

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of September 24, 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The whirlwind of events recently has many of us shaking our heads in wonderment. Local, national and international situations seem to rush at us giving little time to absorb and comprehend them. One of my fears in this was realized as I read the morning paper and found several references to people attributing hardships to God and God's wrath.

Our Christian perspective teaches us that God is loving, merciful, just and compassionate. Jesus, when given every reason to be angry and judgmental, gave us the example of patience, tolerance and forgiveness. Jesus reveals God as the One who sustains us during hardship, not the one who inflicts pain or tests our endurance.

It is normal when faced with the incomprehensible to think of the Almighty God. History is full of examples when we humans have blamed God for troubles we encounter that we cannot understand otherwise. Thankfully, God is big enough to handle such misplaced anger.

If we are given the chance, perhaps we can be reminders to others that God is Emmanuel, that is -"God with us". Times of suffering and disaster are not new or only ours to experience. In the coming weeks, as we near the Feast of Christ the King, our Sunday scriptures will be full of "end times" imagery. Jesus admonishes us to stand up in the face of troubles and to have confidence in the powerful and saving love of God.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 23	5 pm	Many blessings for the Wedding of Kimberly Dziulko & Garrett Sontag , and for the Soul of Hank Sontag, by Mom & Dad
Sunday, September 24	8:30 am	For a Special Intention, by Anonymous
	11 am	Amelia Fildes, by the Bodemer family
Monday, September 25	8 am	Howard, Helen, Kathleen & Gertrude Schau, by Joan D'Arrigo
Tuesday, September 26	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, September 27	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 28	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 29	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, September 30	5 pm	James Buckley, by Fr. Jim
Sunday, October 1	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	Marie Baker, by Mary Ann Pietrzak

**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.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Barb Songin, Sally Denesha, Jeanne McIntyre, Joe Arcara, Mike Hayhurst, Rita Kowalik and Sally Tanner.



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are to Bless the Marriage of **Kimberly Dziulko** and **Garrett Sontag**, and for the Soul of **Hank Sontag**, donated by **Tom and Alice Dziulko**. **Congratulations, Kim & Garrett!** Thank you, **Tom and Alice**, for beautifying our worship space with God's flowers!



Blessing of the Pets

*In honor of
St. Francis of Assisi*

Join us for our annual Blessing of Pets in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!

Bring your pet friends out on **Wednesday, October 4th** at **4 pm** to the Parish Picnic Shelter to celebrate the joy and love they bring to our lives, and to receive a special blessing.

All are welcome!

SUPPORT THE CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY APPEAL TODAY



Thank you! There are only two major seminaries in all of New York State: **St. Joseph's** in Dunwoody, NY, and **Christ the King Seminary** in our own Diocese. Thanks to you and other parishes in Western New York, we can take pride in supporting our own seminary's work of training future priests, deacons and lay leaders to bring the message of God's love to us all.

Most recently, we witnessed the ordination of 6 men to serve us as Deacons: **Peter Bassey, Edward Birmingham, Paul Cygan, Kenneth Monaco, Peter Santandreu, and Gerard Skrzynski.**

Thank you, again, for supporting the great work of Christ the King Seminary.

FINAL WEEK—REQUEST YOUR BOOK NOW!

Request your FREE copy of *The Cultural World of Jesus: Sunday by Sunday* by **September 30th**. Call, [email](#) or visit the parish office, or request your copy online at stgeorgercchurch.org/lff.

COMMUNITY SHRED IT EVENT—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 10-11 AM

Tired of overflowing file cabinets and storage boxes? Now's the time to start collecting your *unwanted confidential documents* into boxes and bags, then bring them to the Parish parking lot at **10 am on October 28th**. We've contracted with [Shred-it Buffalo](#) to provide this event to our community free of charge—free will offerings are gratefully accepted. ☺



ALL MINISTERS MEETING SUNDAY

All **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers** are asked to attend an important meeting on **Sunday, September 24th at 2 pm** in the Church.

WEDDING BLESSINGS to **Kimberley Dziulko** and **Garrett Sontag**, who exchanged vows of Holy Matrimony on **Saturday, September 23rd**. **Congratulations, Garrett & Kim!** May the love that brought you together grow and mature with each passing year.



Today we mourn the passing of a friend and longtime St. George parishioner, **Joseph (Jerry) Castiglia**, after a brief illness. Jerry passed away peacefully Tuesday with family by his side. Please pray for Jerry's family to be comforted, secure in the knowledge that Jerry now watches over them from God's side. Rest in peace, Jerry. You will be greatly missed.

WELCOME, Pawel & Anna Kalinski and family! We're thrilled to have your family join our faith community! May you find warmth, fellowship and happiness in our parish.



YOUR OFFERINGS allow our Parish to do so much good for our parish and our community! **Sunday, Holy Day and Maintenance & Capital Improvement Offerings** last week totaled **\$2830.94**, **Hurricane Relief** donations to the Diocesan Appeal now total **\$731.00**, and **Faith Formation Offerings** are up to **\$935.00**. *May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!*



BIG TENT TAKEDOWN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT NOON

If you're available to help with disassembling the tent on Wednesday at noon, please come to the parish picnic shelter. Thanks in advance for your help!

On September 27, the Church celebrates the **Feast of St. Vincent de Paul**, who knew that *"God had sent him to bring good news to the poor."* Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish and community.



If you think that you might be interested in becoming a member of your Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please call the Parish Office at 652-3153. Thank you. God bless all.

Rosary at 7pm Monday evening in our beautiful Chapel. Please consider joining in.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION—THE EIGHTH MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION:



Spiritual Adoption

You're in the homestretch with your spiritually adopted baby! All the baby's organs are now basically formed. The baby now is gaining weight and making the mother uncomfortable with his size. An interesting detail about this time of development is that the eyes are usually blue, regardless of the permanent color. The final formation of eye pigment or color usually happens a few weeks after birth. The prayers you have said for this baby and his mother have certainly been appreciated and helpful.

HAWAIIAN VACATION RAFFLE TO BENEFIT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER

The Grand Prize is a 7-day stay in a Maui Oceanfront Condo from **March 4-11, 2018**, plus \$1500 spending cash to use as you please.

Additional prizes: a **2-piece American Tourister luggage set** and **2 - \$100 cash prizes**. The condo has 1 bedroom, 2 baths and sleeps 4

(pull-out couch), plus a limited kitchen. The condo is part of the Marriott Ocean Club at **Ka'anapali Beach, Maui**. Your ticket purchase admits you and a friend to the drawing party at **BOLO** on **October 20th, 2017**, from **7-9 pm**. Visit Eventbrite.com to **get your tickets - \$100.00 each** or call **941-3550**. *Only 150 tickets will be sold*, and you need not be present at the drawing in order to win.



WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS!! If you've made your First Holy Communion and you're interested in participating at Mass in a whole new way, consider becoming an **Altar Server!** *We especially need servers for the Saturday Masses.* Please call the office at **652-3153**.