



# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*

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### **Week of January 3, 2016**

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

### ***From the Pastor's Desk***

The magi must have paid close attention to see a new star. Nowadays, city lights blind us to the lights of heaven. When I was a young religious, we sat on our roof deck and paid attention to the sky, pointing out shooting stars, falling stars, or lights that seemed brighter or new. We didn't leave that deck to follow new stars like the magi, but the experience taught me to pay attention to God's glory above, below, and around me, and then, like the magi, act upon what I discovered.

Their message troubled Herod. He did not want competition, so he sought to destroy, rather than honor, the child. The magi paid attention to God's message in a dream and did not return to Herod. They were changed by their encounter with Jesus and departed another way. When we pay attention to the Lord, we are often not the same. We are transformed and live another way. We use our gifts to pay God homage.

Epiphany celebrates God's utter inclusivity. God is Lord of the chosen people and all people, Jew and Gentile. All the people of God become a light for others to see, know and adore. God's promise to rescue the poor, help the afflicted, govern with justice, and have compassion for everyone is made flesh in Jesus and in us. At baptism we promised to keep the light of Christ burning brightly. We promised to pay attention to Christ wherever his light shines. Live Jesus in your flesh, through your eyes, mouth, hands, feet, and the hair on your head, as St. Francis de Sales commands. Pay attention to everyone, even those you or I might think unworthy. Shine brightly with the light that has come. Be not afraid. Be affirmed.

Christ our Light, help me to be the star of wonder that shines with your compassionate love so that all people know your presence, justice, peace, and love.

- Who has surprised you by living the way of Jesus clearly? How?
- Name ways that you can relieve poverty, help those afflicted in any way, and shine with the light of God's justice.

*Shalom! Fr. Pat*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 2	5 pm	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Sunday, January 3	8:30 am	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Sunday, January 3	11 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Monday, January 4	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, January 5	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, January 6	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, January 7	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, January 8	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, January 9	5 pm	In Thanksgiving for and Honoring all Mothers
Sunday, January 10	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving for prayers and healing for Shirley Miller and "Little Sam", by Shirley Miller
Sunday, January 10	11 am	Dennis Grabianowski, by the Family

**The next First Friday Mass is February 5th at 9:00 am in the Chapel.**

**Confession: Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS**, especially: Loretta Ellis, Doris Ellis, Angie Antonelli, Peter Brady, Maryanne Mueller, Michael Schafer, John Branicky, Marsha Shuler, Dorothy Knaier, Louise Zelonis, Gina Reger, Richard & Antoinette Pucillo, Joe Arcara, Lou Williams, Delores Gebhard, Jeanette Dipiano, Susan Dorobiala, Judy Zielinski, Nancy Service, Jocelyn Tragarz, Sr. Mary Dee, Allison Kruger, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, Jill Janik, David Dobson, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Jim Cafferty, Linda Bettinger, Mario Nunez, Sarah Friedhaber, Jason Estabrook, Crystal Oats, Dianne Emerling, Bill Petrie, Sophie Cook, Margo McClelland, Steve Curvin, David Kroll, Dave Isbrandt, Bill Kegler, Mike Slawinski, Bill Henning, Dolores Lewandowski, Don Murray, Faith Smith and Catherine Cook.



### **DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL MIDWINTER DINNER & DANCE SOCIAL!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 6 PM - ??**

Come on out of hibernation and enjoy a fun evening of great food with friends, and live music! For only **\$20**, you'll enjoy drinks, a delicious buffet dinner catered by **Collette's**, and country & soft rock music by the acoustic duo, "**Route Two40 Ride**".

*(Psst! Our parish secretary is one half of the duo!)*

All are welcome!! **Get your tickets after Mass next weekend!**



**CATECHISTS AND TEACHER AIDES** are meeting **Monday, January 4th at 7 pm** in the parish hall.

The **LIVING THE EUCHARIST Team and Small Group Leaders** are meeting on **Tuesday, January 5th at 7 pm** in the parish hall.

*Happy New Year! It's time to plan ahead for Lent!  
(Ash Wednesday is February 10!)*

*Share the Joy* and join us this Lent in...



*Learn how truly "living" the Eucharist can enrich your life!*

**Adults** - Experience God's presence in small faith-sharing groups

**Youth** - Share faith, friendship, and prayer with other high school youth

**Families** - Share faith as a family in your home

**All Parishioners** – Enrich your faith with daily Lenten meditations

Learn more at [www.stgeorgercchurch.org/le](http://www.stgeorgercchurch.org/le).

**Team and Small Group Leaders will be available to answer questions next weekend.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Our next **GIFT Faith Fest** will be on **Sunday, January 31st** from **9:30-10:45 am**. Come join our **Mardi Gras** celebration as we prepare for the season of Lent!

**ROSARY ALTAR BAKE & PLANT SALE** Many thanks to all who donated, purchased and helped with the Rosary Altar bake sale. We made a profit of **\$642.15**, which will be used for items to enhance our parish church, chapel, and hall, and for donations to worthwhile charities.



**THE 2016 CALENDARS ARE IN! TAKE ONE HOME TODAY** from any of the church entrances. **Our sincere thanks to Kenneth Howe Funeral Home** for donating the calendars to our parish every year!

