

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of September 4, 2016

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christians are followers of Christ. That seems obvious, I'm sure! "Christ" is a title given to Jesus by those who have encountered him as the Chosen, or Anointed, One of God. The Hebrew equivalent of the Greek "Christ" is the title "Messiah". As Jesus lived his earthly life, we assume he was probably more commonly referred to as Jesus of Nazareth. The Hebrew people around Jesus lived in anticipation of the Messiah who would lead them to greatness.

As Jesus became recognized as uniquely expressive of God, especially following the Resurrection, Jesus was proclaimed the Messiah, the long awaited one! As the faith spread into Greek areas, the title Christ became more commonly used.

All this is to say that we, modern Christians, are wise to remember that we have inherited a faith that calls us to follow a person named Jesus, who at one point in history united the mystery of the Godhead with our humanity. This is the mystery of the Incarnation!

Recently during a Bible School session with 5 year olds entitled "Jesus is My Friend", I asked the kids, "What is a friend?" One answered that a friend is someone we know. I agreed and went on to say that my hope is that during our Bible School we all might get to know Jesus a bit better each day so that we can know more and more that Jesus really is our friend.



Perhaps this Bible School advice isn't simply for the little ones. As Christians, followers of Christ, our growth in knowledge of the life and words of Jesus will never end. Cultivating our faith in Jesus is a good way to gain perspective on our lives and our place in God's creation.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 3	5 pm	Bill, Agnes, & Vince Mazurczyk, by Rita Hider
Sunday, September 4	8:30 am	Vernon Frost, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, September 4	11 am	Deceased members of the Danheiser & Hauser families, by Joseph Hauser
Monday, September 5	8 am	In Thanksgiving for and In Honor of all Fathers
Tuesday, September 6	8 am	Bob Krajnik, by Mark & Sharon Zielonka
Wednesday, September 7	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 8	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 9	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, September 10	5 pm	Dennis Grabianowski, by the Family
Sunday, September 11	8:30 am	Bob Krajnik, by Tom & Alice Dziulko
Sunday, September 11	11 am	Carol Bruce, by Diane Ellis & family

The next First Friday Mass is October 7th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

LET US PRAY FOR... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Ann Marie Price, and Gary Klaja.

GET READY FOR A NEW SEASON OF *Growing In Faith Together* (GIFT)!



We'll launch with **Catechetical Sunday—September 17th and 18th!** Our **Youth GIFT Team** will be commissioned at the **5 pm Saturday Mass**, followed by a **Meet & Greet dinner and bonfire** for our Youth (Grades 9 - 12) and their parents.

The **GIFT Team for Grades K-8** will be commissioned at the **8:30 am Sunday Mass**.

We're celebrating with **our first Faith Fest of the 2016-17 season** following the 8:30 am Mass! *Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs!*

Parents and children—meet your teachers, pick up your GIFT calendar & textbooks, and enjoy a fun family activity.

Adults of all ages, check out the small group opportunities available this fall!



OUR NEXT RHYTHM DRUM CIRCLE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH at 7 pm in the parish hall. **All ages and experience levels are welcome.**

Drums/rhythm instruments are provided or bring your own. Walk-ins are welcome, but **please sign-up ahead of time**, especially if you need to reserve a drum. For more info, call Lisa at **597-5894** or email lisamjdoun@aol.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Memory of **Anthony Kita**, donated by **Bill and Kathy Kita**. Thank you for enhancing our worship with the beauty of God's flowers!



CRUCIFIXION MURAL We are most grateful to **Bob Sharp** for the beautiful wood panels depicting the crucifixion, which served as the backdrop for our outdoor worship space last weekend. Bob's late wife, **Kay Leitten**, had created the panels as an art project back in 1957. For many years, these panels were part of **Frank Lloyd Wright's Graycliff Estate** when the **Piarist Fathers** from Hungary used Graycliff as their motherhouse. The panels have been stored away for some time; but now, thanks to **Jim Anzalone's** carpentry skills, the panels have been adapted for mobile use and display in the Parish. *We hope you all enjoyed the outdoor celebration of Mass!*



NEXT WEEKEND—A SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST. GEORGE FAITH FORMATION,

Growing
in **Faith**
Together

September 10th and 11th. *100% of your donation stays in our parish and provides vital support to our K-8 GIFT, Grades 9-12 Youth GIFT, Parish Faith Festivals, Adult Small Groups, Parish Retreats, and Evangelization efforts.* Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated. *You can make a difference. Please be as generous as you are able!*



OUR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER is on **Sunday, October 2nd** from **11 am - 2 pm!** Enjoy a great meal here before heading over to the **Colden Festival** and the **Bread of Life Outreach Center's** spectacular **Rummage Sale!**

Tickets are **\$8.50 for adults; tickets for children 10 years & under are \$3.00.** The meal, by Rosina's, includes **spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls & butter, dessert and beverages.** It's a delicious meal and a great sharing time, so please **plan on joining us and invite your friends & family, too.** We'll have a theme basket auction and a 50/50 raffle as well! Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

WE NEED YOUR THEME BASKET DONATIONS! Kindly drop them off at the **back of church** or on the **front porch of the Parish office** (formerly known as the 'Rectorry').

Now, hold on!! If your eyes rolled back in your head at the thought of putting together **ANOTHER** theme basket, **take a look at this week's insert - Theme Basket Ideas.** Your theme baskets are always great and they really do raise the lion's share of our fundraising proceeds. **Please keep up the great efforts and creativity!**



GIFT TEACHERS & AIDES! We'll prepare for **GIFT 2016-17** at the **Team Retreat and Orientation** on **Wednesday, September 14th** at **7 pm** in the **Parish Hall.** With grateful hearts, we thank you for answering the call to share your faith, time and talent with our parish families!

