

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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### Week of February 12, 2017

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Creed states that we believe in *one, holy, catholic* and *apostolic* Church. We are Roman Catholics and, as such, we hold that the identity of our Church is rooted in the earliest faith Traditions in Jesus as the Christ of God. Through the centuries since Jesus walked the earth, believers in His Divine/human nature have struggled to embrace His teachings in contemporary settings. The same holds true for us.

Professing the Church as *one* encourages us to find areas of common ground even with those who see things from a perspective different than our own. Wholeness and diversity are held as equally valuable assets.

Professing the Church as *holy* helps us remember that it is God's Church. God, who alone is holy, blesses our Church. We, who are sinners, depend on the merciful forgiveness of God to gather us and guide our undertakings.

Professing the Church as *catholic* indicates our mission to share the message of Jesus with everyone. Even with cultural differences in style and expression, the faith shared by our Church is universal.

Professing our Church as *apostolic* reminds us that, just like the original Apostles, we are a people sent to bring the Good News by word and deed to the world. Jesus has entrusted to us, His followers, the work of spreading the message of God's love and salvation.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, February 13	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, February 14	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, February 15	8 am	<b>Communion Service &amp; Novena</b>
Thursday, February 16	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, February 17	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, February 18	5 pm	Ron Hafsos, by Debbie Stellrecht and family
Sunday, February 19	8:30 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Sunday, February 19	11 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>

**Mass Offerings** Praying for deceased relatives and friends is an act of faith, hope and charity. One way you can honor your deceased loved one is to have a Mass offered for them. Although it is common practice to make a free-will donation (a \$15 Mass stipend) for the celebrant, **don't let your financial status prevent you from requesting a Mass intention.** To schedule a Mass, please call the parish office at **652-3153** or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com).

**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, Rita Kowalik and Barb Songin.



### 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.**

### 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.



A HUGE, heartfelt *thank you* to our Youth, the Scouts, their leaders, and our incredible and loyal band of volunteers who organized the event, cooked, served, cleaned, and/or worked at tables at our Pancake Breakfast & Theme Basket Auction last Sunday! Our thanks, also, to all who supported this fundraising event, and to the **Colden Market & Café** for its donation of juice for the breakfast and a gift certificate.

We served **230 breakfasts** and sold plenty of auction tickets, yielding a tremendous **\$1,800.00 in profit** for our parish!

**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.*

**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.**



**THE TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** won't be meeting from **February 28th through April 11th**. We'll gather once again on **Tuesday, April 25th at 9 am** for coffee, tea and fellowship in the parish hall kitchen. Needlework is optional. *All are welcome!*

**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!*



 **REMINDERS:** The **Lenten Longings Small Group Leaders** are meeting on **Wednesday, February 15 at 7 pm** in the parish office. **Parish Council** will meet **Thursday evening at 7 pm** in the Gathering space.

## 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 **\$3,314.00**, and offerings for **Maintenance & Capital Improvements** were **\$691.00**. Thank you, and *God bless you for your generosity!*



*I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess. ~ Martin Luther (1483-1546), German reformer and theologian*

**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 coffee & donut 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 [nprollins@gmail.com](mailto:nprollins@gmail.com). *Thank you so much.*



## 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!*



**FAITH  ACTION** In the Gospel, Jesus says: "*Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God.*" By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus. *God bless all.*

## FEBRUARY 7-14 IS NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers resources for a healthy marriage. Offerings include a *Daily Marriage Tip*, regularly changing features like the monthly *Marriage Quiz*, *Book of the Month* review and *Marriage in the News*. Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org).



**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!

**S.T.E.M. NIGHT AT ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL** St. Francis High School invites 6th, 7th & 8th grade boys to attend our *free* S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Night. **Thursday, February 16th** from **6:30 pm – 8:15 pm**, featuring *Make your own soap, Strawberry DNA, Build a Race Car, & Fun with Magnetic Fields*.

St. Francis High School is located at **4129 Lake Shore Road** in Hamburg. Reserve your spot today! For more information call **716-627-1200 ext. 455** or visit [stfrancishigh.org](http://stfrancishigh.org).

# REFUGEE MINISTRY CONVOCAATION

sponsored by VOICE-Buffalo, Christ the King Seminary, and Catholic Charities of Buffalo



**Saturday, March 25, 2017 | 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Christ the King Seminary Auditorium  
711 Knox Road, East Aurora**

**Keynote: Bishop Richard J. Malone | *How Are We Called to Respond?***

*Bishop Malone will share his vision for how we are called to respond to the challenges that refugees are facing; as well as recognizing how our region and diocese are being blessed by growth among these families who are now calling parishes across our diocese their spiritual home.*

## Workshop Presentations

*Charity & Service, Social Justice Concerns, Opportunities for Parish Engagement*

- Check-in:** 8:30 a.m. with refreshments. Program begins at 9:00 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$20, includes lunch. Scholarships are available.  
**To register:** Go to [voice-buffalo.org/events](http://voice-buffalo.org/events) or use the form below. **Deadline: Monday, March 13**  
**Questions?** Contact Leslie Nickerson of VOICE-Buffalo: [leslie@gamalielwny.org](mailto:leslie@gamalielwny.org), (716) 842-6571, or Eileen Warner of Christ the King Seminary, [ewarner@cks.edu](mailto:ewarner@cks.edu), (716) 652-1127.  
**Who should attend?** Priests, ministers, deacons, pastoral associates, parish staff, and interested parishioners

*Our gathering will also include time for shared theological reflection and prayer as we celebrate the ways in which our diocese and parish communities are experiencing new life through our growing ethnic diversity.*

## REFUGEE MINISTRY CONVOCAATION REGISTRATION

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Make checks payable to: VOICE-Buffalo. Mail form and payment to: VOICE-Buffalo, 2495 Main Street, Ste. 547, Buffalo NY 14214



**LENTEN LONGINGS PARTICIPANTS** Your participant booklets for the Small Groups will be available for pick up in the Gathering space at church next weekend. Thank you for signing up!!