

# Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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*May 15, 2022*  
*5th Sunday of Easter*



When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in Himself, and God will glorify him at once. 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 you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

# Contact Us!

## New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit [www.stgeorgeparish.org](http://www.stgeorgeparish.org). *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

## Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the *second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM*. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

## Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

## Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633.

## Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$125 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

## Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent.

## R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to learn more about our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program.

## Mass Cards and Memorial Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or a Memorial offering for a special intention, please contact the Rectory Office for details. Standard Mass cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend. Memorial intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp are \$10 and for the Bread and Wine are \$15.

## Food Pantry

Our Parish Food Pantry is available for parishioners and friends who are in need of a meal but cannot provide one for themselves. If you need temporary food assistance, please call 610-237-1633.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church *every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by daily Mass.*

## **Quotes of the Week**

"Rule with the heart of a servant. Serve with the heart of a king."

~ Bill Johnson

"When we show love to others, God's presence is with us."

~ Linda Evans Shepherd

"The value of our lives is measured by our capacity to love others."

~ Wayne Gerard Trotman

## **Additional Expenses During Lent**

Landscaping \$680

Palm for Church \$528

Utilities \$2,385

Altar Candles and Vigil Lights \$427

## **Opinion Poll**

Real candles used in church or electric push button preferred?  
Email [st.georgesec@rcn.com](mailto:st.georgesec@rcn.com) with your preference.

## **Parish Staff**

### **Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor**

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit

Rev. James McBurney, OSA and Rev. James McCartney, O.S.A., Weekend Assistants

Mrs. Lynda Batten, Administrative Assistant and  
Coordinator of Religious Education, Ext. 101

Mrs. Pat Dinan, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (Tues & Wed)

Mrs. Gloria Greene, Accounts Payable, Ext. 104

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro, Director of Music, Ext. 101

Mr. Patrick McCullough, Maintenance, Ext. 104

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ, Director of Adult Faith Formation and  
Pastoral Care, Ext. 103

Mr. Keith Tomson, Business Manager, Ext. 104

Mrs. Barbara Fister and Mrs. Teresa Murray - Housekeeping  
Rectory/Convent/Church



# Parish Information

## Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
**Summer Hours: 9AM to 4 PM daily**  
**For more details, see page 5.**  
**Phone Number:** 610-237-1633  
**Fax Number:** 610-237-9626  
**Email:** st.georgesecc@rcn.com

## Convent

11 E. Lamont Avenue  
Glenolden, PA 19036  
**Phone Number:** 610-237-1633

## Office of Religious Education

### Director of Adult Faith Formation

Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ  
**Phone Number:** 610-237-1633  
*For details about RCIA and Bible Study, please contact Sr. Lorraine.*

### Coordinator of Religious Education

Mrs. Lynda Batten  
**Phone Number:** 610-237-1633  
**Fax Number:** 610-237-9626

*Our Parish Religious Education Program serves students in Levels 1-8 and prepares them for 1st Penance, 1st Holy Communion, and Confirmation.*

## Bereavement Ministry

Mrs. Mimi Ednie

## Legion of Mary

Mrs. Theresa Murray

## Ministry Outreach Program

Mrs. Lynda Batten

## Choir Director and Music Ministry

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro

## R.C.I.A.

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

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## Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

## Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

## Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



## Devotions

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
**Miraculous Medal Devotion** - Following the 4:00 PM Mass on Tuesdays (Lent)  
**Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Thursdays 7:00 PM

