

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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Week of September 3, 2017

## **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Information, photos and live newsfeeds from around the world allow us to know quickly and intimately many of the current events affecting humanity. Few of us can watch the devastating results of hurricane Harvey without shaking our heads in disbelief and perhaps even tearing up in sympathy. Just a week before Harvey, our country and the world were united in awe experiencing the total eclipse of the sun. This age of instant information unites humanity in ways never before experienced.

Consider how news of family, foreign wars, and natural disasters was delayed in previous decades by realities of isolation, snail mail, landline telephones and the like. We know the rapidity of information transmission has been mind-numbing. My grandfather traveled for weeks by sea to immigrate to the U.S., and horse and buggy were still the primary transportation option in his youth.

God has blessed humanity with tremendous gifts of intelligence and ability. Technological advances require us to embrace the positive uses they provide. Our faith calls us to seek paths which unite people, which show care and love for others, which resolve problems rather than create them and draw us into awe at the wonders of God and creation.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 2	5 pm	Mary Choi, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, September 3	8:30 am 11 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous Joseph & Josephine Tracy, by the Tara family
Monday, September 4	8 am	Healing for Jerry Castiglia and comfort for his family, by your St. George family
Tuesday, September 5	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, September 6	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, September 7	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, September 8	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, September 9	5 pm	Candace Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, September 10	8:30 am 11 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children

**Our next First Friday Mass will be October 6th 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.**

*Let us  
pray for...*

Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Barb Songin, Sally Denesha, Jeanne McIntyre, Joe Arcara, Diane Marts, Mike Hayhurst, Rita Kowalik and Jerry Castiglia.

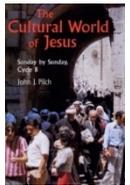
### A FRESH FOCUS ON *LIFELONG* FAITH FORMATION

When the **new Church Year** begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, we also begin anew our faith journey together, freshly refocused on **Lifelong Faith Formation!**



**Call, email, or visit the parish office before September 30th and sign up** to receive your copy of *The Cultural World of Jesus:*

*Sunday by Sunday.* This week-by-week commentary helps us relate the weekly Gospel to the setting of Jesus' time, and it may help each of us to deepen our relationship with God. *Join us in our shared Lifelong Faith Formation endeavor.*



### SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST. GEORGE FAITH FORMATION SEPT. 9-10



*100% of your donation stays in our parish* and provides **vital support** to our **Lifelong Faith Formation** efforts. This includes activities and resources for our **K-8 and High School Youth, Parish Faith Festivals, Adult Small Groups, Parish Retreats, and Evangelization efforts.** Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated. *Please be as generous as you are able!*

***You may also donate online with WeShare.***

Visit [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/FF2017](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/FF2017) today.

## 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).



Faith Formation  
Registration

### LIFELONG Faith Formation for Families with Children

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.*



**BLESSINGS TO SHIRLEY BAKER AS SHE MOVES TO TEXAS!** Longtime parishioner and friend **Shirley Baker** is headed for (a dry region of) Texas to live with family there. Shirley has been a faithful volunteer at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** since its inception, and a fixture at the **Farmers' Market** every Saturday morning. Shirley, we pray that you will enjoy safe travel and great happiness in your new home. *We'll miss you!*

**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are **In Memory of Anthony Kita** and **Joseph Carty**, donated by **Bill and Kathy Kita**. Thank you for enhancing our worship with the beauty of God's flowers!



**REST IN PEACE, Arnold "Arnie" O'Connor** Our heartfelt sympathy to Arnie's wife, Sylvia, and his family, following Arnie's passing this past week. Please pray for peace for Arnie's soul, as well as comfort and healing for his loved ones. Arnie's Memorial Mass will be celebrated at **Immaculate Conception Church** in East Aurora on **Monday, September 4th** at **11 am**.

**REST IN PEACE, Mary A. Choi.** Please also remember the soul of Mary Choi and her family in your prayers. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on **Wednesday, August 30, 2017** at [F. E. Brown Sons Funeral Home in Orchard Park](#).



**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 **\$2,645.00**. *May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!*

The **Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th**, in observance of **Labor Day**. We wish everyone a safe and restful weekend, and a joyous return to school next week!



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Today, we hear Jesus say to us, *“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”* The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

***Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?*** For information, call the Parish Office at 652-3153.

Donations to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey may be made in the collection basket marked *“SVdP Hurricane Harvey Relief”* and we will forward them to our Central or National Council. *Thank you and God bless all.*

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

**READINGS FOR  
September 10, 2017  
Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 18: 15-20

**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.



**Crystal Hopkins and Matthew Densmore** exchanged vows of Holy Matrimony at St. George Church on **Saturday, September 2nd**. Let us all pray that they will use God’s love, forgiveness, and grace as the model of love for their marriage, strengthening their union throughout their lives. *Congratulations, Matt & Crystal, and may God bless your marriage abundantly!*

**OUR NEXT RHYTHM DRUM CIRCLE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall. ***All ages and experience levels are welcome.*** Drums/rhythm instruments are provided or bring your own. **Please sign-up ahead of time**, especially if you need to reserve a drum. For more info, call **Lisa Oun** at **597-5894** or email [lisamjdoun@aol.com](mailto:lisamjdoun@aol.com).



**REMEMBERING ALBA PALMER** Alba *“Coach Al”* Palmer, a parishioner and longtime East Aurora Educator, passed away in January 24, 2013. After donating his body to science, his remains will now be laid to rest at Glenwood-Maltby Cemetery in Colden on **Wednesday, September 6th at 10 am**. All are welcome to attend this brief graveside dedication.