

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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**Week of May 28, 2017**

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

I tend to be a bit critical of our cultural dependence on high tech gizmos. I generally prefer actual reality over virtual reality and human contact over clicks and screen swipes. With that said, there is no denying that our instant information age provides us with an incredible connection to world events. While our fascination with the horrific tends to dominate the headlines, there are loads of opportunities to use our technical connections for helpful and good purposes. In the end, I believe it comes down to each person's ability to be self-aware, self-controlled and wise in their choices.

This Sunday, which falls between the Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost, is full of promises of the Spirit. God's Holy Spirit is the aspect of God we refer to as "the Lord, the giver of life" in our Creed. St. Paul says we live and move and have our being in God. Pausing and praying about this reality can lead us to an understanding of our human connectedness which far surpasses modern technological connectivity. The Holy Spirit pulses within each person no matter where they are from; the Holy Spirit moves wherever it will and we understand neither where it comes from nor where it is going.

Glitches, hacks and power outages frustrate our technological connectedness but nothing can *come between us and the love of God* as manifested in the Holy Spirit. May we take heart in this promise of God and share the hope it gives us with all we meet.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 27	5 pm	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Sunday, May 28	8:30 am	♥ Stan & Ellen Kociszewski, in celebration of 60 years of wedded bliss, by the family
	11 am	Paul Head, by Glen & Cindy Weeks
Monday, May 29	8 am	Honoring all Veterans, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Tuesday, May 30	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, May 31	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, June 1	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Friday, June 2</b>	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
<b>First Friday</b>		
Saturday, June 3	5 pm	Lt. Ralph Foulks, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
<b>Sunday, June 4</b>	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	11 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day

**Our 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...* Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Barb Songin, Rita Kowalik and Sally Denesha.



**MEMORIAL DAY** Let us pray for all Veterans who have served or are currently serving in the nation's military. Remember to take some time this weekend to give them thanks for their service and sacrifice for our freedom.

*The Parish Office will be closed **Monday, May 29th**, in honor of **Memorial Day**.*

### 60TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

This weekend **Stan and Ellen Kociszewski will celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss**, with their family and loved ones! Kindly pray for them, wish them well, and may God bless them with many more years of happiness together!



### **GIFT K-8 RUMMAGE SALE—JUNE 10 & 11, 8 am – 1 pm**

*Downsizing? Spring cleaning? Donate your unwanted treasures to our Rummage sale to benefit our GIFT K-8 activities!* Donations may be dropped off **until June 4th** on the front porch of the Office.

**Bakers!!!** If you can donate baked goodies for this event, we'd sure appreciate it. Please drop them off on **Saturday, June 10th**. Questions? Call **Amy Gottstine** at 462-8319 or **Jan Gawrys** at 826-5946.



## RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS!



**Kathy Kita**, our Faith Formation Director, is **retiring on June 1st**, in order to enjoy more time with her husband and family, and to travel. Although Kathy will remain active at St. George as a volunteer in our parish Music Ministry and other parish activities, she wants to share these words with you as she leaves her staff position:

*"As I begin the next step in my life's journey, I want to thank you for the opportunity I've had in serving in our ministry of lifelong faith formation. It has been an honor and blessing to work with Sr. Lori, Father Jim, Father Pat, Debbie, our dedicated GIFT Team, small group leaders and many volunteers in providing vibrant faith experiences for our parish family. May we all continue to grow in faith together! Peace be with you!" Kathy*

## ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: WELCOME FATHER HUMPHREY MILIMO, OMI

Our annual guest speaker for the Diocesan **Mission Cooperative Appeal** will be **Father Humphrey Milimo**, an **Oblate of Mary Immaculate** presently serving at Our Lady of Hope Parish on the West Side of Buffalo. He will join us for our weekend Masses on **June 3rd** and **4th**. A *second collection will be taken up for the Mission Appeal at these Masses*. If you wish to contribute to the missions at another time, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "**Mission Appeal**".



Thank-you for your patience as our **Upon This Rock** Capital Campaign process continues with pledge card sign-ups. **The campaign staff asks 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 several options to respond. A one-time donation is welcome, or you can respond "*No, I am unable to participate*".

Approximately 50% of parishioners have responded by pledge card. Our part in the Upon This Rock campaign will soon be drawing to a close. *Kindly help us wrap up our campaign by completing a pledge card today.*

## 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!



## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



The **West Falls Volunteer Fire Company** thanks everyone who came out to support their **Meat Raffle fundraiser** in the parish hall last Sunday afternoon. It was very well attended, and raised thousands of dollars to support the Fire Company's operating expenses and improvements.



**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 offerings** last week totaled **\$3,093.27**. *Thank you!*

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

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** "As different as we are from one another, as unique as each of us is, we are much more the same than we are different. That may be the most essential message of all, as we help our children grow toward being caring, compassionate, and charitable adults." Fred Rogers, of the *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* TV series.

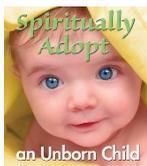


*Join us for the Rosary on Mondays, beginning June 5th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. God Bless all.*



**TO OUR BELOVED PIE BAKERS!** Just a friendly reminder that we're looking forward to your delicious pie donations for the **Rosary Altar Society's Pie Sale** on **Father's Day weekend, June 17-18**.

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERINGS** Now that our flood mess has been cleaned up, our customary Prayer Shawl Ministry and morning coffee gatherings on **Tuesday mornings at 9 am** have resumed. *All are invited, whether or not you do needlework!* Feel free to join us any Tuesday morning in the parish hall kitchen, except on Rosary Altar Meeting Tuesdays.



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION: MONTHLY UPDATE!**

In the fourth month following conception the baby now weighs about 5 ounces and is between 6 and 7 inches long. She has developing fingernails and eyelashes and already has unique fingerprints that will remain the same for the rest of her life. Growth at this time is very rapid. Your spiritually adopted baby is well formed internally and externally. Please remember to keep this baby and her mother in your daily prayers.

*Local Knights of Columbus groups are hoping to purchase ultrasound units for area pregnancy care agencies. For details of the project go to:*

[www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/culture-of-life/ultrasound-initiative.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/culture-of-life/ultrasound-initiative.html).

**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.**