**SUNDAY, FEB 7th, 9 am – 1 pm** Our **Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast** and **Theme Basket Auction** will be here before you know it. *It's time once again to prepare those creative Theme Baskets!*



**STEWARDSHIP** Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,177.64**. Offerings for **Christmas** totaled **\$3,558.00**. *We sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity!* Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations.

**PARISH COUNCIL STILL NEEDS YOU!** New members are needed for our **2016 Parish Council**. *Won't you please consider serving your parish as a member of Parish Council?* **2016 Parish Council Nomination forms** have been placed at each church entrance. **Please complete a form and mail it or drop it off to the Rectory before we make our selections on January 10th.**



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** The following are some thoughts that appeared in a Buffalo News Letter to the Editor on December 19th:



*"What makes the St. Vincent de Paul Society unique is its willingness to visit people in need in their homes..."*, *"it purposely keeps a low profile, it is under-recognized, (in the writer's opinion), for the tremendous work it does"*.

The writer is Dennis Farrell, cousin of one of our Vincentians, John. If this appeals to you, we are always looking for new members. We wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year and God Bless all.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU** for your Christmas wishes, prayers, cards, goodies and thoughtfulness during this Christmas season. **We sincerely appreciate all that you do for us and for one another in our St. George Parish Family.**



*Father Pat & Staff*

**IN LOVING MEMORY...** **Angeline Antonelli** and **James Gietler**, long-time parishioners of our parish, both passed away **Friday, December 29th**. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Angie on **Monday, January 4th at 10 am** in the church. A Mass of Christian Burial for James took place at Queen of Heaven Church on Saturday at 11:30 am. Our condolences to their families, and also to Jerry & Barbara Castiglia and family as they mourn the loss of Jerry's sister, **Ann Marie Fregelette**.



**YEAR OF MERCY: What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?**

Pope Francis has asked us to rediscover the **Corporal** and **Spiritual Works of Mercy**. Throughout the Gospels Jesus admonishes us to follow his example, an example that sets down tangible ways we might better serve our brothers and sisters in need. As its name implies, the **Corporal Works are directed toward serving the body**: corpus, in Latin, means "body." There are **seven Corporal Works of Mercy**:

**Feed the hungry**  
**Shelter the homeless**

**Give drink to the thirsty**  
**Visit the sick**  
**Bury the dead**

**Clothe the naked**  
**Visit the imprisoned**

*This Jubilee we should make a concerted effort to perform these beautiful Works of Mercy.*

**ALTAR SERVER, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR SCHEDULES** for January & February are available in the sacristy and on our website. Please pick up or **download** your copy today.

## *Christmas Flower Offerings*

### *Honoring our Family and Friends:*

*Robert Habicht, Christine Habicht Kujawa, Rick Will, Teresa Lenox,  
Joseph & Helen Pepkin, John Pepkin Sr., John & Adam Sikora,  
Howard & Mary Jean Ling, Clarence & Esther Ling, Richard C. Hartman,  
Roy & Bob Gottstine, Fr. Joel Campbell, Louis & Teresa Gottstine,  
Dorothy & Bob Hortinetz, Dan Pietrzak, Gary McKale, Jane Tuttle,  
Nemec & McGrath Families, Bill Tuttle, Lindsley & Schuster Families,  
Joseph F. Saita, Jr., George & Ann Stotz, Elmer & Marion Bauer, Patricia Biegaj,  
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Coyle, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Lester, Robbie & Patrick Combes,  
Mr. & Mrs. B. Lyons, Catherine & Jim Righter, Jim Hilburger,  
Charlie & Cindy Redman, Connie & Ken Henning, Katie & Gerard Oehler,  
Ruth Shumn, Ted Batycki, Raymond Gottstine, Dolores & Paul Hertel;  
Deceased members of the Kraus & Holden Families, Rosemary Schneider,  
Betty McElsheny, Mary Schneider, Lynn Kurtz, Anthony & Pauline Anzalona,  
Tony & Jean Sojka, Norm & Meta Conway, Patrick Conway, Richard Brobeil,  
James & Tillie Wagner, Daniel Wagner, Ken & Lucille Fierle,  
John & Ruth Kreuzer, Robert Wagner, Jim Wagner, Kenny Fierle,  
Debra Schichtel, Rose Denesha, Janetta Kulak, John Cahano, Philip Arcara,  
Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Antkowiak, Sam & Louise Maggio, George Rogers, Bea Rogers,  
Thomas F. Woodrow, Bea Woodrow, Dolie & Herb Smith, Suzi Nuwer,  
Alice & Lucian Dombrowski, David & Mary Rjeman, Grant & David Rjeman,  
Howard Parker, Robert Prehoda, Christine Marie Habicht-Kujawa,  
Thaddeus Peter & Paul John Kujawa, Jeannie Serafini,  
Deceased members of the Banach & Kujawa Families,  
Martin & Dorothy Kondziela, Mary & Bernard Shanahan, Mary Munson, RN,  
Mary Gerken, Precious Little Ones, Anthony Vitale, Eunice Vitale,  
Robert L. Bull, Honor of Marion Bull, Bill & Joan Tompkins*

*Thank you for your generous offerings  
to beautify our Church this Christmas season.*