

St. George Catholic Church

Established 1851



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, 2:00PM (*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. Laura Lancaster, *Bookkeeper*

Mrs. Divine Stachowski, *Parish Secretary*

Mr. Rico Romero, *Facility Maintenance*

OFFICE HOURS

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday & Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm

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

Phone: 301-994-0607

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 meets Sundays from 6:30pm to 8pm at alternating locations between St. George Community Center and Holy Face Church. For more information, contact the parish office or our youth minister Leon Gilmore Faithformation@md.metrocast.net or call 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. Children over the age of 7 will need instructions in RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) and will receive the sacraments of initiations at Easter Vigil.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/ FIRST 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, Sun 10:00am + **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays after Daily Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday-Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm + Saturday 9:30am-10:30am

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Oct 4	9:00am	Gary Hurley
Wed	Oct 5	9:00am	Edward Greenstreet
Thu	Oct 6	9:00am	John Re
Fri	Oct 7	9:00am	Cathy Pielmeier
Sat	Oct 8	9:00am	Bob Gallo (L)
		5:00pm	Jerry Holloman
Sun	Oct 9	7:30am	Wallace Berry
		10:30am	Joseph "Fuzzy" Knott
		2:00pm	Augustinô Cường Vũ

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS

Tue. Oct 4 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Wed. Oct 5 Saint Faustina Kowalska, *Virgin*
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, *Priest*

Thu. Oct 6 St. Bruno, *Priest*
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, *Virgin*

Fri. Oct 7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



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

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-2-4; PS 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14; LK 17:5-10

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

We can all relate to the frustration expressed in the First Reading from Habakuk. "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!" "Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?" The Lord knows that the life of a steward is not easy. When we look around us it can seem as if all our efforts are in vain. We spend time praying but nothing happens. We are faithful to our ministry but no one seems to notice. We give generously of our financial resources but the needs around us remain great. Despite all this, the Lord urges us to remain faithful. "For the vision [the fulfillment of His kingdom] still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint."

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy offers encouragement on the difficult path of discipleship, reminding us that we have all the tools we need to remain faithful. Paul says to "stir into flame the gift of God that you have...." Through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church, we have every possible grace and blessing needed to continue moving forward on the stewardship path. We simply need to return to them over and over so as to stir these gifts into flame. Paul instructs us to "guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us." Relying on the abundant spiritual gifts God has given to us, and relying on the Holy Spirit's strength, we can bear our share of hardship well for the sake of the Gospel. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. It is a true privilege to cooperate as servants in the work of building His Kingdom.

Living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

Weekly Financial Stewardship Report

Last Week's collection: September 25, 2022	
Offertory	\$ 2,286.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$ 20.00
Donation	\$ 625.00
*E-Giving (Month of September)	-----

Thank you for your faithful Parish support.

Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Howard & Kitten Britton's Anniversary



Thoughts on the Mass Readings

“I remind you to stir into flames the gift of God you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give you a spirit of cowardice but of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.”

The image of a spark or flame is truly powerful. When countless acres have been burned with wild fires, lives and property lost through raging infernos, we find the flame of faith in sharp contrast to the death and devastation which surrounds us. On the day of baptism, in the ceremony of confirmation and when the gift of holy orders is celebrated, the sign of the imposition of hands seeking God’s spirit is made. Yes, I was prayed over that I might be filled with the Spirit and become a true witness for the Lord. Am I ready to stir that spark in my Christian life today?

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

A MINUTE IN THE CHURCH. BASICS OF THE FAITH.

Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions

Vesting Prayers

Did you know that as a priest dresses for Mass, or vests, he may pray special prayers to help him prepare?

While putting on his alb, or inner white garment, he prays, “Cleanse me, O Lord, and purify my heart, that washed in the Blood of the Lamb, I may attain everlasting joy.”

When putting on the cincture, or belt, he says, “Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity and quench in me the fire of concupiscence; that the virtue of continence and Chasity may remain in me.”

As he dons his stole, his prayer is, “Return to me, O Lord, the stole of immortality, which I have lost in the sin of my first parent; and although I, unworthy, approach Thy sacred Mystery, grant to me, nevertheless, everlasting joy.”

And finally, when putting on his chasuble, he prays, “O Lord, Who has said, My yoke is easy and My burden light; grant that I may be able to bear it, that I may obtain Thy grace. Amen.”

Since our priests pray before dressing for Mass, wouldn’t it be appropriate if we did the same?