## Daily Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 14:** Acts of the Apostles 1: 15-17, 20-26; John 15: 9-17

**4:30 PM** Frederick Modugno  
*Requested by: Fred & Phyllis Iezzi*

**Sunday, May 15:** Acts 14: 21-27; Rev. 21: 1-5a; John 13: 31-33a, 34-35 - 5th Sunday of Easter

**8:00 AM** Anthony Rabitz  
*Requested by: Bill Battagliese*

**10:30 AM** Pro Populo

**Monday, May 16:** Acts 14: 5-18; John 14:21-26

**4:00 PM** Joseph Doran  
*Requested by: Joanne Doran & Leonard Family*

**Tuesday, May 17:** Acts 14: 19-28; hon 14: 27-31a

**4:00 PM** Nancy Eitelman  
*Requested by: Maire Lightcap*

**Wednesday, May 18:** Acts 11-6; John 15: 1-8

**4:00 PM** William Pilny  
*Requested by: Marija Pilny*

**Thursday, May 19:** Acts 15: 7-21; John 15: 9-11

**4:00 PM** Lightcap Family  
*Requested by: Marie Lightcap*

**Friday, May 20:** Acts 15:22-31; John 15: 12-17

**4:00 PM:** Nickie & Nancy Dominick  
*Requested by: Bill Battagliese*

**Saturday, May 21:** Acts 16: 1-10; John 15: 18-21

**4:30 PM** Joseph Doran and Pro Populo  
*Requested by: Mary Doran*

**Sunday, May 22:** Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23-29: 6th Sunday of Easter

**8:00 AM** Mary Chimienti  
*Requested by: Anthony Committee*

**10:30 AM** Edmund Ferguson  
*Requested by: Mary Ann Ferguson*

## Daily Mass

**4:00 PM Monday thru Friday**

## Weekend Mass

**4:30 PM Saturday**

**8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday**

**Holy Days: As Announced**

**Legal Holidays: 9:00 AM**

## Contributions & Mass Counts

Sunday, May 8, 2022	\$ 4,854
Catholic Missions	\$ 1,171
Easter Sunday to date	\$10,141

### Mass Count May 8-9

4:30 PM=60	8:00 AM=70	10:30 AM=125
Total=255		



## Sanctuary Lamp and Bread & Wine Intentions

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Ellen Joyce Coppock** (7th anniversary) and was requested by Faye Lombardo.

# Gospel Reflection & Parish

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Like an early morning fog that later yields to the sunshine and uncovers what has been hidden, the event of the Passion, Death and Resurrection shows us the true glory of Jesus as the Son of God. There is no other event like it in the history of human life on planet earth. We note from the gospel scene that Jesus Himself declared it as such, and added that it is His glorification.

Judas had left the room with betrayal on his mind. But it freed Jesus from hesitation and I imagine He must have raised His voice a bit to say the great "Now!" Now the stage was set for the selfsame glory to come.

What this implies is that the agony in the garden, the arrest, the trial, the jail time, the rejection of Him before Pilate, the scourging, crowning with thorns and the crucifixion itself all amounted to "the Son of Man being glorified." Certainly not the way we would describe glory. But then, God's ways are not ours. The resurrection is the ultimate end of the process. But it was also a beginning. That is why we celebrate a "Triduum" of Liturgies, that is three days all components of one great Day. It is one methodical passage of Our Lord from agony to ecstasy.

So we return five weeks after the Last Supper event to note the importance of Our Lord's "new commandment." He announced it at that Supper. So He had the undivided attention of His now eleven closest friends. Note also that Jesus did not speak of methods or plans. No long list of rules and procedures for the future. Just one powerful command: "Love one another as I have loved you." So it becomes the distinctive hallmark of a Christian. It would be noticed later by pagan historians writing descriptions of the Church. It is meant to identify each of us. "Did Christ have the credentials to make that command, that overarching demand" some outsiders might ask? The nearest crucifix is our answer. "Is it easy to obey?" they might coyly ask us. Our short answer is a definite "No!" And we know why. It's because of sin. Sin in the world and in each of us, vestige of the damage done by our first parents. Each of us could name the sins, especially if they are our personal downfall. We might even add the fact that God has created some people who are custom designed to annoy us. All of it makes for a command that demands.

