

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

Forty days and forty nights; this Biblical timeframe recurs when an important time of growth or conversion is being referenced. The early story of Noah, the one just man on earth at the time, tells us that the flood was brought on by rains lasting forty days and forty nights. Jesus, early in his public life, goes into the desert for forty days and forty nights to pray and fast. The Hebrew people, after God has miraculously freed them from the slavery of Egypt, doubt God's presence and end up wandering in the desert for an extraordinary forty years in order to purify the people.

Our modern observance of Lent is built on this timeframe of forty days. These days are for the preparation of our hearts, minds and lives so that when our holiest days of the year commence, we can enter as fully as possible into the mysteries of the Triduum (the three days). Following the Jewish mindset that one day ends and the next day begins at sunset, we measure these holiest days from sunset on Holy Thursday. The events of the Last Supper, the arrest of Jesus, His condemnation, death and burial all are remembered on this first of the three days, ending with Jesus being laid in the tomb. By sunset on Good Friday, the beginning of the second day, the Jewish people have begun their observance of Sabbath. Christian writers have often called Holy Saturday, this second day of the Triduum, the day when the Great King sleeps! Finally, as sunset descends upon on Holy Saturday, our anticipation of Christ's Resurrection is peaking. The Church celebrates this great longing for the rising of Jesus with the Easter Vigil, a liturgy that recounts all of Salvation History with great praise and thanks!

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 11	5 pm	Raymond & Dorothy Perreault, by Ray Perreault
Sunday, March 12	8:30 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Sunday, March 12	11 am	For the spiritual and temporal well-being of the James Grubka family, by Fr. Jim Wall
Monday, March 13	8 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Tuesday, March 14	8 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Wednesday, March 15	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, March 16	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, March 17	8 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Saturday, March 18	5 pm	Rob Dubicz, by Norm & Donna
Sunday, March 19	8:30 am	Dan Pietrzak, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, March 19	11 am	Eva Meigs, by the Peplin family

**Our next First Friday Mass is April 7th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.
Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

Let us pray for... Doris Ellis, Ann Marie Price, Ellen Nichter, Jim & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Marion Habicht, Rita Kowalik, Barb Songin and Anna & Erino Fabrizi.

POSTPONED—STAY TUNED! We had to postpone our **GIFT K-8 Soup & Bread Supper** and **Children's Stations of the Cross** that was to take place this past Friday because of the continuing power outage in our area. *Stay tuned to our website and/or Facebook page for the new date, coming soon!*



YOU'RE A TOUGH CROWD! We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your patience, perseverance and ingenuity through the high winds and lengthy power outage we experienced this week. We're grateful that the majority of the damage was limited to trees, leaving our people and property largely unharmed. *(The Chapel steeple will be repaired or replaced soon!)*

What's the meaning of all the knots you see in our Lenten decorations around the Church and Gathering space? The knots represent our sins—the times when we “*missed the mark*” in following Jesus' example of self-sacrificing, loving service to family, friend and stranger. *Are you tied up in knots with memories of those times?*

The penitential Lenten season is a time to deal with those sins, those knots in our lives. **You're invited to take a strand of rope at the cross in the Gathering Space. Tie it in a knot and place it in the basket or at the foot of the cross.** Now is the time to “*take up your cross*” and follow Jesus to freedom and new life.



SAVE THESE DATES!

March 14	7pm	Liturgy Planning Meeting
March 16	7pm	Parish Council Meeting
March 21	11:30 am	Rosary Altar Society Lunch and Meeting
April 13	7pm	Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at CKS Join us for dinner at the Seminary prior to Mass – <i>call the office.</i>
April 14	3pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 15	8:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
April 16	8:30, 11am	Easter Sunday Mass
April 29	12-5pm	St. George Parish Retreat, guided by Fr. Rob Pecoraro
April 30	9am-1pm	Haiti Breakfast (<i>We'll need Theme Baskets, please!</i>)
May 7	11am	First Eucharist and Crowning of Mary
May 20	5pm	Confirmation (<i>here!</i>), with Bishop Richard J. Malone
May 21	2-5pm	West Falls Fire Company Meat Raffle
June 19		Happy Birthday, Father Jim!
July 16	12-4pm	Chicken BBQ, Cash Raffle & Theme Basket Auction

HOLY THURSDAY PLANS

The **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, celebrated on Holy Thursday, is our annual remembrance of the origins of the Eucharist and Catholic priesthood. As such, it's an especially wonderful day for priests to celebrate together! Fr. Jim is a member of the community of priests at our nearby Christ the King Seminary (CKS), so it is with joy that **members of St. George Parish are invited to attend the 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at CKS on Thursday, April 13th** to celebrate with Fr. Jim and his brother priests. The Seminary community will gather to **dine at 5 pm** in the Dining Hall and *we invite you to sign up* to share this meal with them prior to the Mass. The cost of the meal is **\$13**, and we'll take reservations and payments in our Parish Office until **April 3rd**. This will allow us to give an accurate number of guests to the CKS food service folks as they prepare. *Join us for this special evening!*



EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS are used each year to create a **Memorial Garden** and to decorate our church. If you would like to make an offering in memory of a deceased loved one, or to honor someone special with a Living Intention, **please complete the form below**, enclose it in an envelope with your offering, and return it to

the parish office or place it in the offering basket at Mass.

The names will be published in the **Easter Sunday** bulletin, **as long as we receive your dedication by Palm Sunday, April 9th.**

Please PRINT—help us spell your loved ones' names correctly. Thank you!

In Memory of _____

In Honor of (Living Intention) _____

Donated by _____ Envelope # _____



OUR GENEROSITY ENABLES OUR MISSION & OUTREACH EFFORTS

What we give to our parish in our weekly offerings is our offering to God, an offering of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has given to us. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ in our community, in addition to paying our parish bills. Last week's offerings totaled **\$2,903.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** totaled **\$403.00**. Thank you, and *God bless you for your generosity!*

UPON THIS ROCK AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Please note: Your Catholic Charities donation for the 2017 Appeal can be included in your initial pledge to the *Upon This Rock* campaign this year.

Anyone wishing to meet individually with Sister Lori to discuss the details of the *Upon This Rock* campaign is welcomed and encouraged to call the Parish office during March (652-3153) to set up an appointment. We've been provided with carefully prepared informational packets to educate us about this important capital campaign initiated by Bishop Malone.

Email Sister Lori at sisterlori@stgeorgercchurch.org.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven says, *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."*

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the **St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box** will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. God bless all in our Lenten Desert Journey.

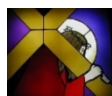
COLDEN HISTORIAN TO SPEAK AT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER

Joe Marren, Colden Town Historian, will entertain and enlighten you with his talk on the *History of Colden*, **Wednesday, March 15th at 7 pm** at the [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#). Admission is free and *all are welcome*. Light refreshments to follow.



The March issue of **Western New York Catholic** is now available at the church entrances. Please take a copy home with you today. The newspaper is also available online at wnycatholic.org/documents/March2017.pdf.

REST IN PEACE, BOB CHILSON Kindly pray for the family's comfort and healing as they mourn his passing. Bob's joyful spirit and presence will be missed. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. George on **Saturday, March 4th at 10 am**. More information and an online guest book are available at www.comfortfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Robert-Chilson/.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS on **Friday, March 17th** will be in the Memorare Chapel immediately following the 8 am Mass. Our **Rosary Altar Society** will lead us in the Stations.