

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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**Week of March 19, 2017**

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

Welcome back after an unusually hectic ten days! Our Diocesan insurance office was quick to respond to the steeple damage due to the strong winds of March 8th. Presently, the assessment and repair is in their hands. The steeple has been temporarily waterproofed and we await better weather conditions for further work.

Fr. Jim and our congregations of Friday, March 10th and Saturday, March 11th celebrated chilly and candlelit masses in the Memorare Chapel as the power had not yet been restored. Although a bit uncomfortable, the opportunity to gather in the Chapel brought back lovely memories to many!

The rough outdoor weather did not slow down our hearty indoor volunteers who succeeded in applying a fresh coat of paint to the sanctuary area of the church this past week. Thank you to Tom D. and Bob W. for heading up this work! With our efforts to beautify and balance the optics in our sacred space, we hope to draw everyone's focus to the Eucharistic itself. We gather to worship Jesus who gave his very self for our salvation.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

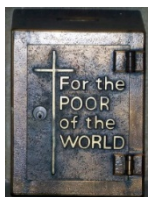
Saturday, March 18	5 pm	Rob Dubicz, by Norm & Donna
Sunday, March 19	8:30 am	Dan Pietrzak, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, March 19	11 am	Eva Meigs, by the Peplin family
Monday, March 20	8 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Tuesday, March 21	8 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Wednesday, March 22	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, March 23	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, March 24	8 am	Fr. Albert Hansen, by our St. Vincent de Paul Society
Saturday, March 25	5 pm	Robert Chilson, by the Bread of Life Community
Sunday, March 26	8:30 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Sunday, March 26	11 am	Rose & Edward Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak

**Our next First Friday Mass is April 7th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.  
Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

*Let us pray for...* Doris Ellis, Ann Marie Price, Ellen Nichter, Jim & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Marion Habicht, Rita Kowalik, Barb Songin and Anna & Erino Fabrizi.

**ABOUT OUR PRAYER LIST...** Our comprehensive **Prayer List**, (posted in church near the votives, on our [website](#), and on our bulletin board) has grown very long, and we have a feeling that some of those folks might no longer need our prayers for their healing. Would you kindly call or write the office to let us know when someone's name can be removed from the Prayer List? *God bless you for your prayers and your helpfulness!*

**The Power's On!** And so are our plans for the **GIFT K-8 Soup and Bread Supper** and **Stations of the Cross**. Join us for a simple meal on **Friday, March 24th at 6 pm** and stay for the **Children's presentation of the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm** in church. All are welcome!



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "*My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.*"

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the **St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box**. God bless all as we fast, pray, and share our treasures.

**COLDEN HISTORIAN TO SPEAK AT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER**  
**Joe Marren**, Colden Town Historian, will entertain and enlighten you with his talk on the *History of Colden*, **Wednesday, March 22nd at 7 pm** at the [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#). Admission is free and *all are welcome*. Light refreshments to follow.



## HOLY THURSDAY MASS & DINNER AT THE SEMINARY

We invite all parishioners to attend the **7 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*** on **Holy Thursday, April 13th** at **Christ the King Seminary**. The Seminary community will gather for supper at **5 pm in the Dining Hall**, and anyone wishing to do so may sign up to join them for this meal prior to the Mass. To defray the cost of the meal, a **\$13 donation is requested**, but not required. *We're taking reservations in our parish office until April 3rd.* This will allow us to give an accurate number to the food service folks as they prepare.

After the Holy Thursday Mass at the Seminary, Fr. Jim will bring the Eucharist back to our Memorare Chapel for our altar of repose. There will be *Eucharistic Adoration* in the Chapel on **Thursday, April 13th** from **9:30-11 pm**.



**KINDLY KEEP SISTER MARGARET IN YOUR PRAYERS** as she mourns the passing of her sister, **Mary L. Schleich**, in Leesburg, FL on Tuesday, March 14th. If you wish to write to Sister, her address is **Sr. Margaret Donner, Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, 245 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14213**. For further information, visit [www.pagetheusfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Mary-Schleich/](http://www.pagetheusfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Mary-Schleich/).

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will have its first meeting of the year on **Tuesday, March 21st**, in the parish hall. In the spirit of Lent our meeting will begin half an hour later than usual, at **11:30 am**. This will allow the morning *Lenten Longings* Group to join us, if they wish to, in praying the Rosary and to share in a lunch provided by our officers.



### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

On **Monday, April 10th**, Penance Services will be offered at **3 pm & 7 pm** at **St. Vincent de Paul Church** in Springbrook, and at **7 pm** at **Saints Peter & Paul Church** in Hamburg.

*Haven't been to Confession in a while?* Put your mind and heart at ease before you go, with the help of this **Confession tip sheet**: [goo.gl/osyYFK](http://goo.gl/osyYFK).

**THE FOOD BANK OF WNY MOBILE PANTRY TRUCK** is coming to the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Thursday, March 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.



**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**.



## 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 **\$2,979.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** totaled **\$135.00**. Thank you, and *God bless you for your generosity!*

### SAVE THESE DATES!

March 21	11:30 am	Rosary Altar Society Lunch and Meeting
<b>April 13</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at CKS</b> Join us for dinner at the Seminary (5 pm) prior to Mass – <i>call the office.</i>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>8:30, 11am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Mass</b>
April 29	12-5pm	St. George Parish Retreat, guided by Fr. Rob Pecoraro
April 30	9am-1pm	Haiti Breakfast ( <i>We'll need Theme Baskets, please!</i> )
May 7	11am	First Eucharist and Crowning of Mary
May 20	5pm	Confirmation ( <i>here!</i> ), with Bishop Richard J. Malone
May 21	2-5pm	West Falls Fire Company Meat Raffle
June 19		Happy Birthday, Father Jim!
July 16	12-4pm	Chicken BBQ, Cash Raffle & Theme Basket Auction

### UPON THIS ROCK AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Please note:** *Your Catholic Charities donation for the 2017 Appeal can be included in your initial pledge to the Upon This Rock campaign this year.*

Anyone wishing to meet individually with Sister Lori to discuss the details of the *Upon This Rock* campaign is welcomed and encouraged to call the Parish office during March (652-3153) to set up an appointment. We've been provided with carefully prepared informational packets to educate us about this important capital campaign initiated by Bishop Malone.

Email Sister Lori at [sisterlori@stgeorgercchurch.org](mailto:sisterlori@stgeorgercchurch.org).



**THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** for kids 10 and under is **Saturday, April 8th at 2 pm** at the **West Falls Conservation Club** on Bridge St., rain or shine. *Please arrive by 1:45 pm.* Sponsored by the [West Falls Volunteer Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary](#). *Join us for the fun!!*

**EASTER MUSIC Singers & instrumentalists** (children through adult)—join our Easter Music Ministry! We welcome you to share your musical gifts at our **Easter Sunday Masses (8:30 am and 11 am)**. For more information, or to sign-up, please call **Lisa Oun** at **597-5894** or email [LisaMJDOun@aol.com](mailto:LisaMJDOun@aol.com).







WFFC Ladies  
Auxiliary  
presents:

# AN EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th  
2pm

Kids age 10 and  
under, come along  
and have a hopping  
good time!

A Free, Family Friendly Event

Rain or Shine!  
Prizes awarded!

WEST FALLS  
CONSERVATION  
CLUB

Bridge Street, West Falls