

*Rejoice!*

*He is*

*Risen*



# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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Week of April 16, 2017

**Easter Sunday**

**Happy Easter! He is risen indeed!**

Christian mysteries are different from Agatha Christie or Sherlock Holmes mysteries. Christian mysteries are not meant to be solved. Our mysteries are to be entered into; encountered with faith and assent; they are to evoke a sense of awe at the wonders of God.

Resurrection is the mystery of Easter—Jesus, who was dead, is now ALIVE. As the early followers encounter the Risen Christ they express the same questions and doubts many of us live with or have dealt with in our growth of faith. A challenge we modern folks face is the temptation to understand and explain this mystery. We cannot solve this mystery; it is beyond our comprehension. Yes, we are to wonder about it, question how it could be, and what it might mean—this is what prayer is about—but to be satisfied with an answer explaining precisely what resurrection is would be to deceive ourselves. *This event of Easter has changed everything in human history.* Blessed are we who believe!

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Easter Vigil, April 15</b>	8:30 pm	Mary Schleich, by the Bread of Life Outreach Community
<b>Easter Sunday, April 16</b>	8:30 am	Marie Baker, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
	11 am	♥ In Thanksgiving for Blessings received, by the Peplin, Hartman and Tester families
Monday, April 17	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, April 18	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, April 19	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, April 20	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, April 21	8 am	♥ David Tracy & Dominic Tara, by Neal & Ann Tara
Saturday, April 22	5 pm	♥ Blessings for the Marriage of Rick & Theresa Richert, by Neal & Ann Tara
Sunday, April 23	8:30 am	Diane Senneff, by Bob Wieczorek
Sunday, April 23	11 am	Josephine & Joseph Tracy, by the Tracy family

**Our next First Friday Mass is May 7th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.**

**Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**



Doris Ellis, Ellen Nichter, Jim & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Marion Habicht, Don Murray, Barb Songin, Brigitte Hayhurst and Bill Frick (upcoming surgery).

**OUR ANNUAL HAITI BREAKFAST** will be held **Sunday, April 30th** from **9 am – 1 pm**. Join us for a delicious French toast and sausage breakfast with basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing. The cost is **\$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child**. *Proceeds will support our ongoing projects for our twin parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Coq Chante, Haiti.*



**Tickets on sale April 22-23, or the morning of the breakfast.**



**JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!** Our Easter celebration continues next **Sunday, April 23rd**, as we gather for a **GIFT Family Mass at 8:30 am**, followed by an **Easter Faith Fest in the parish hall at 9:30 am**. Come enjoy refreshments, an Easter egg hunt, faith-filled activities and fellowship! **All Are Welcome!**

**Donald Brady III** has been recognized by Bishop Richard Malone at the **43rd Annual Religious Awards Ceremony** on **Saturday, April 8th**, for completing the requirements for the **Ad Altare Dei Emblem**. The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (*to the altar of God*) program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. Donald is a member of Boy Scout Troop 230. **Congratulations, Donald!**



**The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 17th.**

## You are, truly, the Spirit and Heart of St. George Parish

Your weekly offerings, maintenance offerings, and special collection donations allow our Parish to keep the message of the Risen Jesus alive in our community. *Thank you for your generosity!*



**Sunday and Easter offerings** last week totaled **\$3,868.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance & Capital Improvements** totaled **\$415.00**.

**Give online with WeShare!** Visit [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org) today.



**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** is meeting **Tuesday, April 18th** at **11 am** in the parish hall. Remember to bring your bag lunches; beverages and dessert will be provided. Pat Nemec, Jeanne McIntyre and Margaret Morris will be our hostesses. Guests welcome!

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people! As you place your gift in the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box**, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy. *God bless all and a joyous Easter. Pray for peace.*

*St. Vincent de Paul*  
**POOR BOX**

### MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH RETREAT

~ **Saturday, April 29th!** ~



We welcome **Fr. Bob Pecoraro, S.J.**, who will guide our afternoon of reflection: **Telling Our Sacred Stories**. Fr. Bob currently teaches and serves on the *Spiritual Direction* team at Christ the King Seminary.

Our gathering **begins with lunch at noon** in the parish hall and **concludes with the 5 pm Mass**. Join us as we explore three inseparable stories that make each moment of our lives and all of our individual stories sacred! **Sign up today in the church gathering space!**

Spring has finally sprung and our loyal band of 'elves' has once again worked their 'magic' in sprucing up the parish grounds and cleaning up the fallout from recent windstorms. **Thank you for the selfless donation of your time and labor to keep us looking good!** Would you like to help out with the yard work occasionally? Let us know by calling or emailing the parish office.



*We warmly welcome all who join us today to celebrate this glorious feast.*

*We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest!*

*We welcome old friends who moved away but join us once again today!*

*We welcome those have 'come home' in faith today; may you feel God's love for you!*

*We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord bless you for all you do!*

*Welcome to all! May our gathering this day gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds.*

*We are after all one People of God—redeemed by the light.*

*May we walk by the Light and live by the light—together in love.*