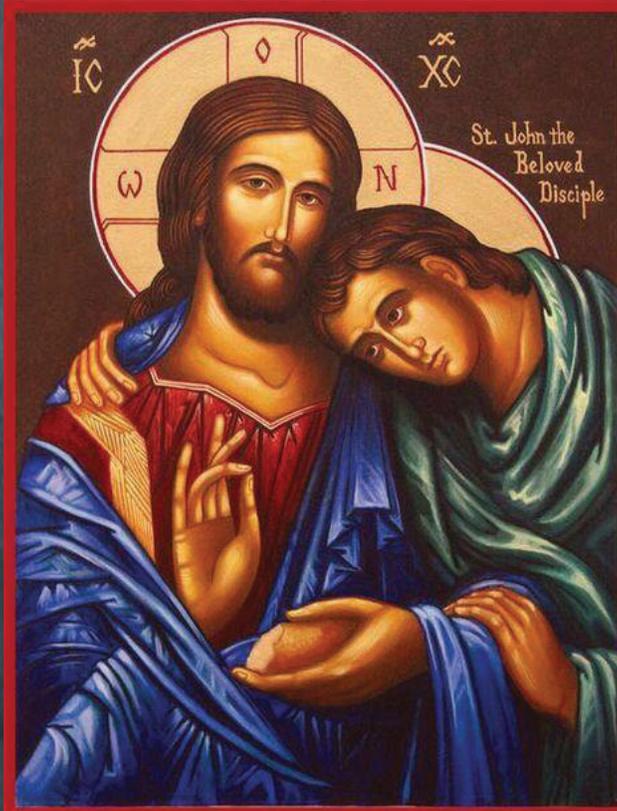


St. George Catholic Church

Established 1851



Fifth Sunday of Easter



“Love one another as I have loved you.”

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses: *Tues., Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat.: 9:00AM*

Weekend Masses: **Saturday — 5:00PM,**

Sunday — 7:30AM, 10:30AM, 1:00PM (in Vietnamese)

Holy Day Masses — **9AM & 7PM...or as announced**

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

Saturday — 7:00PM (*May–September: after Memorial Day to Labor Day)

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

Tuesday to Friday 5-6PM, Saturday 9:30-10:30AM

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Paul Nguyen, *Pastor*

Mrs. Kimberley Browne, *Minister of Religious Education*

Mrs. Divine Stachowski, *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Tania Palm, *Bookkeeper*

Mr. Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance*

OFFICE HOURS

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday & Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm

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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 9:00-10:15 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 11:00am-12:30pm 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

Our parish Youth Group will meet Sunday, April 3rd from 6:30pm to 8pm in St. George Community Center. Our Youth Ministry will be combining with Holy Face Catholic Church. For more information, contact the parish office or our youth minister Leon Gilmore Faithformation@md.metrocast.net 301-994-0525

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made in advance with Father Paul by at least one parent for children under the age of seven. A Baptismal preparation class is required for first time parents.

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:

1st Fridays 9:45am-10:30am, Saturdays 9:45am-10:30am & 4:00pm-4:45pm, 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 the Sacrament of anointing of the sick and Holy Communion.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish office and priest to make arrangement **at least 6 months** in advance of the wedding. Pre-Cana Classes or Engagement Encounter 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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	May 17	9:00am	Cathy Pielmeier
Wed	May 18	9:00am	John S. Lynch Sr.
Thu	May 19	9:00am	Sherry Bunnell
Fri	May 20	9:00am	Gary Hurley
Sat	May 21	9:00am	Parishioners
		5:00pm	Bob Bowes
Sun	May 22	7:30am	Paul & Robena Keatley's Anniversary in Heaven
		10:30am	Viet & Gia Phan (L)
		1:00pm	Parishioners

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Daily Lector: J. Blackwell, G. Frauenfelder, C. Galli, F. Grider

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Wed. May 18 St. John I, *Pope and Martyr*
Fri. May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena, *Priest*
Sat. May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes,
Priest and Companions, Martyrs



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 14:21-27; PS 145:8-13; REV 21:1-5A; JN 13:21-22A, 34-35](#)

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: "love one another as I have loved you." It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

We must look at the context in which Jesus makes this statement. It is the Last Supper. Judas has just stepped out discreetly to turn Jesus over to the authorities who will have Him bound, tortured, and crucified.

Furthermore, exactly how does He call us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

No wonder we find Paul and Barnabas "strengthening" and "exhorting" the early disciples in our First Reading by saying, "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Notice they don't say "one or two" hardships or even "the occasional hardship". They say "many" hardships. So, it should not surprise us when we encounter challenges as we embrace stewardship, as a way of life. If it's demanding, we should take heart because it means we are doing it right!

Why is this? Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid those inevitable challenging moments this kind of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way.

Consider these words from Revelation found in our Second Reading today. "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning or pain, for the old order has passed away... Behold, I make all things new."

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

Weekly Financial Stewardship Report

Last Week's collection: May 8, 2022	
Easter & Sacred Triduum	\$3,577.62
Maintenance	\$410.00
Poor Box	\$60.10
Donation	\$1,155.00
*E-Giving (End of Month)	-----

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

SHARING THE WORD OF GOD

“My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Jesus told us ‘that by their fruits you will know them.’ In the early days of the church non-Christians observed believers and remarked ‘see the Christians how they love one another.’ This is not a surprise, as we have been taught and commanded by Jesus.

How sad that so many spend their time criticizing the church, the weakness and human deficiencies, not realizing that we are the body of Christ. How sad, that others who profess to be Christians, spend so much time criticizing the Catholic church, rather than live the commandment which Jesus gave to all - love one another.

