newfoundland. The land had been granted to George Calvert, the First Baron of Baltimore. Calvert's son, Cecilius, the Second Baron of Baltimore, was granted another chunk of the New World, which he settled in 1632. He called it Maryland. Why did England give this land to George Calvert and his son? As compensation for the fact the George Calvert had been stripped of his title of Secretary State. And why had he been stripped of his title? Because he declared that he was a Roman Catholic. Maryland (named for some woman whose name was Mary) was the first English Catholic settlement in the New World, and one of its founding principles was...freedom of religion.

The Puritans up the coast get all the credit for establishing freedom of religion, but they did not do it. They were actually quite opposed to the idea. They were anything but tolerant. In fact, it was their intolerance that caused them to come to the new world, not persecution. England was not Puritan enough for them. They did not think the Stuarts had gone far enough to do away with the elements of Catholicism that still remained in the Church of England. Puritan intolerance led the eventual execution of King Charles I (whose wife and children

were Catholic). Puritan intolerance was further demonstrated by a course of events in another Puritan settlement established just six years after the one in Plymouth, just down the road, had there been a road. It was called Salem. It was there that anyone who departed from a strict Puritan practice was in danger of being burned as a witch. Chesterton points out that the Puritans lost their belief in priests but kept their belief in witches.

So the Catholics deserve the credit not only for the first Thanksgiving, but for the first real religious freedom in America. Not the Puritans whom we call Pilgrims.

It is perhaps why G.K. Chesterton says that England should also celebrate Thanksgiving—in thanks that the Pilgrims left England!" — *article by Dale Ahlquist published by Catholic World Report.com*

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email
kim.browne@stgeorgercc.org

PARISH NEWS

Due to the continuing pandemic of COVID-19, Stuffed Ham will be canceled.



GLASS ETCHING WORKSHOPS!



Saturday, November 21, 10am-4pm
Saturday, December 5, 10am – 4pm

\$25 includes etching 2 items of your choice. Additional items can be done for \$5/each.

Sign up for November 21 here:

<https://stgeorgevl.flocknote.com/signup/24130>

Sign up for December 5 here:

<https://stgeorgevl.flocknote.com/signup/24131>

Instructions will be provided.

Masks must be worn and each person will have their own socially distanced table – only 9 tables per time slot! (Families can share a table.)

Drinks and individually wrapped snacks available, however, we regret that we cannot offer buffet food – you are welcome to bring food with you!



BIBLE STUDY

Our present Bible Study, "The End" by Dr. Scott Hahn is ongoing and it is **Not Too Late** to join us in this rich study of The Book of Revelation. Our study still entails listening to an audio while following along with a workbook, however we are now taking this study at a slower pace and stopping for more frequent discussions. The class usually lasts 1 1/2 - 2 hours and this pace will take us well into the spring. We would love to have you join us as Revelation is being revealed to us. For more information, contact Joyce Blackwell 301-994-1199 or 856-842-2667.

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

Upcoming Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac 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 or call (301) 392-0819

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Our Jewish sage describes a model household that is governed by a wife's wisdom. What do you find appealing in this portrayal?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of the unknown day upon which Christ will return as coming "like a thief in the night" and as the inescapable "labor pains" of a woman about to give birth. Why do you think Paul uses such jarring imagery?

Gospel Reading

In his parable of the talents, Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently. What would be a natural gift you have used well in your life?

**GOD SAVED US
AND CALLED US**
to live a holy life.

2 TIMOTHY 1:9

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