ATTENTION: BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY We are meeting on **September 15th** at **10 am** in the **Parish Office** (formerly known as the Rectorry). *We hope that everyone can be there!*

THE LITURGY TEAM MEETS **Tuesday, September 13th** at **7 pm** in the Gathering space.



OUR MISSION OF MERCY We ask our St. George family to be generous as possible, so we can fulfill our mission of mercy as we journey in faith together. Last week's **Sunday Offerings** totaled **\$1,902.00**. Offerings for the **Mission Co-Op** totaled **\$329.00**.

"If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives."
Robert South (1634-1716), English clergyman

LAST CALL! ARE YOU CELEBRATING 50, 60 OR 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2016?



The Diocese of Buffalo wants to honor you with a special Diocesan ceremony, scheduled for **Sunday, October 23rd at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral**, followed by a reception at the **Adam's Mark Hotel**. Please call the parish office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, so we can submit your names to the Diocese by **September 7th**.

Fr. Pat Keleher, St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Advisor, quotes St. Vincent in the recent edition of **Vincentian Visions**:

"Even though the poor are often rough and unrefined, we must not judge them from external appearances nor from the mental gifts they seemed to have received. On the contrary, if you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor".
 God Bless all.



THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES! You have made generous sacrifices on behalf of the **Catholic Charities Appeal for 2016**. Because of your efforts, the poor will be fed and clothed and given medicine. Counseling services will be made available to families and individuals who otherwise would not have been able to get professional help; it is through the Appeal

that people receive counseling for domestic violence, addictions and a myriad of personal and family problems. You are the gift to Catholic Charities and to your neighbors of all faiths! *Gratefully, Sr. Mary McCarrick, Diocesan Director, & Dennis Walczyk, CEO*

BECOME A MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION The next Training session will be at **Christ the King Seminary** in East Aurora on **Saturday, September 10th from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm**. See Sister Lori or call the office on **Monday** at 652-3153, if you're willing to serve our parish and others in this role.



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER is always in need of **personal hygiene products** such as soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc. BOLO currently serves 70+ families through the food pantry, and **your generous support is always very much appreciated!**

Food Pantry: Thurs. 4–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–Noon.

Gabriel's Closet: Tues. & Wed. 10 am–2 pm, Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1 pm.



The **Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th**, in observance of Labor Day. We wish everyone a safe and restful weekend, and a joyous return to school next week!

THEME BASKET IDEAS:

Be creative in what kind of "basket" to wrap in. A bucket (so many kinds), umbrella baby stroller, trash can, laundry basket, a hat, the ideas are endless.

1. Legos/ClickIts
2. Spa/Bath Products
3. Golf &/or Fishing
4. Movie Night (Movie rental tickets, popcorn, candy)
5. Romantic Night Out (Dinner, concert, ballet, show)
6. Family Night Out for 4 (Family friendly dinner)
7. Local Sporting event Tickets
8. Camping supplies
9. Candy/Chocolates
10. Music
11. Candles
12. Housewarming
13. Kitchen gadgets
14. Baking gadgets
15. Italian or Mexican Dinner fixings
16. Bread mixes
17. Baby
18. BBQ
19. Photo session certificate/frame
20. Art supplies-kids/teens/adults
21. Teas
22. Coffees
23. Books – Kids/Teens/Adults
24. Tools
25. Raggedy Ann
26. Disney Characters
27. Stamps – crafting
28. Scrapbooking
29. Sewing
30. Journaling
31. Car racing, Nascar
32. Sport, Football, Baseball team
33. Isotopes or Scorpions or Lobos
34. Museum passes
35. Tie-Dye – Purchased or kits
36. Computer software
37. Games
38. Teddy Bears
39. Baseball Cards
40. Baby Care
41. Gardening
42. Greeting cards, note cards
43. Kid's homemade cards
44. Exercise
45. Hair Accessories
46. Burt's Bee's
47. Bath Towels
48. Safety Products
49. Barbie
50. Quilt Lovers
51. Models (Airplane/Cars/Trains)
52. Disposable camera & albums
53. Pampered Chef
54. Mary Kay
55. Homemade Gourmet
56. Tupperware
57. School Supplies
58. School Spirit
59. Teacher/Office Supplies
60. Car Wash, detailing
61. Boy's Toys Variety
62. Girl's Toys Variety
63. Junie B. Jones
64. Salsa
65. Hot Wheels
66. Educational
67. Picnic
68. Season – e.g. Summer/Beach
69. Seasonings & Spices
70. Any Holiday
71. Beanie Babies
72. Cleaning supplies
73. Gift wrapping supplies
74. Mother's Day
75. Father's Day
76. Patriotic
77. Angels
78. For Dogs Only
79. For Cat Only
80. Mini fish tank & supplies
81. Science experiment items
82. First Aid kit/supplies
83. Men's ties
84. Women's scarves
85. Kids magazines
86. Auto - Prepaid gas cards, oil
87. Auto emergency kit
88. Healthy Snacks
89. Junk Food Snacks
90. Child's Bath Toys
91. Sundae Toppings
92. Travel (games, toiletries)
93. Cookbooks
94. Different Flavored Popcorns
95. Play-doh
96. Crayola
97. Non-perishable Foods
98. Hats
99. Fun Socks (all same size)
100. Put an undisclosed amount of cash in an envelope – we'll auction that off as a Mystery Money Envelope!

And, there are 500 more ideas at

<http://www.fundraiserhelp.com/500-silent-auction-basket-ideas.htm>!