

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of September 25, 2016

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A retreat master once proclaimed that the little we do is infinitely more than doing nothing! That's a comforting thought, isn't it? We can often be overwhelmed with news of the many ills, near and far, that befall people. Our hearts are moved with compassion and we wonder what we can do to be of help, while knowing that so many situations are way beyond our ability to affect.

The example of Jesus can help us to discover our role in the face of adversities. Jesus, the wandering preacher and miracle worker, encountered people where they were. He did not eradicate worldwide disease or hunger but did relieve the suffering of those he met. Jesus did what he could, where he was. This simple approach could help us avoid the numbing despair and paralyzing frustration that can be felt when we hear of the innumerable crises faced by so many each day throughout the world.

Attentiveness to those we encounter is key to following Jesus. Doing what we can, where we are is a way to follow in His footsteps. The little things we do, are indeed, infinitely more than nothing! Occasionally we may need to muster our courage to act in a helpful, compassionate way... especially with strangers. Every day, however, we have opportunities to act as Jesus acted—in our homes, neighborhoods and workplaces.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 24	5 pm	Carl Grover, on his birthday, by Lucille and the family
Sunday, September 25	8:30 am	Mary Ann & Leonard Kryszak, by the Estate
Sunday, September 25	11 am	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Monday, September 26	8 am	In Thanksgiving for and In Honor of All Mothers
Tuesday, September 27	8 am	Jim Wagner, by Mom
Wednesday, September 28	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 29	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 30	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, October 1	5 pm	Jane Gaffney, by Tom and the late Mary Jane Virginia
Sunday, October 2	8:30 am	Carol Bruce, by Diane Ellis and family
Sunday, October 2	11 am	Charlotte Wojewodzki, by Frank & Louise Dolce

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, Barb Songin, and Gary Klaja.



WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES!

Adults and Children (in grades 4 and up), will you help?

Jack Shanahan and members of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** are offering a training session on Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 am - noon. Current altar servers are also encouraged to attend for a "tune-up" and to encourage and support the servers-in-training.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are donated by **Jerry and Barbara Castiglia, In Honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.**

Congratulations, Jerry & Barbara! Thank you for enhancing our worship with the beauty of God's flowers.



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER'S RUMMAGE SALE STARTS FRIDAY!



Mark your calendars-you don't want to miss this! Friday, September 30th from 4 pm - 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday October 1st & 2nd from 9 am - 3 pm. Come check it out for yourself – it's a bargain hunter's paradise. Our thanks to all who donated furniture, household goods, etc. for our annual Rummage Sale.

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 **\$2,399.00**. Your offerings for **St. George Faith Formation** now total **\$1,591.00!** *Thank you for being so generous.*

"Examples are few of men ruined by giving." Christian Bovée, mid-19th century American author

Blessing of the Pets

In honor of
St. Francis of Assisi



Next **Saturday, Oct. 1st**, at **10 am** we will have our annual **Blessing of Animals** in honor of the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** (Oct. 4th), outside at the picnic shelter. We hope you and your pets will join us for this special blessing! ***Invite your friends—all are welcome!***

Join us for REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR OF MERCY

Father Jim will guide us in four sessions of prayer, scripture and discussion, encouraging our reflection on this year's themes of Mercy. Each session will be held in the parish hall at **7 pm**.

Mercy as Compassion for Ourselves -Tuesday, **October 11**

Mercy as Compassion for Neighbors - Tuesday, **October 18**

Mercy as Compassion for Our World – Tuesday, **October 25**

Mercy as Compassion for Creation – Tuesday, **November 1**

All are welcome! Invite a friend! **Kindly sign up at the GIFT Table in the Gathering space.**

OUR ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY CONTINUES through November 20th!

Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) by donating **\$30** for the purchase of two altar bouquets.

The Flower Shop at Weber's Garden Center in West Falls will prepare the fresh bouquets for us each week. **A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church.**



Thank you for enhancing our worship with the beauty of God's creation!



WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS! We're thrilled to have the **Herdic** and **Darling** families join our faith community! May they find warmth, fellowship and happiness in our parish.

HAVE YOU HEARD? The carillon bell system in the Memorare Chapel has been replaced with a new system, **thanks to the Rosary Altar Society!**

This wonderful donation was **made possible by a generous bequest from the late Ray Deibel's estate.** Ray was instrumental in the installation of the original carillon system, so it was only fitting that his bequest be used to replace the carillons.

Be sure to listen for the bells! They're set to chime on the hour, to play songs prior to Masses, and to play songs at noon and 6:45 pm daily!

Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!

~ ~The October issue of the **WNY Catholic** newspaper is now available at all entrances. ~ ~

Take a copy home with you today!



CONGRATULATIONS, JOE DENESHA! Joe has been selected by the **Buffalo Society of St. Vincent de Paul** to receive the **Ozanam Medal**, awarded for outstanding service to parish and community, reflecting the Vincentian Spirit of giving. The medal is named after **Blessed Fredrick Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Past recipients of this honor from our parish include **Ray Deibel** and **Frank Scarcello**. Joe is a very humble individual and most deserving of this recognition. *God Bless.*



THIS WEEKEND—SUPPORT THE MISSION OF CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY!

Thousands of people annually access Christ the King Seminary for retreats, workshops, convocations, and group meetings—seeking to serve and grow in their faith. Please help them build stronger parishes. *This annual appeal is your opportunity to support the education of our future priests, deacons, and lay leaders.* Your financial support helps our seminary to ensure that all who answer God's call to ministry will not be denied. Give generously so more can serve, and please pray for the success of our seminary's mission. *For more information about our seminary's mission or programs, visit www.cks.edu.*

CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY - EQUIPPING *God's People* FOR MINISTRY



OUR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER is next **Sunday, October 2nd** from **11 am - 2 pm!** Tickets are **\$8.50 for adults; tickets for children 10 years & under are \$3.00**, available at the door. 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!



We need volunteers to help us make this a success! *Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin boards in church.* **Theme baskets** may be left on the porch of the parish office or at the back of church—**THANK YOU!!**

AID FOR LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS The recent storms in Louisiana have caused the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina. As people of God, let's come to the aid of our brothers and sisters. Our prayers and support are urgently needed to help rebuild lives. If you wish to donate funds to help Louisiana flood victims, kindly **place your offering in an envelope marked FLOOD RELIEF** in the offering basket at **next weekend's Masses.**

May the power of our prayers sustain them in the difficult days ahead.



FAREWELL, MARY JANE VIRGINIA Mary Jane passed away Thursday, September 15, 2016 at her home. She was a beloved member of our parish and our Rosary Altar Society, and she volunteered at the Bread of Life Outreach Center. Please keep her family, and especially her husband **Thomas**, in your prayers. Memorials may be made to the **Bread of Life Outreach Center**, 8745 Supervisor Ave., Colden, NY 14033.