

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of November 6, 2016

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am not a technological wiz. Thankfully, I am able to understand, basically, the capabilities of this communication and media age. I can *navigate* several useful *platforms* and *applications* which serve my ministerial and personal needs. I am not a *gamer* and I choose not to participate in social networks. More than once I have asked groups to consider: "*Do you own your phone or does your phone own you?*"

In this age of instant and unfiltered communications, we are vulnerable to being overwhelmed by data. Our generally healthy competitive nature can be swept up in trying to know more information faster than anyone else and then publicizing it. Many in our culture encounter *virtual* and *augmented* reality daily in one way or another. It seems to me that these encounters can become blurred over time with actual reality.

We as Christians are called to encounter Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus reveals to humankind the actual reality of God as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier of all things. Personal and profound times of encounter with the Divine, or prayer, are required of all believers in order to remain rooted in the actual reality of God.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 5	5 pm	Charlotte Wojewodzki, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Sunday, November 6	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Sunday, November 6	11 am	Mary Jane Virginia, by Pat & Jim Thoman
Monday, November 7	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, November 8	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, November 9	8 am	Communion Service & Novena
Thursday, November 10	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, November 11	8 am	Stan Kowalik Sr., honoring his birthday, by Rita
Saturday, November 12	5 pm	Vincent Camuto, by the Camuto family
Sunday, November 13	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Sunday, November 13	11 am	Erma Blemel, by Michael J. Blemel

The next First Friday Mass is December 2nd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

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

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



Eat Hearty!! ENJOY A PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT BREAD OF LIFE Sunday, November 6th, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Hosted by **Mason's Living Stone Lodge**, with proceeds to benefit Bread of Life Outreach programs. **Tickets are \$8.00 each; kids under 5 are free!** Tickets available at the BOLO Center and at the door. Questions? Call **941-3550**.

ELAINE & DAVID AHLES RECEIVE COMPANION ON THE JOURNEY AWARD

We are very pleased to recognize Elaine and David for their countless and selfless contributions to our Youth and our Youth Ministry! The award was presented to them at the **Youth Ministry Awards Banquet** this past **Friday, November 4th**. *Thank you, Elaine & David, for all you do for our parish and our Youth!*



FILL OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE BASKETS!! *Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the Gathering space or make a monetary donation by November 13th. You're all welcome* to help assemble the food donations and decorate the Thanksgiving baskets at our **Parish Faith Fest** on **Sunday, November 20th at 9:40 am** in the parish hall.

Praying for family and friends (deceased or living) is an act of faith, hope and charity. One way you can honor your loved ones is to have a Mass offered for them on a birthday or anniversary. The customary donation (Mass stipend) is \$15 for the celebrant, but please **don't let your financial status prevent you from requesting a Mass**. To schedule a Mass intention, please call the Rectory at **652-3153** or stop in during office hours.

Mass Offerings

CLEAN DRINKING WATER BENEFIT FOR HAITIAN FAMILIES

Tickets for our annual **Clean Drinking Water Cash Raffle** are being sold **November 12-13** in the Gathering space. Tickets are **\$5.00 each** or **3 for \$10.00** with cash prizes of **\$500.00 (1st)**, **\$250.00 (2nd)** and **\$100.00 (3rd)**. The drawing will take place in the parish hall on **Saturday, December 3rd**, following the 5 pm Mass, and you don't need to be present to win! (Winners will be notified by phone.) To purchase tickets, call **Donna** at **713-3563**. Sponsored by the WNY Haiti Connection.



UPCOMING COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL The weekend of **November 19-20** is the annual collection for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. *Please be as generous as your particular situation permits.*

Remember our ongoing appeal to teach your children a lifelong lesson of giving to God's Poor. This is a wonderful opportunity to have them join you in helping us to help others. Your past donations to the Haiti and Bread of Life efforts are truly a blessing for our parish. **Thank you and God bless.**

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are "In celebration of my wonderful husband Norm's 80th birthday", donated by **Donna**. **Happy Birthday, Norm!** And thank you, **Donna**, for enhancing our worship with the beauty of God's flowers!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS AND INTENTIONS

*Kindly have your Christmas Flowers offering envelopes and intentions in to us by the end of November, and **please PRINT clearly**—we make every effort to avoid misspelling your loved ones' names in the Christmas Flowers bulletin insert!* If you don't receive offering envelopes, but would like to dedicate

Christmas Flowers, simply enclose your offering along with your name and the name of the intention clearly printed in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Flowers", and place it in the offering basket at any Mass. Thanks very much!



Join us for an **ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE** at [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#), **Tuesday, November 22nd at 7 pm**. Light refreshments and fellowship to follow. All are welcome! **Let us gather together to give thanks**

and celebrate our many blessings with our neighbors!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT SALVATORE'S Tuesday December 6th

SALVATORE'S

Reserve your space now for this annual treat! We meet at Salvatore's Italian Gardens at **11:30 am**, with lunch served at **noon**. Entrée choices are: **Filet Mignon 6 oz, \$34.00**; **Salmon with Dill Sauce, \$23.00**; or **Chicken Milanese, \$22.00**. Your meal includes Caesar salad, twice-baked potato, chef's vegetables, and cheesecake with raspberry sauce. Send your **entrée selection, along with your check made payable to St. George** to Diane Marts, 5134 Alder Ct., Hamburg, NY 14075 by **November 26th**.

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 **\$2,430.08**.

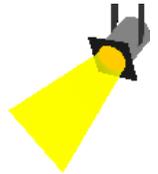
THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. *More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this collection, including many from our diocese.* This weekend we take up our annual Collection for the Catholic University of America.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Community's **Fall Breakfast and Theme Basket Auction!** Your support helped us **raise \$1,640.00!** How truly blessed we are to have such wonderful giving people in our community, who embody the spirit of giving and loving. We will keep all of you in our hearts and prayers at the **Diocesan Youth Convention in March.**



The **Take a Breath for Life Foundation** is hosting its **7th annual Shine a Light on Cancer fundraiser** on **Nov. 12th** at the Old Casino building at the Fairgrounds in Hamburg. **Activities begin at 10 am and end at 2 pm.** Join us for live entertainment, theme baskets, raffles, food, kid's activities and a **cyclocross bicycle race.** 100% of the proceeds benefit the fight against Lung Cancer through the **Lung Cancer Alliance.** Parking & Admission are free. Need more info? Call 472-3916.



CATHOLICS CARE. CATHOLICS VOTE. PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL LIFE.

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org today to read the statement, watch videos, and access other great resources. **Please vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8th.**

Christ the King of Aurora Knights of Columbus are holding an **ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER** on **Sunday, Nov. 6th** from **12 noon to 4:30 pm** at Immaculate Conception School cafeteria in East Aurora. **Adult tickets are \$10; tickets for children 12 & under are \$4.** Father Jim is active with this group. Tickets may be purchased from Sister Lori in the parish office on weekdays, or prior to the weekend Masses.



We hope that all who attended our Remembrance Service last Wednesday found comfort and healing for their grief after losing a loved one. During the month of November, the **REMEMBRANCE BOOK** will be in the back of the church. *All are welcome to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book.*