

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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Week of August 20, 2017

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What a gift the scriptures are for us! God's faithful love is revealed in words authored over centuries of time. Our Christian scriptures were written by those who first believed in Jesus as the Christ about 1,950 years ago. Approximately two thousand years before the time of Jesus, Abraham responded to God's call to believe in One, Almighty God. The books of the Bible telling of this covenant relationship between God and the Hebrew people make up the Old Testament of the Bible.

God is the initiator of all things—we humans are called to respond to God's initiatives! Reading, studying, hearing and proclaiming the scriptures can help us discern the movements and works of God. Neither a history book nor a scientific treatise, the Bible is intended as a pathway into relationship with God. Individual passages must be understood within context of the whole. Our Catholic perspective challenges us to pray with scripture in an effort to sense God's intent.

Images and messages from scripture can be touchstones for our faith. Even though most of us have little experience with sheep, we embrace the image of Jesus as our *Good Shepherd*. Seeing a rainbow can remind us of God's promises. The Ten Commandments, studied and memorized by many of us, may guide our behavior. Saint Paul offers a wealth of imagery to understand God—a memorable example is that *"For now there is faith, hope and love. Of these three, the greatest is love."* 1 Cor. 13:13

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 19	5 pm	Randall DeWitt, by Debbie & Tony Stellrecht
Sunday, August 20	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed
Monday, August 21	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, August 22	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, August 23	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, August 24	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, August 25	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, August 26	5 pm	For the Faithful Departed
Sunday, August 27	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed

**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](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com).

**Our next First Friday Mass will be September 1st at 8:00 am in the Chapel.  
Confession: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the Church.  
Join us in praying the Rosary on Saturdays at 4:30 pm in the Church.**



Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Barb Songin, Sally Denesha, Jeanne McIntyre, Joe Arcara, Diane Marts, Arnie O'Connor and Rita Kowalik.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING BIN

Did you know that all clothing donations placed in the "little blue box" in our lower parking lot are put to good use in the local Buffalo area? Donations are picked up every week or two, and *no donation is wasted*. Please restrict your donations to *bagged clothing only*; no household items. As always, thank you for your continued support through donations to the **Poor Box**. *God bless all.*



*Join us for the Rosary in our beautiful Chapel on Mondays at 7 pm.*



**GET TO GABRIEL'S CLOSET Thrift Shop at the Bread of Life Outreach Center** for great savings! Gabe's Closet is having a **Summer Clearance Sale** from **Aug 15-23**. All summer clothes and accessories (excluding jewelry) are **50% off**. The **\$2 Bag Sale** is on

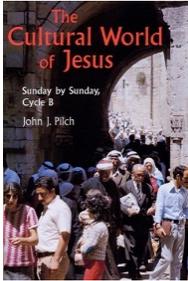
**Aug 24th and Aug. 26th.**

**Gabe's is open** Tues. & Wed. 10 am–2 pm, Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1 pm.

## LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

When the new Church Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, we at St. George are embarking on a new approach to Faith Formation!

*Everyone needs to grow and deepen their faith:* families with children, grandparents, singles and couples, teens and twenty-somethings! Our St. George Parish family is one place



where faith can grow. To assist you in your faith journey in the new Church Year, *the Parish is offering a gift to every parishioner who would like one.*

We would like to give you a free book with Sunday-by-Sunday commentary on the cultural setting of the Gospel reading, in a bestselling novel by **John Pilch**, *The Cultural World of Jesus: Sunday by Sunday*. Each commentary highlights aspects of the first-century, Eastern Mediterranean cultural world in which Jesus lived and suggests a cross-cultural comparison with our modern Western culture. Families might set up a few minutes to read the weekly passage together in preparation for Mass,

individuals might use it for personal prayer, groups might gather to share faith together using the book as a guide. Our hope is that this gift will help each of us deepen our relationship with God! *All you have to do is provide your name and contact information to the parish office **BEFORE September 30th**, if you want to receive a book.*

***Join us in our Lifelong Faith Formation endeavor!***



**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are In Memory of Randy DeWitt, donated by Debbie Stellrecht. *Thank you for enhancing our worship with the beauty of God's flowers!*

*Be still and know that I AM God*

*Be still and know that I AM*

*Be still and know*

*Be still*

*Be*

*Be Still*

*Be still and know*

*Be still and know that I AM*

*Be still and know that I AM God*

See Psalm 46:10

*Be still, and grow to know God more deeply  
in His presence of silence.*

*~ Prayer shared by Father John ~*

## FEARLESS!

**A Youth and Parent event for Grades 9-12  
Saturday, September 16th.**



**#Get out of the Boat!**

**Youth, Parents and Leaders will gather together for 5 pm Mass**, followed by a picnic dinner at 6 pm, a Session from 7-9 pm (including an overview of planned activities for the year and information on **Confirmation** preparation), ending with games and a bonfire from 9-10 pm. *It's a great evening—don't miss it!* Questions? Contact **Elaine Ahles**, our Youth Coordinator, at **942-3403**, or email [stgeorgeyouthcommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeorgeyouthcommunity@yahoo.com).

**THANK YOU!** Your weekly offerings, maintenance offerings, and special collection donations allow our Parish to keep the Good News of Jesus alive in our community.



**Sunday and Holy Day Offerings** last week totaled **\$2,646.00**, and **Maintenance and Capital Improvement** offerings were **\$130.00**. Offerings for the **Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefits Fund** now total **\$767.00**. *May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!*



### LECTORS ARE NEEDED

Reading from the Word of God is central to the Mass and effectively communicates God's grace and love to everyone in the church. *Lectors are especially needed at the 11 am Mass on Sunday mornings.* If you would like to be a part of this

ministry, please contact Tricia at [mrbofing@roadrunner.com](mailto:mrbofing@roadrunner.com) or call the office at **652-3153**.

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

**August 20th  
Ordinary Time:**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7;  
Psalm 67;  
Romans 11:13-15;

**THE MOBILE PANTRY TRUCK** will be at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Thursday, August 24th**, from **2:30-5 pm**, distributing perishable foods to **ANYONE** in the community. *You don't have to be a member of the food pantry to participate.* Bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods, and be sure to bring your **picture ID**.



**CURVY WOMEN FASHION SALES EVENT** at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center**



**Thursday, August 31st, 6 – 8 pm** Featuring new & like-new plus size fashions from *Talbot • Coldwater Creek • Quacker Factory* & more, as well as linens and jewelry. Bring a friend and receive a free gift. Refreshments will be served. Visit [www.breadoflifecolden.org/events](http://www.breadoflifecolden.org/events) for more information.

### BECOME A MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Upcoming free training sessions are scheduled at **Christ the King Seminary** in East Aurora on the following **Saturdays: September 9th, October 7th and November 4th** from **9:30 am – 2:00 pm**. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to serve our parish and others in this vital role.



### SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS FOR FALL

Pope Francis has made the full **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Retreat** at least 2 times in his life. The Spiritual Exercises is an in-depth experience of praying with scripture in an Ignatian tradition. It involves daily prayer using selected scripture passages and small group meetings; weekly for the first month, then twice a month for 7 months.

Interested? Contact **Gini Schultz** at 837-6020 or **Joseph Ritzert** at 627-5530.

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