

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of August 27, 2017

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am sure you have noticed how catchwords come and go in popularity. The present catchword in Catholic catechesis is *discipleship*. Bishops, priests and everyone involved in Faith Formation are receiving materials about “making disciples” and encouraging believers to be “intentional disciples of Jesus”.

This is a beautiful concept and I do not mean any disrespect by noting it as a catchword. We can learn much from investigating how and why certain concepts become a popular focus. To recognize ourselves as disciples of Jesus implies our intimate relationship with Jesus. Consider the disciples we learn of in the Gospels; that group of people who followed Jesus, who witnessed His miracles and heard His teachings first hand. They were a motley crew — men, women, children, pagans, Jews, Romans, scribes, lepers, sinners, Pharisees and more. The uniting factor of this diverse group was a belief that this man from Nazareth carried a message from God especially for them! They wanted to be near Him and learn from Him.

To understand ourselves as disciples of Jesus requires us to want to be with Jesus. Embracing the concept of discipleship challenges us to shift from being a bystander, a casual observer of Jesus, toward active pursuit of Jesus and His message.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 26	5 pm	Joseph & Ellen Diggins and children
Sunday, August 27	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed
Monday, August 28	8 am	Carolyn Wall, by Father Jim Wall
Tuesday, August 29	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, August 30	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, August 31	8 am	Communion Service
First Friday	8 am	Joseph & Josephine Tracy, by the Tara family
Friday, September 1		
Saturday, September 2	5 pm	For the Faithful Departed
Sunday, September 3	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	Joseph & Josephine Tracy, by the Tara family

**Our 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.**



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

ARE YOU CELEBRATING 50, 60 OR 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2017?

The Diocese of Buffalo wants to honor you with a special Diocesan ceremony on **Sunday, October 15th at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral**, followed by a reception at the **Adam's Mark Hotel**. Family members are encouraged and most welcome to attend but seating is limited, so please call the office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, as soon as possible so we can register you.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we learn that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

This month, *through your gifts*, SVdP distributed 500 Holy Communions to residents of two local nursing homes, and provided a monthly Bingo game for Orchard Park nursing home residents. Your gifts make this possible—thank you for your continued support. *Please consider joining us*—contact the Parish Office at 652-3153.

Poor Box + Children = Lifelong Lesson. God bless all.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are **In Memory of David Kociszewski**, donated by **the Kociszewski family**. *Thank you, Stan & Ellen, for beautifying our worship space!*

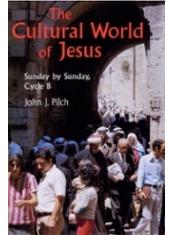


LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

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!**



LIFELONG Faith Formation for Families with Children

St. George parishioners with children who have previously been registered in Faith Formation classes received a letter in July outlining the hopes we have for 2017-2018.

Parish-wide **Faith Fests** will highlight Year B in our Church calendar, beginning with the **First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3rd**. Faith Fests are scheduled monthly through May 2018, marking the Holy Seasons of **Advent, Christmas, Lent** and **Easter**. To register for 2017-2018 Lifelong Faith Formation, be sure your family **signs up to receive a copy of *The Cultural World of Jesus*** book, offered as a gift from the parish. When you contact the parish office to request the book, please provide us with your phone number and email address, as well as the names and ages of your children.

In a dark and damp cellar in Cologne, Germany, where thousands of Jews once hid from Nazi torment, an inscription was discovered not long after the end of World War II. **These words were found scrawled across a stone wall by an anonymous author who was likely killed.** Many thanks to Fr. Jim for sharing this example of faith in the face of unspeakable evil.

"I BELIEVE IN THE SUN EVEN
WHEN IT IS NOT SHINING.
I BELIEVE IN LOVE EVEN
WHEN I CANNOT FEEL IT.
I BELIEVE IN GOD EVEN
WHEN HE IS SILENT."

THE SEPTEMBER PARISH CALENDAR is now available at the church entrances.



Instead of printing and inserting a copy into each of the bulletins, we now print them and set them out for those who want a paper copy. The online version of our Calendar is available to view/download at stgeorgercchurch.org/calendar.



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 **\$3,120.00**. *May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!*

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

**READINGS FOR
September 3, 2017
Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16: 21-27

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 for more information.



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THE SEVENTH MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION



Your spiritually adopted baby continues to grow and mature. His brain waves now resemble those of a full-term baby, and he's now capable of controlling his own body temperature. His bones are strengthening, and he is putting on weight quickly. The extra fat will provide an energy reserve for him following birth. *Please keep praying for your spiritually adopted baby and his mother.*

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER needs canned soups for the Food Pantry. You may place your donations in the baskets in the Gathering space at church, or bring them to BOLO during regular hours. **Did you know?** The Food Pantry is a member of the Food Bank of WNY. Qualified individuals and families can receive food as well as a clothing allowance for Gabriel's Closet.



Food Pantry: Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1pm.

Gabriel's Closet: Tues. & Wed. 10 am–2 pm, Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1 pm.

REFLECTING ON FATIMA – A Day of Reflection



Fr. John Adams invites you to join him for a day of reflection on **Saturday, October 21st**, at Christ the King Seminary, during the afternoon and early evening hours. We'll gather for food, prayer, fellowship, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and a living rosary at dusk around the pond.

Fr. John will visit **Fatima, Portugal** in October, blessed to celebrate the anniversary of the last **appearance of Our Lady** at this sacred site and the **Miracle of the Sun** that occurred *100 years ago*. Plan to join us for this unique opportunity for spiritual growth. For now, **save the date**—look for more details in the weeks to come!

Schedule

The Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister and Lector schedule for September and October is now available in the sacristy and [online](#). Please pick up or [download](#) your copy today!