At this juncture it is always helpful to recall two facts. First, that we are not asked by God to *like* a whole lot of people as our choice of best friends. That number is limited to a precious few. Maybe even to one. Secondly, we are not to let *feelings* interfere in our efforts. Feelings confuse the issue as is their habit. It's a matter of decision, an act of our will. We decide to love others, to will their good, because Jesus said we have to do so. If it's any comfort, note that there were no Pharisees or Sadducees at the Last Supper table. Jesus had decided who would be there. Those others were His designated enemies. Yet His love would prompt Him to die on the cross for their sins also on Good Friday afternoon. To live as Christ wants us to requires perseverance. That only comes from prayer and a close association with the saints, those canonized and those not. Here are the thoughts of the American poet Edwin Markham (d. 1940) on this matter: "He drew a circle that shut me out Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout, But Love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle that took him in." ~ God love you and give you His Easter peace.

## 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 5, at 11:30 AM in the Church

Mark your calendar! You are invited to join us for our 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting on **Sunday, June 5th at 11:30 AM**. We need your advice and planning skills to assist us with special events throughout the upcoming year, which will culminate with our 100th Anniversary Mass & celebration on the **10th of June in 2023**, when Archbishop Nelson Perez will join us as our main celebrant at the **4:30 PM** Mass. St. George School Alumni, staff, Sisters of Saint Joseph, current and former priests, deacons, teachers, catechists, committee members, PREP and RCIA graduates, parishioners and friends are invited to join us for this milestone event. We would love for you to take part in the preparations. Please feel free to join us and bring your thoughts and ideas for this and more special celebrations throughout the year.



### Bible Study

Last Session  
Book of Revelation  
May 16th at 1:00 PM  
St. George Convent

### Summer Food Program

Donations are needed for our Food Cupboard. If you can help, please drop off your donation to the receptacle provided in church or at the rectory Office. We need jelly, one-can meals, coffee, rice, pasta/sauce, cereal, Jell-O, pudding, and tuna fish.

### Gifts of Bread & Wine

If you would like to have the gifts of bread and wine presented during Mass for an entire week in memory of your loved one or another special intention, please contact the Rectory Office.



### Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

As we remember to pray for our own families and our parish family, we ask for your prayers for **Kathleen Iller, Salina Karas, Rev. Steven Wetzel, OSFS, and the families who have endured the pain of their loss.**



### Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group gathers on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the Church. Pray the rosary daily and witness how Mary's intercession is working in your life.

*The Rosary is a powerful weapon to keep demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin. If you want peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not one day pass without saying it. ~Pope Pius XI*

# Parish



## A Message from Father Oswald

For our homebound parishioners and those who are unable to join us on Sundays, I invite you to check out my weekly video reflections at [www.stgeorgeparish.org](http://www.stgeorgeparish.org) or on our Facebook page at St. George Church, Glenolden, PA. Consider watching the televised Mass and making a spiritual communion with our Lord until you can join us in person.

Always remember to put time aside for prayer, thanksgiving and the Holy Eucharist. Only then can you find true peace.

~God's blessings of peace, Father Oswald, Pastor



## Adult Choir

Rehearsal for the adult choir continues on **Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM** in the church. Our last rehearsal for the season will be held on **June 14** and our last Mass for the season will be at **10:30 AM on June 19**. We will then break for the summer and resume in September. Please join us. New members are always encouraged and welcome. For more details, please contact Mrs. Kathleen Lerro at 610-237-1633.

## Thank you!

Once again, we thank all of our parishioners and friends who contributed to our Socks for Soldiers Drive during Lent. Over 300 pairs of socks were shipped to Soldiers' Angels in San Antonio, Texas, and then distributed to veterans around the country.

The following letter was recently received from the President and CEO of Soldiers' Angels, National Veterans Foundation.



## May No Soldier Go Unloved

Dear Friends, 15

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your generous in-kind donation received on April 18, 2022.

The goal of Soldiers' Angels is to continually bring care and comfort to our Heroes in uniform who sacrifice so much for our freedom. Contributions such as yours are a critical part of our success. In our work, we see so many heartwarming expressions of appreciation from the soldiers we serve - your gift will mean a great deal to them.

Thank you again for your heartfelt generosity!