There is a great distinction between division and diversity. Did Jesus not pray, ‘that all may be one.’ Consider one person you can address and speak to them of unity not division. The old adage, ‘if you cannot say something well of a person, say nothing.’

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

A MINUTE IN THE CHURCH. BASICS OF THE FAITH.

Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: WISDOM

Some people are very smart, but not very wise. That’s because wisdom and “smarts” are two different things. Being smart has to do with knowledge of the things of the world. But the gift of wisdom reaches beyond the temporal to the eternal. It is seeing through the eyes of or being more in tune with the mind of God. St. Augustine said that “Wisdom is the knowledge of Divine things.” It helps us order our thoughts and actions according to divine truths.

So, Wisdom is not necessarily reliant on the intellect. One can have great knowledge, but not possess Wisdom. Conversely, one can be very wise but lack formal education. And while Wisdom is a

gift of the Holy Spirit, it can also grow in one’s life. As an old saying goes, “With age comes wisdom.”

In the Old Testament, we have the Book of Wisdom. In this book., Wisdom is referred to as a person, with the feminine personal pronouns “she” and “her”. This book helps us understand what Wisdom is and how important it is to pray for a greater outpouring of this gift.

“For in her is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, agile, clear, unstained, certain, not baneful, loving the good, keen, unhampered, beneficent, kindly, firm, secure, tranquil, all-powerful, all-seeing, and pervading all spirits, though they be intelligent, pure and very subtle. And she, who is one, can do all things, and renews everything while herself perduring; and passing into holy souls from age to age, she produces friends of God and prophets.” (Wisdom 7:22-23, 27)

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PARISH NEWS



Totally Catholic Monumental Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 25 - Friday, July 29

9:00am to 12:00 pm

Fee: \$25/child (payable online, first day or Sunday morning in the Community Center)

For Participant or Volunteer Registration go to:
<https://stgeorgevl.flocknote.com/everyone/note/16421668>

YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Youth Group meets at St. George this week, Sunday, May 15th at 6:30 – 8:00 PM. For more information, contact our youth minister, Leon Gilmore at leongilmore42@gmail.com

FEED THE HUNGRY

There are many in our community who need our help. The food collected in our food bins goes to food pantries that directly feed the hungry. Please answer Christ's call to "Feed the hungry" by regularly donating food items to the food bins. Items most needed by the food pantries are: canned vegetables, pork & beans, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, soup, rice, tuna, hamburger helper, & pancake mix. Food donation bin is located in our Church vestibule.

QUILTS OF VALOR SEW-IN

The Pax Sound of Freedom will hold their Quilts of Valor Sew-In on Saturday, May 14th, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM in the Community Center. Anyone can come to learn to sew or how to piece together a quilt. If you are interested in learning how to sew, they can provide instructions and teach you how to make a quilt. They will provide fabric and instruct you on the proper tools to use.

St. Mary's Youth Memorial Living Rosary and Memorial Mass

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, the St. Mary's Youth Memorial will conduct their Annual Outdoor May Mass to pray for our beloved and deceased Loved Ones. This location's address is: 20016 Point Lookout Rd. (Route 5), in Lexington Park, MD 20653 (formerly a Great Mills zip code area). This special place of Faith and Peace is for all of St. Mary's County parish members, and for all citizens of St. Mary's County to visit. There you will find a beautiful statue of Mother Mary enshrined in a Grotto and faithfully looking out the over the 222 names engraved in Granite. These engraved names represent beloved Youth, Young Military Soldiers, and Special Needs persons who have all died early in their life. A Living Rosary will start at 10:15 am.

and the Communion Mass will start 11:00 am. to be held under the protection of the pavilion with seating provided. All are welcome including the General Public. Parking on-site is available, and we recommend arriving early for preferred parking. Parking for any religious and Handicapped persons will be available on the Blacktop parking area. We ask all others to park in the adjacent grass lot. We look forward to having you experience this beautiful Grotto and spiritual place on May 21st.

5th Sunday Rosary Program

Please join the Fr. DeRose Council of the Knights of Columbus for their 5th Sunday Rosary Program at 10:00 AM on Sunday, May 29th.

Fr. DeRose Planning Meeting

Meet with us on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, for our discussion on where to take the council. All are invited, not just Knights. Join us in the community center at 6:30 pm.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

YFF Program

Children Faith Formation (Pre-K to 8th grades)

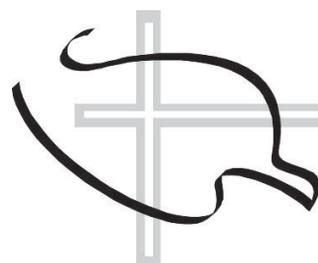
Sundays 9:00AM-10:15AM

For information, please contact Kim Browne at

kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

On-going adult faith formation is open to ALL parishioners on **Sundays 9:00-10:15am**. We are studying "The Nicene Creed" every Sunday in the **Community Center**. All resources and study guide will be provided for you, and open to beginners and all level of faith understand. Coffee & refreshment will be provided. Come join us!





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Survey Results from the University of Missouri

- ★ **97%** of families surveyed take at least one bulletin home each week.
- 74% of families surveyed read each bulletin.
- 62% of families surveyed keep the bulletin in their home for one week.
- 70% of all family members surveyed consciously look at the ad page of the bulletin.
- ★ **41%** of all family members surveyed patronize a business specifically because it advertises in the bulletin.
- 68% of the families surveyed are more inclined to patronize a business that does advertise in the bulletin rather than a non-advertiser.
- ★ **22%** of the families surveyed go out to lunch, brunch or dinner after church each week.

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