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PARISH NEWS

Parish Seminarians

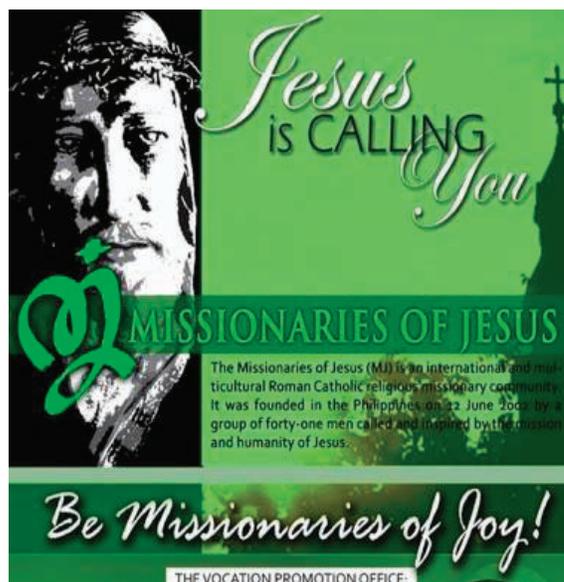
Our Parish is blessed to have two seminarians in formation to the priesthood. Let us pray for all seminarians, especially Joe Heisey (third theology) and Peter Trossbach (fourth college) as they follow the Lord’s Will for them. May they be blessed in their endeavors.

LIVING A SACRAMENTAL LIFE

We are called to live the Sacramental life of the Church and to conform our life to that of our Lord Jesus Christ. As an extension to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, a Holy Hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration of our Lord is open to everyone at St. George parish, please sign up for a time slot in the vestibule for Eucharistic Adoration.

Mission Cooperative Plan Appeals

Next weekend, Oct. 8th&9th is the Mission Cooperative Plan Appeals. We will welcome Father Primo Fagel from the Missionaries of Jesus, who will be speaking to us about their missionary works in evangelization, education, health, and socio-economic responses to natural disaster areas. Please consider supporting their missionary work with your prayers and financial support. Thank you for your generosity.



Parish Annual Picnic

We have reserved **Cecil Park Pavilion** for our annual Parish Picnic on **Sunday, October 23rd, 2022, at 12:00 NOON**. Join us for food, fellowship, volleyball, and other fun activities for all ages. Entrees (*fried chickens, steamed shrimps, and pulled pork, hotdogs*) and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish, or dessert to

share. All are welcomed. Sign up in the vestibule so we can plan enough food, and avoid duplicating the same sides/desserts.

Quilts of Valor Sew-In next Saturday

The Pax Sound of Freedom chapter of the QOV will hold their monthly Sew - In at the Community Center on Saturday, October 8 beginning at 9 AM. Join them to learn how to sew and make a quilt. New to sewing - beginners welcome! Experience quilter - come on back!!! Meet the lady who took first place for her submission at the recently concluded St. Mary's County Fair. Learn the latest techniques and see examples of the quilts they're making for upcoming award presentations to the men and women in our county who have served in all branches of our country's armed services.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

YFF Program, formerly CCD

Children's Sunday School (Pre-K to 8th grades)

Pre-K to 6th grades meets on **Sunday 9am-10:15am**

7th to 9th grades meets on **Sunday at 6:45pm-8:00pm**

For more information, please contact Kim Browne at

kim.browne@stgeorgerc.org

BIBLE STUDY

As Bishop Barron states...."The great sacraments of the Church have endured for hundreds of years and structured countless lives. Everything in the Church's life comes from and returns to them. But there is far more to these ancient rites than meets the eye."

We invite you to join our newest Bible Study which starts next week. Classes consist of video presentations, questions/discussion and reading assignments.

Friday Morning 6-week class starts on **Sept. 30** and meets from **9:45am - 11:45am** (1st Friday classes will start at 10:45). Contact: Joyce Blackwell/856-842-2667

Sunday Morning 12-week class starts on **Oct. 2** and meets at 8:45am-10:15am. Contact: Daniel Bogan or Flora Grider/240-298-3104.

We hope you will join us on our on-going journey as we fellowship and learn more about our Catholic faith. Did I mention refreshments?

It is indeed a journey and no prerequisite knowledge needed.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, to serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. It means faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. We are 2 million Catholic men on a mission to live our faith at home, in our parish, at work and in our community. Interested see KofC.org or our St. George Catholic Church website under ministries.

Our local council Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council #13091, will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of **10/22** and **10/23**. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> and enter our council #13091; or contact a Knight or our Grand-Knight, David Reumont at 240-338-1672, or email GK.KOC.DAR@Gmail.com

CURRENT PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

KofC ANNUAL CASH INCENTIVE RAFFLE - Final Weekend to Get Tickets after all Masses in Vestibule at the Knights Table, Tickets \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds to benefit Maryland KofC State Charities, Maryland KofC State Scholarship fund, local charities and our council. Drawing on **Saturday 10/8** at KofC Columbus Ball.

KofC WEEKLY SUNDAY ROSARY - 10:00AM in the Church before the 10:30 AM Mass.

KofC TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM - 9/30 -10/1, Friday, 12 - 8 PM and Saturday 8 AM-8 PM; Weis Grocery Store in Callaway. 100% of all proceeds donated to charity. Please support our Knights in this worthy effort.

KofC REGULAR MEMBER MEETING - 10/4 Tuesday from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM; in the Community Center; general member meeting for all Knights. Please try to attend for our fraternal fellowship, prayer and business for the council. Dinner, snacks and light refreshments be available during and after meeting.

KofC HOLY HOUR AND OFFICER INSTALLATION - 10/6 Thursday 5:00 PM Holy Hour; 6:30 PM Officer Installation Ceremony followed by Reception in Community Center. All are welcome.



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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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