With warmest regards,

Amy Palmer, President & CEO

## Vocation Corner

Imagine, without the priest, there would be no Eucharist! Please consider this invaluable vocation. The priests of tomorrow are in our midst. They are members of our own families. Encourage vocations. Consider the gift! Visit [www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org).

## Pray for Our Sick

Bill and Stephen Aaronson, Al Beck, Helen Belcher, Brenda Brolley, Irene Burns, Helene Butler, Denise Campbell, Rose Celia, Tom Corrigan, Fred Cuccinello, Lenora Cuccinello, Martin Deeney, Leonard DiGrasso, Terry Dolores, Mary Doran, Alane Dougherty, Mark Ednie, Rose Euganeo, Ken Haynie, Kathleen Higgins, Cynthia Horton, Doris Kerker, Sr. Ann Marie Loftus, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Sarah Lundeu, Maureen Maley, Paul Mangeloni, Maureen McCann, Peg McCann, Bethann McCormick, Julia McGlenn, Joseph and Thomas McGovern, James McIntyre, Marianne Mezei, Joseph Murtha, Nick Natale, AJ Nester, James Pastore, Tara Penza, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Maria Prince, Joan Ratch, Ettore Ricci, Wanda Russell, Sara Schilling, Sandy Shanahan, Oliver Smith, Jr, Harry Sperone, Michael Talent, Valerie Thompson, Jeannie Wilson, Carmella Young & Mary Ann Zeller.

*Names are listed for 30 days. If more time is needed, please contact the Rectory Office. May God bless all of our sick with His healing touch.*

## Annual Healing Mass Returns

We are pleased to announce that we will hold our annual Healing Mass on **Saturday, June 18, at 1:00 PM** in the church. Invitations will be mailed to all of our homebound parishioners, but all are welcome. If are sick, having tests, or need healing of body, mind or spirit and would like to be anointed during the Mass, please contact the Rectory Office to add your name to the list. Discover the benefits of the Sacrament of the Sick.



## Be a Sign of Mercy

In late December 2020, a powerful earthquake about 30 miles from the Croatian capital of Zagreb killed 7 people and caused widespread destruction. In solidarity with the many people left homeless, Pope Francis donated €100,000 to Caritas Croatia through the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Human Development. Within five days of receiving the donation, Caritas Croatia purchased and took delivery of 100 temporary housing modules for people displaced in the disaster. The donation allowed Caritas to purchase an additional 100 modules to meet the tremendous ongoing need. Your contribution to the Peter's Penance Collection funds not only the activities of the Roman Curia to assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry, but also solidarity projects that aid those most in need, like the support of Croatia described above. To learn more about the ways in which Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

The Peter's Pence collection will be taken up on the weekend of **June 18-19**, and although this is still a month away, we wanted to proclaim the significance of this appeal and ask for your consideration of a contribution at that time.

We thank you for being generous.



## Parish & Local

### Catholic Charities 2022

If you have not made your annual Catholic Charities donations, please consider doing so at this time. We are at 68% of our parish goal, so we still have some work to do. All donations can be sent directly to the following address: **Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Catholic Charities Appeal, P.O. Box 95000, Philadelphia, PA 1995-4710.** Visit [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org) for details.



### Delaware County Celebrates May as Older Americans Month

Each May, Delaware County Council embraces the opportunity to celebrate National Older Americans Month and shines a spotlight on the contributions of older residents across the County. Older American's Month was first created by President John F. Kennedy in May of 1963.

As part of the celebration, the following programs are being offered:

**Monday, May 16:** Honoring residents 100 years of age and older at the annual Centenarian Luncheon at Drexelbrook Banquet Center. \$25. Contact Debbie Hedgepeth at 610-872-1406.

**Friday, May 20:** Six weeks through June 24, COSA and the Department of Parks & Recreation will offer **free**, *Steps to Healthy Living: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program*, at Redwood Center in Upland Park in Brookhaven on **Fridays from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon**. This acclaimed, evidence-based program, developed at Stanford University, provides participants with self-care tools and life skills to support you in reaching personal goals to manage chronic conditions. Space is limited. Register at [williamse@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:williamse@co.delaware.pa.us) or call 610-499-1937.

