

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Adversity is something each person must face, every day in some great or small way! Our coping skills develop from the fussing and squalling we did as infants; through our teenage experiments in search of identity; as young adults making choices laden with commitment; and as we age, facing the ups and downs of relationships, health and finances. Sometimes we are able to face adversity with grace and poise; at other times we find it too much and our impatience and frustration boil over.

All of this is proof that we are human! As humans, creatures formed in the image of God, we are caught up in the dynamic of creation and subject to forces beyond our control. Our existence, our life, is a great mystery. The gift of faith in God offers us a context in which to view this mystery. Our Roman Catholic faith has discerned that our God is a Trinity of persons who love us unconditionally. We profess them as co-equal, but understand them in different roles as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Our Scripture readings in these final weeks of the Easter Season shift our focus more and more upon the Holy Spirit. This is to build our anticipation of the great feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter and the culmination of the Easter Season. Often called the birthday of the Church, this feast celebrates the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles and empowering them to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' triumph over death. We, too, are invited to welcome this Holy Spirit into our lives each day as our source of courage, strength and joy.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 13	5 pm	Dorothy Kondziela, by Joe Kondziela
Sunday, May 14	8:30 am	♥ In thanksgiving for bountiful blessings!
Mother's Day	11 am	Baptism of Otto Michael Mealer! ♥ The living and deceased members of the Hauser & Danheiser families
Monday, May 15	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, May 16	8 am	In loving memory of Michael Harrigan, by Mary Alice & family
Wednesday, May 17	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, May 18	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, May 19	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, May 20	5 pm	Paul Thomson, by Marge & Larry Sypniewski
Confirmation		
Sunday, May 21	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
	11 am	♥ For the spiritual and temporal well-being of Pierre Elkhoury and family, by Father Jim

Our next First Friday Mass is June 2nd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

Confession: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Join us in praying the Rosary Saturdays at 4:30 pm

Let us pray for comfort and healing for... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Barb Songin and Rita Kowalik.



Mother's Day Blessings to All who Mother and Nurture!

To the world you might just be one person, but to one person you might just be the world.

Author Unknown

PLEASE PICKUP YOUR CASH RAFFLE TICKETS TO SELL OR BUY!

You do so much to support our annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser simply by selling or purchasing a book or two of Cash Raffle tickets.



Cash Raffle ticket packets are on the table in the Gathering Space—**return the money and ticket stubs before June 18th** to be eligible for the first **Early Bird prize of \$25.00!**

Your generous and selfless support makes this our most successful parish fundraiser each year!

You're Invited!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS WEEK on **Thursday at 7 pm** in the Gathering Space. *If you have expertise and/or constructive suggestions to address our recent flooding situation, you're more than welcome to attend this week's meeting as our guest!*

COMPANY'S COMING!

Bishop Richard Malone joins us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next **Saturday, May 20th**, at **5 pm!** We'll also welcome guests and confirmation candidates from **St. Joseph Parish** in Holland and **St. Mary Parish** in East Arcade, so we expect that our Church will be quite full at this Mass.



While this is a great joy for us, it is important to note that we may end up with standing room only! You might want to consider this when deciding which Mass you'll attend on May 20-21.



POSTPONED! ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S luncheon meeting next week has been **rescheduled** because of the recent flooding of the parish hall. Make plans to join us on **June 20th** at **11 am** instead! **All are welcome!**

WELCOME, OTTO MICHAEL MEALER! We celebrate the Sacrament of the Baptism of Otto Michael Mealer this weekend. Congratulations, and best wishes to his parents, **Travis** and **Marie!**



WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE! That was our sad situation last Saturday when our parish hall fell victim to the worst soaking in our parish's history. Everyone has been great about working around the mess and inconvenience, offering suggestions and help, **thank you!** The water removal is complete, the carpet has been removed, and we're doing our best to ensure that it looks as good as possible for our Confirmation Reception on Saturday and the West Falls Fire Company's Meat Raffle on Sunday afternoon. If you have some time to help with cleaning, please give us a call at the office or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.

UPON THIS ROCK – THE PLEDGE CARD PHASE BEGINS

Thank-you for your patience as our **Upon This Rock** Capital Campaign process moves into the next phase of pledge card sign-up. **The campaign staff wants each parish family or individual to complete and turn in a pledge card, even if you choose not to make a pledge.** You'll see that the pledge card gives you the option to respond with a pledge, or to respond "*No, I am unable to participate*".



Once we have a significant percentage of parishioners responding by pledge card, our part in the Upon This Rock campaign will be completed. *Kindly help us wrap up our campaign by completing a pledge card today.*



ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP WITH THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S FLOWERS!

Beginning the weekend of **June 10-11** until the weekend of **October 7-8**, you may remember a loved one or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) by donating \$30 for the purchase of two altar bouquets.

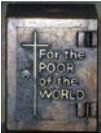
Lilies of the Field, a local family-run business, will prepare the fresh bouquets for us each week. **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.**

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. **Sunday** and **Easter offerings** last week totaled **\$3,809.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** totaled **\$349.00**. *Thank you!*



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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...*whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father*". Through your donations you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the **St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box** bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor. Let each donation be a teaching moment for our children. *Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful moms. God bless all.*

The **Colden Community Farmer's Market** reopens for the season on **Saturday, May 20th, 8:30 am – 1 pm!** The market runs **each Saturday until October**, and it directly benefits our [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#). If you haven't 'experienced' the market yet, you've got to check it out—*there are always new or unique foods, goods and crafts for sale!* Enjoy live music, too!



TO OUR BELOVED BAKERS! Just want to remind you that we're hoping for your pie donations to the **Rosary Altar Society's Pie Sale** on **Father's Day weekend, June 17-18**.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AWARENESS EVENING *Learn more about the chemical dependency crisis that is affecting our community.*



Join us on **Monday, May 15th**, from **7 - 8:30 pm** in **St. Aloysius Parish Hall** in Springville. Speakers include: **Maura Beres**, Director, Msgr. Carr Institute—*Understanding addiction and treatment options*; **Deputy Aaron Naegely**, Erie County Sheriff's Office—*Report from the Sheriff's Office*; and **Sue Boyle**, WNY United—*Where do we go from here?* This free and informative evening—and the snacks that will be served—are brought to you by the **St. Aloysius Altar Society** and the **women of St. John the Baptist church** in West Valley. **All are welcome.**

PLEASE HELP US MAINTAIN ACCURATE RECORDS

Do you have a **name, address, email address** or **phone number change** we should know about? *Not registered?* Kindly let us know! Call **652-3153**, email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, or visit stgeorgercchurch.org/update and fill out the online form. **Thank you!**



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