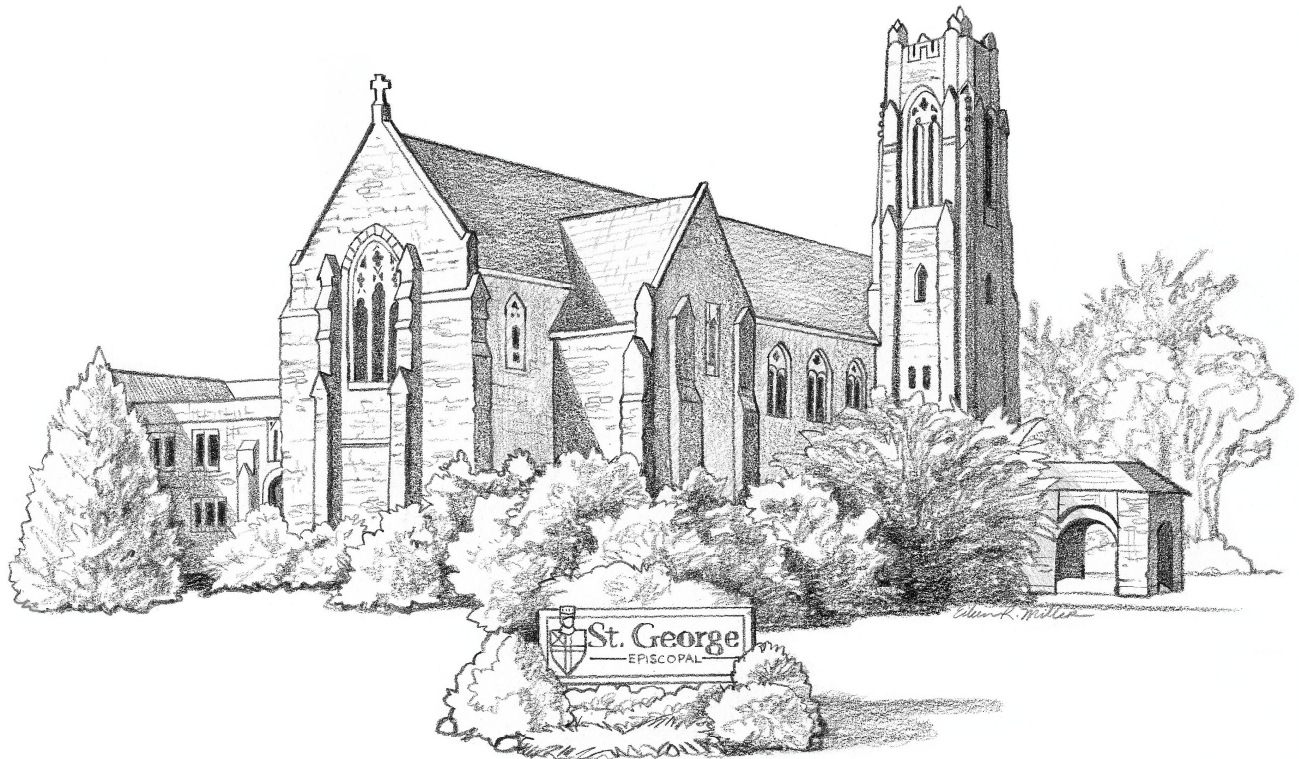


THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00 a.m., Rite I

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Coming together from our week in the world, we ready ourselves worship God.
Please stand at the entrance of the ministers.*

Note: † Where this mark is seen, it is traditional to make the sign of the cross.

Celebrant † Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *in unison*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis *in unison*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of † God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching.

We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves, and greeting one another in his Name.

First Lesson

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8 in unison

I will exalt you, O God my King, *

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *

there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *

and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well -- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the

usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the $\dagger$ life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the church of Jesus Christ in every nation; and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Christ Church, Ridley Park; St. Mary's, Cathedral Road; St. Anne's, Abington, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Daniel, our bishop; for Joel, our priest; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, the Guild of St. Sebastian, and the Daughters of the King; and for all God's people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love, and especially for Reddin & Grimsley families, Corey, Nathan, Morris Strickland, Angie Vernick, Derek Jones, Maureen Ruiz del Arbol, Andy Ryan, Charlene Echard, Randy Kulp, Isabella Smith, Glenn Boseman, Jude Adams, Bryn Thompson, Gail Barson, Penny Dougherty, Sheila Farnsworth, Rita Strassburg, Samuel Manthorpe, Nicholas, Susan Fischer DiCicco, Bruce Bachart, Helen Lightcap, Evan, Robert Fabio, Marty Marguilies, Cindy Valintinsen, Brian Paul, Kevin, Steve, John, Tina Roberts Lightcap, Eileen Gallagher Devine, Sue Hammoud, Sam Tucker, Al Venter, Bob Weder, Jackie Young, Sarah, Mark Pelchat, Wyatt and Janet MacGaffey, Roberta Clements, Carmella Lewis, and Richard and Cynthia Pound, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Rob McGarvey, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially Doug & Catherine Stuart, Stephen Lightcap & Tina Roberts Lightcap, and Jon & Nina Wickersham, that God may reveal himself to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who † rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. George, our patron, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ, as we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *in unison*

Please remain kneeling.