**Tuesday, May 31:** Deadline to register for the 2022 Senior Games, on **Monday June 13 to Friday, June 24**. All residents aged 50+ are invited to participate in Pickleball, Bocce, Bowling, Corn Hole, Shuffleboard, Table Tennis, Swimming and Track & Field, even Wii Bowling. Lighthearted competition, an opportunity to connect with friends and your Delco neighbors, and an awards banquet are just some of the reasons to consider joining us. For more information and registration forms, visit [delcosenior-games.org](http://delcosenior-games.org) or call 610-490-1300.

For more details on all COSA programs, events, and resources, visit <https://www.delcosa.org/>.

### School News

#### Our Lady of Angels



We would like to thank the Ridley Police Department for sponsoring the Safety Picnic last week. Our 7th and 8th grade safeties had a great day competing against other schools in various races, pie eating contests and the tug of war. Thankfully, the weather cooperated as well. The police department's kindness to all the safeties is greatly appreciated!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. Please access the necessary forms on our website: [www.ourladyofangelsmorton.org](http://www.ourladyofangelsmorton.org) or by calling our school office at 610-543-8350.

Congratulations to all our second graders! We are so happy to welcome you into the church as you receive your third Sacrament of Initiation! This is an exciting time for all!

Our school Marian Celebration will be held on **Friday, May 20, 2022 at 1:30pm** in OLPH Church. All are invited to pray the Rosary with us and praise our Blessed Mother, Mary!

School is closed on **Thursday, May 26, and Friday, May 27, 2022** in celebration of the Ascension of the Lord and on **Monday, May 30**, for Memorial Day. School resumes on **Tuesday, May 31**.

First In Math is online computer program where the students compete nationally to use their Math skills to earn stickers. OLA is presently ranked 79th in the nation, 44th in the state, and 5th in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia!! Luca Merkle in Grade 8 is ranked 4th and Deryck Maniraho in Grade 4 is ranked 8th in the nation! Keep up the great work Angels!

#### St. James Regional

The St. James Fun Run kick-off begins on **Tuesday, May 17**. The goal is to raise \$18,000 for our wonderful school. Students will run 35 laps and get pledges for each lap they run (Ex: \$1 pre lap=\$35) or they can get flat donation pledges as well. As they get pledges, they have the chance to earn fun prizes, too. Registration is now open. To participate, please log on to [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM) and enter your family's details. Between kickoff and Fun Run, students will learn about character, be issued nightly challenges, and get pledges from friends and family to help their school. We are working hard to make this safe, fun and successful for everyone. The event day is **May 26th**. Last year, our school raised over \$25,000!!! Please consider a pledge and join us for this fun event.

#### OLA Chance Drive Fundraiser



Tickets are **available through May 23 at St. George Rectory** for Our Lady of Angels Regional Catholic School's fundraiser Chance Drive School Fundraiser. Get your tickets now!

**First prize \$5,000**

**Second prize \$500 Wawa gift card**

**Third prize \$500 Visa gift card**

Tickets are a \$20 donation. **Hurry!!!** Only 1000 tickets will be sold, so the odds of winning are good. The drawing will be held on **May 25**.

For more details, call Anne Steenberge at 610-986-2946, Jo Murphy at 610-329-3651 or Venmo OLA Morton.

