

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

During this short season of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent, Father Jim regularly reminds us that we are ordinary people called to live simple, Gospel-centered lives. Jesus is the Creator, Savior and Sustainer of all things; we are simply His followers. When I contemplate how we live up to this call, I cannot help but be grateful for the extraordinary outreach efforts of the people of St. George Parish.

Lives have been changed for the better in Haiti because of your generosity and the work of a dedicated committee. The faith of the people of St. George Parish in Kenya is nourished with the help begun by the late Fr. Snyder and sustained today by our parishioners. Our Bread of Life Outreach Food Pantry and Gabriel's Closet thrift shop serve hundreds of people in need locally. Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society do many unadvertised good works, in addition to providing weekly and monthly Communion services and running a monthly bingo for the residents of Absolut Care in Orchard Park. Father Jim says Mass for the residents of Absolut Care of East Aurora the last Friday of each month. Many unsung angels of mercy visit our sick and shut-ins, offering the Eucharist or simple companionship, and send healing notes or make calls to comfort our bereaved.

We may be a small, ordinary Parish of the Diocese of Buffalo, but I like to think that God has blessed us with great hearts and a willing Spirit of service.

Thank you all.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 4	5 pm	Del Holden, by Gene Holden
Sunday, February 5	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Sunday, February 5	11 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Monday, February 6	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, February 7	8 am	James A. Wall (father of Fr. Jim), by Fr. Jim Wall
Wednesday, February 8	8 am	Communion Service & Novena
Thursday, February 9	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, February 10	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, February 11	5 pm	Joan Kazmierczak, by the Dziulko family
Sunday, February 12	8:30 am	Stephanie McCormick O'Connor, by the Family
Sunday, February 12	11 am	Rosa Begona Cabrera, by Lorena & Butch Lesniak

**Our next First Friday Mass is March 3rd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.
Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

PLEASE PRAY FOR Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Ann Marie Price, Ellen Nichter, Jim & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Marion Habicht, and Rita Kowalik.



CAN YOU HELP? Don Murray could use your help in the form of a cooked dinner to take home and heat in the microwave after Mass on Saturday. Don's undergoing many treatments for his cancer, and he's in considerable pain and discomfort. A quick meal that needs little or no prep, other than heating in the microwave, would be wonderful and would make his life a little easier! Or, if you'd like to pick Don up and take him out for a treat at Tim Horton's or a slice of pizza somewhere, he'd love it. If you'd like to help please call or text **Noreen Rollins** at **716-474-8605** or email nrollins@gmail.com. Thank you so much.



Thank you to all who signed up for the Lenten Longings small groups. If you missed the opportunity to sign-up but would like to participate, please call the office right away.

Small Group Leaders—please make every effort to attend our meeting on **February 15th** at **7 pm** in the parish office. *Thanks!*

**LENTE
LONGINGS**



PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI

Please keep our **Confirmation candidates** in your prayers as they journey to Confirmation!

Pictured at left, in no particular order, are: **Samantha Tabaczynski, Ashley Laudisio, Emily Andruczyk, Ben Robertson, Caleb Gertze, Ellee Kingston, Lauren Palczynski, Alyssa Cole** and **Joshua Robertson**.

» » » CELEBRATE SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST! « « «



Get your tickets at the door on Sunday!

Adults \$6, children under 10 - \$4.00

9:00 am – 1:00 pm or until sold out.

The meal includes **Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs and Beverages**

Get ready for the big game with a hearty breakfast, and take a shot at winning one of our great **Theme Baskets**, too!



» » » » » **Thanks for your support of our parish fundraiser!** « « « « «

OUR PARISH AND THE 2017 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

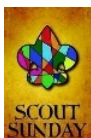
Many of you have surely noticed that the Diocesan Catholic Charities 2017 Appeal has begun and is being widely advertised. **You may or may not recall that, for the 2017 Appeal year only, our parish's Catholic Charities goal will be met through our initial donations to the *Upon This Rock* campaign.** This Diocesan Capital Campaign will be more clearly explained in coming weeks by representatives of the *Upon This Rock* campaign.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS ARE NEEDED Our *Bread of Life Outreach Center's* Thrift shop, [Gabriel's Closet](#), has a great need for *new or gently used children's clothing*—please consider making a donation if you're able to. The BOLO Food Pantry is almost always in need of *shampoo and conditioner*, too! Donations may be placed in the baskets located in the church or chapel, or stop in at the BOLO Center during regular hours. Thanks!



MEDICINES FOR HAITI We're collecting over-the-counter medicines for our twin Haitian parish of **St. Michael the Archangel** on the weekends of **February 4 - 5, 11 - 12 and 18 - 19**. We need **tylenol, ibuprofen, antacids, vitamins, cold and cough medicines, eye and ear drops, antifungal creams, antibiotic creams, hydrocortisone cream** and any other **new and unopened**

medicines. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also needed. Please place your donations in the box in the back of the church during the above weekends, and the collected items will be sent to Haiti on the sea container in March. *Thank you all for your donations; the people of our twin parish greatly appreciate your generosity.*




THIS IS SCOUTING SUNDAY WEEKEND!

Scout Sunday is a day to celebrate and recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. Please remember these hardworking youth and their dedicated leaders in your prayers!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next **GIFT Family Mass** will be on **Sunday, February 26th at 8:30 am**, followed by a **Parish Faith Fest** for all, to prepare for the season of Lent. *Make plans to join us for the fun!*



 **REMINDER:** The GIFT Team is meeting on **Thursday, February 9 at 7 pm** in the parish hall.

YOUR 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 **\$3,694.00**, and offerings for **Maintenance & Capital Improvements** were **\$155.00**. Thank you, and *God bless you for your generosity!*



OLD JEANS NEEDED FOR SOLE HOPE PROJECT



Sole Hope is an organization working to provide shoes for people in the African nation of Uganda. The shoes are made from upcycled jeans and plastic. *Our youth will help make these shoes at the **Diocesan Youth Convention, March 3-5***. This is where we need your help and your old jeans. **Please donate your old jeans** (any color, can be torn or stained) by placing them in the "YOUth CAN" that will be in the Gathering space until **Feb. 26th**.

MEET OUR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

EJ Thiel, Tracy Ploetz, Sidney Ploetz and Jake Kearney recently took time out to learn how to serve as **Ministers of Holy Communion**. *Thank you all for so generously sharing your time and talents with our faith community!*



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER'S Book, Bangle & Bake Sale will be on **Saturday, Feb 25th** from **10 am – 3 pm**. We'll have *gently used books, jewelry, local artisans and crafters, vendors and baked goods!* **Save the Date** on your calendar and stop in for some bargains & treats!

SOCIETY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "*You are the light of the world,*" calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. Be a "*light*" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. *God bless all.*



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION Our Spiritual Adoption program has begun. In the pews, there are papers describing the program, as well as commitment cards. If you wish to spiritually adopt a baby, just name your baby and place the commitment card in the offering basket this week or next. You'll be asked to pray for your unborn child and its mom, and for all unborn children. We'll update you monthly on the baby's development until it comes to term. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. *Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?*

FEBRUARY 7-14 IS NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK Do you need to find the joy in your marriage and live a happier, healthier life together? If so, consider attending the **Third Option** program. This skills-based group helps participants build stronger, more fulfilling marriages. For more information, call Paul or Carol Krajewski at **716-937-9810** or visit www.res-life.com/the-third-option.



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