

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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**Week of February 19, 2017**

## **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As this always-short month of February enters its third and final full week, we can sense the gradual turning of the seasons. Dawn is brightening our horizons ever earlier and our evening curtains need not be drawn until after the evening news! Occasionally, we can miss the close connection our Church Year has with the natural seasons of the northern hemisphere. Next week, on March 1st, we enter the Season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. In some ancient writings, the Season of Lent is called the “springtime” of the Church.

Presently, we mark Lent as a penitential season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In its origins, Lent was clearly a season focused on the preparation of the unbaptized for reception into the Church by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. In the early Church most of those who came to the faith were adults. These unbaptized individuals were attracted to Jesus and his teachings by the example of Christians in their midst.

This year at St. George Parish we will not have the opportunity to welcome any new members into the faith at our Easter Vigil. It would be a great joy to share our faith with people wondering about the Catholic faith. In your conversations and relationships of life, keep in mind that one of the reasons for our Church to exist is to welcome *everyone* to know, love and serve Jesus.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

|                        |         |  |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| Saturday, February 18  | 5 pm    | Ron Hafsos, by Debbie Stellrecht and family                              |
| Sunday, February 19    | 8:30 am | Angie Antonelli, by a friend   |
| Sunday, February 19    | 11 am   | Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day                               |
| Monday, February 20    | 8 am    | <i>This Mass intention is available</i>                                  |
| Tuesday, February 21   | 8 am    | In Memory of Bob Krajnik on his birthday, by Greg & Sylvia Tamol         |
| Wednesday, February 22 | 8 am    | <b>Communion Service &amp; Novena</b>                                    |
| Thursday, February 23  | 8 am    | <b>Communion Service</b>   |
| Friday, February 24    | 8 am    | <i>This Mass intention is available</i>                                  |
| Saturday, February 25  | 5 pm    | <i>This Mass intention is available</i>                                  |
| Sunday, February 26    | 8:30 am | The Deceased Members of the Kujawa and Habicht Families, by Brian Kujawa |
| Sunday, February 26    | 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**

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



**SPREAD A LITTLE CHEER!** One of our parishioners, **Marion Habicht**, could use a little encouragement as she recuperates from a serious fall. If you'd like to send her a note or a card, it might really lift her spirits! Write to her at *Wesley Rehabilitation Center*, 2235 Millersport Hwy, Getzville, NY 14068, Room 702.

## 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.**





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

**THE FOOD BANK OF WNY MOBILE PANTRY TRUCK** is coming to the [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#) on **Thursday, February 23rd**, from **3-5 pm**. The truck brings perishable foods to be distributed to ANYONE in the community. Please bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods. You must have picture ID. *You do NOT have to be a member of the food pantry to participate.* The items available vary—produce, meats, dairy, etc.—and whatever the truck brings will be distributed.



**FINAL WEEKEND TO DONATE MEDICINES FOR HAITI**



This is the final weekend to bring in your donations of over-the-counter medicines for our twin Haitian parish of **St. Michael the Archangel**. Please place your donations in the box in the back of the church no later than Sunday, 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.*

**Fr. Jim is away for a couple of weeks**, so the recording of his weekly homily will not be available on our parish website this weekend and next. Look for his recorded homily once again on **March 7th**, at [www.stgeorgercchurch.org/homilies](http://www.stgeorgercchurch.org/homilies).



**THE TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** won't be meeting from **February 28th** through **April 18th**. 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!*

**UPON THIS ROCK**

As we've been anticipating, the Diocesan Capital Campaign *Upon This Rock* has arrived at St. George Parish. This past week, **Alex Marecki**, our parish director from the campaign, was with us twice to begin our appeal process.

In order to get a "running start" on the St. George Parish goal, Sister Lori and Alex will be requesting a visit in the coming weeks with parishioners who may be able to pledge larger amounts over the five year drive. With that initial total in hand, we will then do more parishioner education, culminating in some weekends of pledge sign-ups in the Gathering space of Church.

This year's Catholic Charities goal for St. George Parish will be met through your initial donations to Upon This Rock.



Our **Lenten Longings Group Leader meeting is rescheduled** for this **Thursday, February 23rd at 7 pm** in the parish office.

## OUR 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 **\$2,580.00**. Thank you, and *God bless you for your generosity!*



**BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER'S Book, Bangle & Bake Sale** will be next **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!

**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.*



**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**.



**CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER** Are you caring for a loved one full time? Would you like some free time each week? **Caring for the Caregiver** does just that! We've been serving East Aurora and nearby communities for over 11 years. We're staffed by trained, reliable, outstanding, knowledgeable volunteers, who provide a friendly visit, in pairs, to the ill loved one while the caregiver is given some free time.

No nursing care is provided. This is a free service, and references are provided. Contact: Anita Conron **652-9424**; Jody Dowdall **655-0725**; or Nora Snyder **652-7978**.

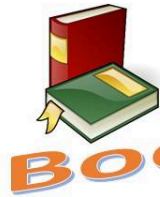
## LAST CALL FOR TRIP TO ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

The deadline is fast approaching to sign up for a trip to England and Scotland **led by Msgr. Richard Siepka**, Spiritual Director of Christ the King Seminary. The tour will be held from **May 14-25, 2017** and will include stays in **Edinburgh, Scotland** and **Bristol, Stratford, the Lake District**, and **London** in England with stops in Salisbury, Bath, York, and Oxford. The cost is **\$3,799**, which includes airfare from Toronto, first-class hotel accommodations, sightseeing, most meals, U.S. departure and foreign airport taxes and fuel surcharges. For more information, please email **Nadine Oates**, [noates@cks.edu](mailto:noates@cks.edu), or call **655-7092** as soon as possible.



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# End Winter with a BBang



Books

Bangles



Bake Sale

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

10 AM – 3 PM

Bread of Life Outreach – Colden NY

8745 Supervisor Ave.

All types of books - local artists, vendors & crafters - Yummy treats

**Gabriel's Closet will be having a huge blow out sale as well.  
Check out the great deals.**

*joyful.* patient. faithful.  
**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**8:00 AM-3:30 PM**

**Doors open at 7:30 AM**

**Cardinal O'Hara High School**

**39 Ohara Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150**



MaryAlice Demler  
EMCEE



Rachel Balducci  
SPEAKER



Brooke Taylor  
SPEAKER



Bishop Richard J. Malone  
CELEBRANT



Matthew Leonard  
SPEAKER

**"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." – Romans 12:12**

**REGISTER ONLINE**

at [www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org](http://www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org)  
\$35 online, \$40 at the door





# REFUGEE MINISTRY CONVOCAATION

presented 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**

*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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parish/organization

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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