# Parish Religious Education



## PREP News Confirmation 2023

Not only is next year the 100th anniversary of St. George Parish, but it is also a Confirmation year. How very special it will be, especially for our sacrament classes! And we have much work to do to prepare for these big events. Students in 7th and 8th grade who are preparing for Confirmation in 2023 are asked to attend a very important gathering next weekend. Summer packets will be distributed next **Sunday, May 22, at 11:30 AM** at a meeting in church. This packet includes important projects that **must be completed by August 31, 2022**. All candidates for Confirmation in 2023 **must** attend. If for some reason a Candidate is not able to attend, you are asked to contact Mrs. Batten at 610-237-1633 or [st.georgesec@rcn.com](mailto:st.georgesec@rcn.com) to arrange a private meeting, as this is an important step in your preparations for Confirmation. Confirmation classes will be held at St. George Church beginning in **September 2023**. Part of these sessions also include Catholic school students. A calendar with the times and dates will be distributed to all Candidates. Candidates must also be registered in PREP for the 2022-2023 school year in order to participate in Confirmation preparations. **Registration is now due!** Registration forms are available at the doors of the church or in the Rectory Office. Please call for additional details.

Camp Caritas at Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School is coming up fast. For those who have registered for the June session, please check your email for important information about the program and what is needed in preparation for the camp week. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Batten at the number/address listed above.

### Closing of PREP

We have come to the end of the PREP for the 2021-2022 year. We take this opportunity to thank Father Hand, Mrs. Kathy McGovern and the volunteer catechists for welcoming and supporting our students in their first year of instruction at St. Gabriel Parish. It was a successful transition! We look forward to another PREP year beginning in **September 2022**. Parents are reminded that registration is now taking place. Since there is a larger student base, we encourage you to register now to ensure a spot for your child. **Once classes are filled, no openings will be available.** Registration can be done online at [www.stgabrielnorwood.org](http://www.stgabrielnorwood.org). Checks are to be made out to *St. George Parish* for parishioners of St. George Parish. Please call 610-586-1225 with any questions.

On **Sunday, May 29, at the 10:30 AM Mass**, we will congratulate and recognize our Parish Religious Education students who have completed the entire program this May 2022. As we send them off on their continued journey of faith, we ask for your prayers and encouragement for these young students as they embark upon their high school years ahead.

## Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies and a Night with the Union

**Phillies Game - Thursday, June 30**, at Citizens Bank Park and **Union Game - Saturday, July 30**, at Sabaru Park

Proceeds from ticket sales from both games will go directly to support the Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries.

Visit <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities> to purchase tickets or call 215-587-5650 for more details.

## Will You Recognize Me by My Actions?

Let's play a guessing game. Here's how we play. We will describe a costume and pretend to have a specific role or job, and then you'll have to guess who it is. Ready? Here we go.

1) I have a big red nose and bright red hair. My face is painted white. I usually wear a silk costume in bold colors with polka dots. I like to make you laugh and I make all kinds of funny faces and noises. Sometimes I even use noise makers. Who am I?

2) I wear a black or blue uniform with a badge to show everyone who I am. Sometimes I wear a matching hat. I drive a car with red flashing lights and a loud siren and I carry weapons of protection for the community. Who am I?

3) I wear leotards and silk slippers and a fancy costumes that look something like a fairy would wear. I love to dance to music, I can stand on my toes, and I can sometimes be found twirling in a music box. Who am I?

So how did you do? Check your answers below. Did you guess all three of them?

We played this game because it reminds us of the moral in our Gospel reading for today. Jesus was teaching His friends, who were also called "disciples". He was getting ready to leave them and go to heaven. He wanted them to be ready, too. So He told them, *"You can't go where I'm going. But when I leave, I want you to love others as I have loved you. Then they'll know you're My disciples."*

Just like in our little game today, if we love others as Jesus loves us, people will recognize us as good people because we choose to follow Him. Just as we know who the people in our game are by their clothing and their actions, we, too, will be recognized for loving Jesus, following His teachings, being kind and loving others.

Jesus tells us when we love others like He loved others, they'll know we're His friends. Would you like people to know you're Jesus' friend? Think more about that this week

*Dear God, we want others to know we're Jesus' friends. Help us to love others like Jesus loved. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*(Answers: 1: A Clown 2: A police man/woman 3: A Ballerina)*





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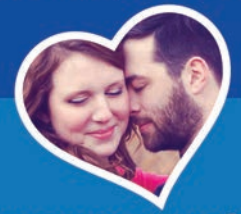
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