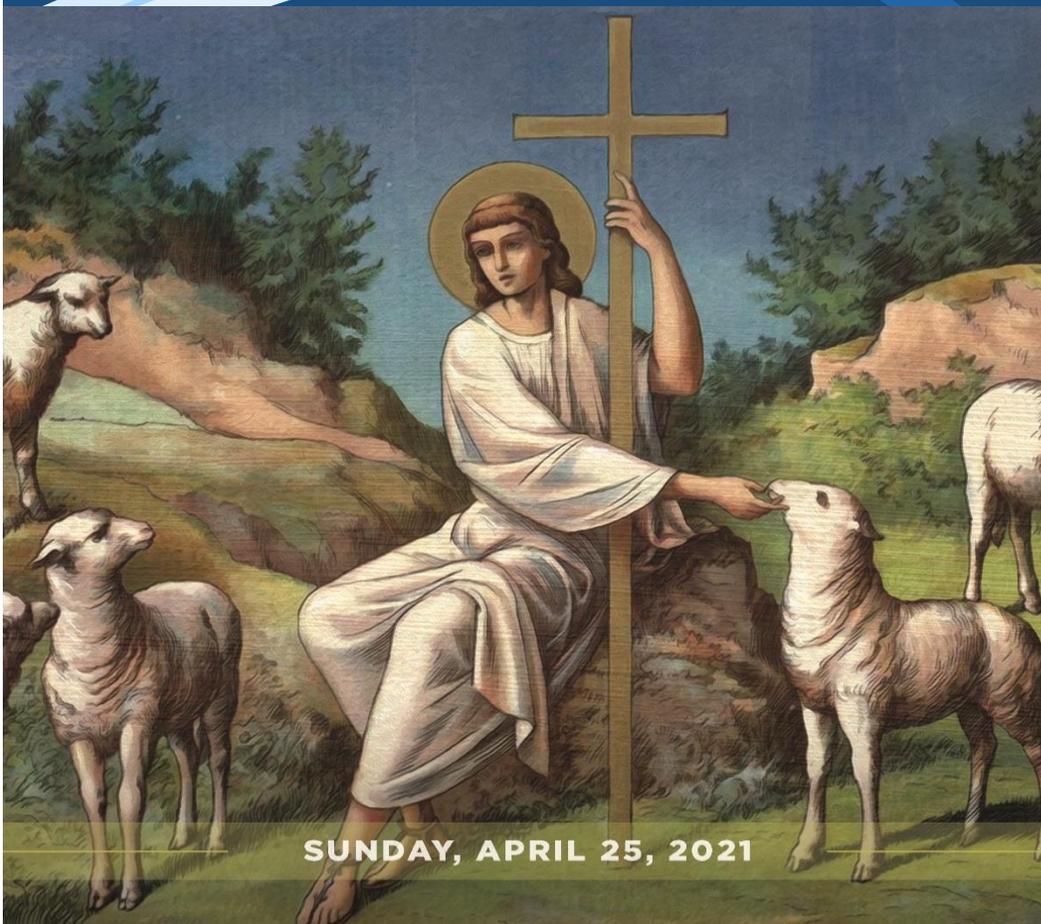


St. George Catholic Church

Established 1851



SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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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**

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

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.

19199 St. George's Church Rd.
Valley Lee, Maryland 20692

Phone: 301-994-0607
Fax: 301-994-1793

Website: www.StGeorgeRCC.org
Email: secretary@stgeorgerc.org

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	Apr. 27	9:00am	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Wed	Apr. 28	9:00am	Mrs. Doris Harvey
Thu	Apr. 29	9:00am	Phyllis Browne (L)
Fri	Apr. 30	9:00am	Mary Anne Hammett
Sat	May. 1	9:00am	Vocations
		5:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu
Sun	May. 2	7:30am	Mary Francis Norris
		10:00am	The Garner Family (L)
		2:00pm	Laurenso Le Cong Bieu

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Wed. Apr. 28	St. Peter Chanel, <i>Priest and Martyr.</i> St. Louise Grignon de Montfort, <i>Priest.</i>
Thu. Apr. 29	ST. ATHERINE OF SIENA, <i>VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.</i>
Fri. Apr. 30	St. Pius V, <i>Pope.</i>
Sat. May 1	St. Joseph the Worker



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 4:8-12; PS 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 JN 3:1-2; JN 10:11-18

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. In Jesus' time, a shepherd was someone who protected and guided his sheep. Jesus does this for us and so much more. He is the Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep. This message calls us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep...I am the good shepherd... and I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent does not receive payment for nurturing and guiding their child. They constantly give without much in return. And if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for the baby that is their own.

We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us, brought us forth into the world, and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary so that we might be saved. He is our Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. Whether we accept His care, protection, and guidance or not, He is our Good Shepherd.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray or try to test their boundaries, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds. Let us look inward and examine our hearts for the times we might have stopped faithfully praying or coming to Mass each week or let money, status, or anything else rule our lives.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and

return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

As Peter states in our first reading, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Jesus is our true Shepherd. There is no other way to happiness or salvation than to remain in His flock. At times it will be challenging to do so. Complacency and sin are enticing, yet every moment we choose Him or return to Him, we will experience peace and freedom that no false independence will suffice. It is through dependence on our Shepherd that we will become liberated.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected and ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again. Remember that we are His and He is ready for us to come home, as He says, "I know mine, and mine know me."



STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

	April 18, 2021 (Week 42 of FY)	YTD Actual:	YTD Budget:
Offertory	\$2,004.50	\$186,172.02	\$207,169.50
E-Giving			
Maintenance	\$5.00	\$23,295.00	\$26,000.00
E-Giving			
Poor Box	\$55.00	\$11,056.07	\$8,937.51
E-Giving			
Misc. Donations	\$250.00	\$88,097.68	\$48,750.00
E-Giving			
Easter	\$35	\$7,338.00	\$8,500.00
E-Giving			
Rice Bowl	\$4.50	\$637.06	N/A
E-Giving			
Holy Land	----	\$841.27	N/A
E-Giving			
US Missions	----	\$25.00	N/A
E-Giving			

***E-Giving will be reported after it is received by the parish, typically the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.*

LITURGICAL NEWS

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

Confessions: Saturday: 9:45-10:45am and

4:00pm-4:30pm (Or by

appointment; heard outside on office porch until further notice.)

Holy Hour (w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Benediction): **Tuesday – Friday: 5 pm**

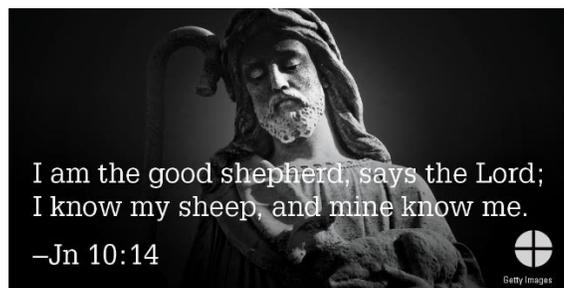
1st Friday, following daily Mass

Saturdays, following daily Mass.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For information, email

kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

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PARISH NEWS

Pancake Breakfast

Drive through the circle at the Community Center for your pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 2nd from 8:30am - 11:30 AM.

Cemetery Update

Christmas decorations and faded arrangements were removed from the church cemetery during spring cleanup. Broken items were discarded. Some saddles and tripods that held tributes were salvaged and stored under the shed near the Community Center. Please retrieve what belongs to you by the end of April. Remaining items will be recycled in May.

Little Bethlehem Christian Group

Christians suffer in many parts of the world, but one unique group stands out by their significance for the family of faith. The Christians of the Middle East live in the land where Jesus walked, taught, suffered, and

died. Today their numbers are greatly reduced, and they struggle to survive in the land made holy by Christ. On **May 15th and 16th**, Little Bethlehem Christian will be coming to our parish. They are a group that represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem the holy land, and make their living as wood carvers. After all Saturday and Sunday Masses, the group represented by the Alshouri family will display a collection of hand carving olivewood religious items, as they are also for sale. The profit goes to support Christianity in the land of Christ. Please take a minute after mass and look at the beautiful collection of items.

LOCAL NEWS

A One Day Retreat - St. Joseph

Tools for Our Journey, will be held on Saturday, May 1 (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker) at St. Joseph Church, 29119 Point Lookout Road in Morganza. Registration with Donuts and Juice begins at 7:15 am, the first talk begins at 8 am followed by Mass, two more talks with lunch served in between and ending with healing prayers. This Year dedicated to this great Saint is an invitation for us to learn more about him with the help of Fr. Drew Royals and Fr. Martin Flum. Tickets are available through Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com/e/st-joseph-retreat-tools-for-our-journey-tickets-149071692445 or call Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents to Register in person. The cost is \$15 which covers the cost of Lunch and Eventbrite fees. There is limited seating due to COVID restrictions. Registration ends on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Ignatian Weekend Retreat Schedule

We Journey in Hope

April 23-25 (Spanish-Men and Women)

Fee: \$245, \$195 for first time retreatants or young adults (35 and younger)

To Register go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com

For more information-contact

alice.case@loyolaretreat.org or call

Alice Case (301)-392-0819

Red-Cross Blood Drive



May 10, 2021. A blood drive will be held from 1:30pm-6:00pm at the 2nd District Firehouse, 45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee. For more information/schedule your life saving donation, call 1-80-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to download the blood donor app.

Scratch-Off Fundraiser Raffle

PRIZE; \$250 Scratch-Offs and \$100 Cash; \$5 per Ticket – (MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS) Purchase in person at SDVFD & RS, Valley Lee – Wednesday (6:30pm-8:30pm); *At Dyson's Lumber, Great Mills – Saturdays (8:00am-2:00pm); or *At WEIS, Callaway – Sundays (9:00am-1:00pm); For more information contact: Robin Dove (240)577-070, Drawing: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ SDVFD's Auxiliary; Meeting; Winner need not to be present to win!

Spaghetti Dinner Drive-Thru (Carry-Out)

Saturday, May 8th, 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the 2nd District VFD & RS, Company 6, 45245; Menu consisting of: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garden salad, garlic bread and dessert; Cost: \$12 per dinner. For more information call:301-904-1656 (C)