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand following the † absolution.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Offertory sentence

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our risen Lord comes to us in His sacrificial banquet and we receive Him by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious

Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus *in unison*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

† Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as the celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be † filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.** †

The Lord's Prayer *in unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei *in unison*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access *in unison*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion †

<i>All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.</i> <i>If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.</i>
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The Postcommunion Prayer

Please kneel. The celebrant and people together say,

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

† **Blessing**

Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

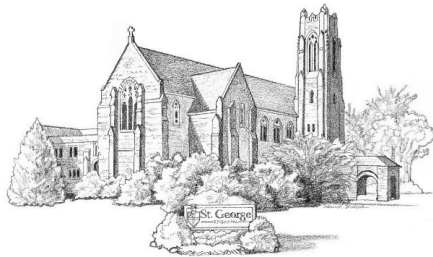
People

Thanks be to God.



Each weekday, at least one member of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament will pray with special intention for the Church and for the world, usually in the presence of the Holy Sacrament. The intercessions include those on our parish intercession list. In addition to those named in the Prayers of the People above, the Confraternity will also pray for:

Eileen Snyder, Stephanie, Mary Rose, Lauren Exley, Daphne Beltramo, Andreas Pas, David Bullock, Chris Coleman, Vic Velez, Megan Shields, Marie Weder, Philippa Painter Pay, Debra Weiss, Lita Orlay, Rasmus, Christine Boggi, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, the Dennis and Lewis family, Theresa, the Blatstein family, Lee West, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom



Learn about St. George's 90+ years of history!

Visit us for one of our next series of upcoming tours of the church. Tour dates and times are:

Saturday, September 19 at 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m.



Acts of the Apostles: Faith, History, Heroism



Sundays at 9 a.m. in Jerusalem Hall

NEW – Women's Book Club

Initial organizational meeting: Saturday, September 26 at 10 a.m. in Jerusalem Hall. Come read books, make friends, share ideas, and build a community! If interested, sign up in Jerusalem Hall or reach out to Courtney Brady (8 a.m., courtneygbow@gmail.com) or Tina Scarborough (10 a.m., tina.krajewski@gmail.com)

Women's
Book Club

Community Announcements

Do you like to sing? Choir rehearsals start Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.”, Ps.100:1

Bell Choir: The Jubilation Ringers resume rehearsals on September 24th! Carol McGarvey will be leading the bell choir until Cynthia Pound’s return. Rehearsals will be at 6:00 p.m.

Outreach: Collection bins for **The Ardmore Food Pantry** are in the Sulgrave entryway and outside the parish office. We are collecting full-size personal items, baking & packaged goods, and any brand of pet food. A list of needs can be found in the E-Tale and by the collection bins.

The St. James School/Welcome Table collection of cleaning products (Clorox wipes, Windex, liquid or powder cleaners) can be placed in the large red bucket outside the parish office. Thank you!

Lankenau Medical Center Food Pantry needs paper grocery bags (plastic and reuseable will also be accepted) please drop off outside of the parish office. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES:

September 26, 10 a.m.: Women’s Book Club

October 3, 8-10 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners

October 3, 9 a.m.: Men’s Breakfast

October 10, 8 a.m.: Good Works

October 16, 7 p.m.: St. George’s Team Trivia Night

November 2, 10 a.m.: Commissioning of the Daughters of the King

November 11, 12 p.m.: Sages Luncheon

Read the E-Tale each Wednesday for up-to-date event announcements!

Visiting St. George’s today? **Welcome!**

If this is your first time at St. George’s, we are glad you’re here and hope your faith has been strengthened. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with your arms crossed for a blessing. After the service, join us for **coffee hour** in the parish hall through the doors at the front right of the church. To stay connected, leave your email on an information slip to receive our **weekly E-tale newsletter**, also posted on Facebook. If you’d like to learn more about St. George’s or feel called to join our parish life, **speak to Fr. Joel** or email rector@stgeorgeschurch.org. We would be a better church with you here.



Sunday School for children meets most Sunday mornings during the 10 a.m. service. Children leave church following the Collect of the Day and return for Communion.

Nursery: Nursery care is available each Sunday during the 10 a.m. service for our youngest members and visitors. The nursery is located in The Children’s Ark and staffed by certified childcare providers. Please ask an ambassador to direct you.





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The Rev. Joel C. Daniels, PhD, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today:

Lector: Joan Cesare

Intercessor: Liz Havens

Server: Donna DiPaulo

Chalice Bearer: Cheryl Ames

Ambassador: Frank Hadden

Altar Set-up: Joan Cesare, Frank Hadden

Altar Guild: Jim Burns, Janice Capoferri,
Joan Cesare

Tellers: Cathy Hetznecker, TBD

Coffee Hour: Liz Havens

Nicholas Mynyk, *Organist/Choirmaster*

Violette DeSantis, *Parish Administrator*

Mark Alston, *Sexton*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 8:00 a.m. ~::~~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION

St. George's mission is to share together God's work in our lives through liturgy and sacrament, through joyous and caring fellowship, and through courageous and compassionate engagement with the world.