

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Pentecost

Pentecost blessings to you and upon our Parish and the world! The gift of God's Holy Spirit touches every area and aspect of creation. Our gratitude and awe are naturally evoked in the face of such a loving and generous God. Our faith in God is, itself, a gift from the Almighty.

Being filled with the Spirit of God, we are challenged to live lives modeled on the example of Jesus. Through centuries of development, the Roman Catholic Church has formulated creedal and doctrinal statements to define our beliefs. Often these are complicated, philosophical presentations best understood by theologians and Canon lawyers. The practice of our faith in smaller settings, family and parish settings, is where most of us work out our relationship with Jesus and his Gospel message.

Here at St. George Parish we are blessed with a small, active faith community. We hold one another in prayerful support through difficult times, we rejoice with one another during good times, many are dedicated in service to the ill, the downtrodden and those in prison. Our lives are often pulled in many directions and occasionally we may lose our focus on faith in Jesus. Thankfully God never loses focus on us and we can count on the Holy Spirit to fill us and journey with us always.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 3	5 pm	Lt. Ralph Foulks, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, June 4	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Pentecost	11 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Monday, June 5	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, June 6	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, June 7	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, June 8	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, June 9	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, June 10	5 pm	In memory of Robert & Marion Bull, by Kathleen & Dennis Lell
Sunday, June 11	8:30 am	Michael Magliocco, by Lucille Grover & family
	11:00 am	Bernadine Head, by Glen & Cindy Weeks

Our next First Friday Mass is July 7th 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 and Sally Denesha.

RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS!



Kathy Kita, our Faith Formation Director, **retired 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 shares 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 CO-OP APPEAL: WELCOME FATHER HUMPHREY MILIMO, OMI

Our annual guest speaker for the Diocesan **Mission Cooperative Appeal** is **Father Humphrey Milimo**, an **Oblate of Mary Immaculate** presently serving at Our Lady of Hope Parish on the West Side of Buffalo. *A second collection will be taken up for the Mission Appeal at all Masses this weekend.* If you wish to contribute to the Missions at another time, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "**Mission Appeal**", or give online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/MissionAppeal2017.

GIFT K-8 RUMMAGE SALE— NEXT WEEKEND!

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 **Sunday, 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.

Join us for refreshments between the Masses on Sunday, June 18th



as we celebrate Father Jim's birthday in the parish hall! Join us in wishing him well, and pray that God will bless him with physical and spiritual well-being for many more birthdays!

OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ, CASH RAFFLE AND THEME BASKET AUCTION is Sunday, July 16th!

Mark your calendars, donate a theme basket, and plan to join us for a delicious meal!

Cash Raffle ticket packets are available for you to sell or buy in the Gathering Space—be sure to **return the money and stubs by June 18th** to be eligible for the first **Early Bird prize of \$25.00!**

Dinner tickets will be sold at all Masses on **June 24-25--\$10 each.**



Your enthusiastic support is vital to the success of our primary annual fundraiser!

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*".



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.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is now a children's health home provider through *Encompass Family Health Home*. We believe in building stronger, healthier families. Through the health home, children and their families are given a network of providers, health plans, and community-based organizations that work to ensure the child's needs are met, including physical, dental, mental health, or simple support. To learn more about the program and eligibility requirements, visit www.cwny.org/encompass_health_home or call **218-1400**, ext. 2012.





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 Holy Day Offerings** last week totaled **\$3,729.42**. Thank you!

Give online with WeShare. Visit stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org today.

Maggie Boyle has reached her fundraising goal for her Mission trip to **Cuzco, Peru** to work with the **Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World**, caring for orphans! She thanks her parish family for its overwhelming generosity. If you would still like to make a donation, your donations will help other missionaries making the journey with Maggie who have not yet reached their fundraising goals. Make your check payable to THEOTOKOS MINISTRIES. (Please write *St. George* in the memo area of the check). Mail to Mr. Patrick O'Brien, 5165 Abbott Road, Hamburg, NY 14075. Thank you again. (*Safe travels, Maggie!*)



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the parish office, 652-3153, so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry. *God Bless all.*

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

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.



FATHER DAN UPDATE *Fr. Dan is doing well!* He is maintaining his weight and striving to gain weight. He is in great spirits and he sends his love and continued prayers to his St. George family. He asks for and is grateful for your continued prayers! Write to him at: *Fr. Daniel Lusch, SJ, Campion Center, 319 Concord Rd, Weston, MA 02493* or phone (781) 788-6800.

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

Beginning next weekend through 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.



Sign up soon—the weekends are filling fast! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.