

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany is a celebration of “seeing the light”! Our scripture story sets things up for Epiphany with wise men following a star, *the light*, to discover the newborn King, Jesus. As with all scripture, we Roman Catholics understand that this message transcends the particular time and space of Palestine 2000 years ago. The Evangelist John has the adult Jesus declare at one point: “I am the Light of the world.” With faith that Jesus is, indeed, the Light of the world, our Christian mission is to continually seek the Light and bring the Light to others. We are to be people of Epiphany!

A compliment we hear at times is that a person is *insightful*. This could be interpreted as being full of vision of the Light within self and others. If we all could develop this gift of insightfulness, our blood pressure would drop, our angers would dissipate, our smiles would flow freely and more friendly laughter would be heard. In a word, the Reign of God as proclaimed by Jesus would be more fully revealed and established among us. Christians are Christ bearers to the world and as such it is our role to seek the Light and bring the Light to others.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 7	5 pm	Kathryn Helene Perreault, by Ray Perreault
Sunday, January 8	8:30 am	Frank Scarcello, by Tom & Alice Dziulko & family
Sunday, January 8	11 am	Joan Kazmierczak, by our Youth Community
Monday, January 9	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, January 10	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, January 11	8 am	Communion Service & Novena
Thursday, January 12	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, January 13	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, January 14	5 pm	Charlotte Kita, by Bill & Kathy Kita
Sunday, January 15	8:30 am	Marie Baker, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, January 15	11 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day

The next First Friday Mass is February 3rd 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, Ellen Nichter, Mary Ellen Klaja, Jim & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Marion Habicht, and Rita Kowalik.

COLLECTION FOR OUR BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER NEXT WEEK



Our St. George faith community remains a sustaining force for the **Bread of Life Outreach Center's programs**. The continued generous financial support, the wealth of volunteers donating their time and talents, and the community's spiritual offerings certainly help us to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked".

Our programs continue to grow but, unfortunately, so does the need. As a result of the recent closing of **St. John's Food Pantry**, our Food Pantry and Christmas meal support program were a lifeline to more in need. **In December we served 540 more meals than in December of 2015. We served an additional 19 households and 60 more individuals.** Our yearly growth shows that we served **2,050 more meals, 101 more households and 946 more individuals**. Our ability to meet these growing needs is, without a doubt, due in part to the generosity shown by you, our brothers and sisters of St. George parish. We truly are fortunate to be a part of your community and to *share your kindnesses* with so many others in this community. *Marty McMahon, Director, BOLO*



All proceeds of this collection go directly to the Center. If it's more convenient for you, you can donate online, at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

LEN^TEN LONGINGS

WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

The experience of people who have joined small Christian communities shows that we all come from different places on the faith journey but that, when we share, we find we are all heading in the same direction.

*Why not join a small group of your fellow parishioners this Lent and add something special and fruitful to your preparation for Easter? Journey with us in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture. It's called **Lenten Longings**. We believe you will be richer for the experience.*

Sign-up begins January 21-22 at all Masses. Contact Kathy Kita at **652-3153** or email kckita@stgeorgercchurch.org for more information.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION - SUNDAY FEB. 5TH!

Join us from 9 am - 1 pm for a hearty and delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage and beverage for **\$6 per adult, \$4 per child (under 10)**.

Get your tickets **at the door on Feb. 5th**, or purchase them **online** at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/PancakeBreakfast2017

Please leave your **Theme Basket Donations** in the cupboard on the porch of the Parish office at any time. **Volunteer sign-up sheets** for **Servers** and the **Clean-up crew** are at the back of church.

Thank you for the many ways in which you support this parish fundraiser!

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Has This Ever Happened to You? As the offertory collection begins, you lean over and ask your spouse if she has the envelope? She replies that she left it on the table for you to put in your pocket. Oops! No envelope to give this week!

In the rush of getting off to church, we all forget the envelope once in a while. Check out an easier way to give. Go to stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org and sign up in minutes. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list!

Shirley Baker would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, and prayers for healing. She's at home now and doing fine, thank you!



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ONLINE

Do you have a **name, address, email address** or **phone number change** we should know about? Please let us know!

Visit stgeorgercchurch.org/update and fill out the online form.



Not registered with our parish? Please call the office at **652-3153**, stop in during office hours, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.

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. **Sunday & Holy Day** offerings totaled **\$3,717.00**, and offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** were **\$703.00**. **Initial Offerings** to offset the cost of our envelope system were **\$205.00**.



SOCIETY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

As we give to the poor, we can also hear these words. As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words, "**You are my beloved, in whom I am well pleased.**"

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED!! If you've made your First Holy Communion and you're interested in participating at Mass in a whole new way, become an **Altar Server!** *We especially need servers for the Saturday Masses.* Please call the office at **652-3153**.



LECTORS ARE ALSO NEEDED Reading from the Word of God is central to the Mass and effectively communicates God's grace and love to everyone in the church. *Lectors are especially needed at the 11 am Mass on Sunday mornings.* If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Tricia at mrbofingerr@roadrunner.com or call the office at **652-3153**.



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 80+ families through the food pantry, and **your generous support is always very much appreciated!** Volunteers are welcome, too!

Food Pantry: Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1pm.

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

Schedule

The **Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server Schedule** for January and February is now available in the sacristy and **online**.

Please pick up or download your copy today. *Thank you for giving generously of your time and talent!*

If you missed the **January Parish Calendar** insert in last week's bulletin, you can download it at stgeorgercchurch.org/schedules.



Sign up to receive our Parish news and updates via email! Visit stgeorgercchurch.org/mail to sign up.

Do you know of a homebound person who would appreciate receiving a copy of the weekly bulletin in the mail? If so, let the office know at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.

Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts for the year 2017

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the **first** day of **March** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **sixteenth** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **twenty-fifth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **fourth** day of **June**, the feast of Pentecost.

On the **eighteenth** day of **June** the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **third** day of **December**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.