

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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Week of October 15, 2017

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our October days are zipping along. Hopefully the beauty of this season has been present to you in some way. As Western New Yorkers we know the challenges (and beauty) of the next season will soon be upon us. We also know how blessed we are when we consider the devastating events in other areas of the country and world.

This Thursday the 19th at 7 pm we will have another Parish Council meeting in the gathering space. About a dozen people gathered last month at the Parish Council “brainstorming” session. Following that meeting, I was guided to ask several parishioners to consider joining the Council this year. Some have said “yes” and others have said words similar to “*been there, done that*”. This is quite understandable. No one needs another meeting for meeting’s sake, including me.

As Fr. Jim and I undertake this model of shared Parish leadership, it is truly valuable to us to have persons who hold the “corporate memory” of the Parish. Even the relatively recent memory of the difficult Parish merger is not part of our knowledge base. My hope for the hour or so the Parish Council meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month is to hear ideas for helping our Parish community knit together in faith so that the message and hope of Jesus becomes more deeply planted in our hearts and shared with the broader community.

For now, membership on the Parish Council remains somewhat fluid. If you would like to attend any 3rd Thursday of the month, please know you are welcome to attend.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 14	5 pm	Arnie O'Connor, by Sally Lennertz
Sunday, October 15	8:30 am	For a Special Intention, by Anonymous
	11 am	Anthony Zappia Sr., by the family
Monday, October 16	8 am	John & Irene Szeliga, by the Mieth family
Tuesday, October 17	8 am	Peter D'Arrigo, by Joan D'Arrigo
Wednesday, October 18	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, October 19	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, October 20	8 am	Margaret Hourihan, by Pat Nemec
Saturday, October 21	5 pm	Catherine Buranich, by Godfrey Buranich
Sunday, October 22	8:30 am	Jerry Castiglia, by Eileen & Ed Martin
	11 am	James Nowosad, by Glen & Cindy Weeks

**Our next First Friday Mass will be November 3rd 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, Rita Kowalik and Sally Tanner.



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is October 22nd.** Every October, this global appeal supports missionaries of more than 1,100 mission dependent dioceses through whose work and witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. We appreciate your support and generosity. If you would like to donate to this appeal, ***place your offerings in an envelope marked "Mission Sunday" in the regular offering basket next weekend.***



**Reminder—Fr. John Adams** invites you to join him for a ***Day of Reflection: Fatima*** on **Saturday, October 21st**, at **Christ the King Seminary (from 1pm on)**. The **complete retreat schedule is on the bulletin board** in the Gathering Space. Please email [jadams@cks.edu](mailto:jadams@cks.edu) to register, *especially if you plan to be there for the meal and/or social.*

**Sister Mary McCarrick, OSF, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities of Buffalo**, will join us for all Masses this weekend, **October 14-15**. She wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to you for your ever-generous support of Catholic Charities!



**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS** have ended for the season. Thank you to everyone who donated bouquets! The flowers were a beautiful sight to behold each week. *We look forward to resuming this effort next Spring!*

## ST. GEORGE YOUTH FALL BREAK“*FEST*” & THEME BASKET AUCTION!

**NEXT WEEKEND!! Sunday, October 22nd from 9 am – 1 pm** in the hall.

We're serving eggs, ham, home fries, pancakes, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. All proceeds are used to subsidize our Youth's fees to attend the **Diocesan Youth Convention in February** and Youth activities.



**Come out and support the Young Church!** Your free-will **Love Offering** will be greatly appreciated. Theme Basket donations are really appreciated and may be dropped off at church or on the porch of the parish office.



**A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** paying tribute to parishioners who have died during the past year is planned for **All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2nd at 5 pm in church, followed by a light meal.**

*Perhaps there's someone in your family who passed away in the past year whom you would like to honor and remember at this service? **Please call, email or visit the parish office by October 16th*** to let us know.

If you want to provide a photo of your loved one for our Remembrance board, please email a digital version to the office or drop the photo off to the parish office, **clearly marked with your loved one's name, your name, and a phone number** so we can return your photo to you. Thank you.

### **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 from **10-11 am on Saturday, October 28th.** We've contracted with **Shred-it Buffalo** to provide this

event to our community free of charge to you—free will offerings will be gratefully accepted.



### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING TUESDAY AT 11 AM—Sister Lori to Speak!**

Since the Sisters of St. Mary are an *international* congregation, Sister Lori has had the opportunity to live outside the U.S. on several occasions. Upon her arrival in the

**Democratic Republic of Congo**, as people learned where she was from, they assured her of their prayers for the United States and its people.



Sister Lori will share some reflections on her experiences abroad at the monthly meeting of the Rosary Altar Society on **Tuesday, October 17th at 11 am** in the **parish hall.** She'll share with us her response to the Congolese assurances of their prayers for us, and what she discovered about the perception these people have of the United States!

**YOUR OFFERINGS** allow us to do so much good for our parish and our community! *Many, many thanks for your incredible generosity!* **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings totaled **\$3,646.54**.

*Thank You*

**Your offerings for our Haiti Mission totaled \$2,487.00!** Your generosity enables us to provide health care, education, water, sanitation, farm animals and other assistance to our twin parish. Your generous offerings and prayers show your support for the many good works done through our Haiti mission and the people of Haiti.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." **To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? God bless all.**



*We pray the Rosary at 7pm every Monday evening in our beautiful Chapel. Join us!*

### **CHRISTMAS TEA & FASHION SHOW AT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER**



Tickets for the **December 2nd Christmas Tea and Fashion Show** go on sale at BOLO on **Saturday, October 21st** from **10-12 noon**. Tickets are \$25 each; limit of 10 tickets per sale. *Tickets sell out quickly so don't delay!* Call BOLO at **941-3550** for more information.

### **AID FOR HURRICANE AND EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

In response to the ongoing need of so many people affected by recent natural disasters, Bishop Malone has asked parishes to give Catholics the opportunity to make donations for relief efforts aiding victims of **Hurricanes Irma and Maria**, as well as the **earthquake victims in Mexico**. *The donation box for these specific causes will be in the back of Church until **October 15th**.* Checks should be made payable to St. George parish with a "Disaster relief" notation.



**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!** If you're going to be away for an extended period of time, **would you kindly let the office know**, so that we can **temporarily suspend your offering envelopes?** The parish is charged for the cost of return postage on all envelope packets that are returned to us by the USPS as "*Undeliverable*". Thank you, and we wish you safe travels!

**REST IN PEACE, MICHAEL HAYHURST** Mike passed away peacefully at home on **Friday, October 6th**, after a lengthy illness. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for him on **Wednesday, October 11th** in St. George church. *Kindly keep his loved ones and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn his passing.*





*You are invited . . .*

## **Day of Reflection: Fatima**

**When:** Saturday October 21, 2017 during afternoon and early evening hours.

**Where:** Christ the King Seminary

**What:** Come for a Day of Reflection and gather for food, prayer, social, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, a living rosary at dusk around the pond with Rev. John Adams.

Fr. John will be returning on October 18<sup>th</sup> from his retreat visit to Fatima, Portugal as he is 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, October 13, 1917. Come and join others around the Diocese for what can be a unique opportunity for spiritual growth. **Meet in the Main Chapel on Campus for Introduction and Schedule.**

***Day of Reflection Tentative Schedule: (subject to change due to weather, etc.)***

- 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm -- Greeting and Introduction: Significance of Our Lady of Fatima to Our Everyday Life (St. John Vianney Chapel [Main Chapel])
- 1:45 pm to 2:15 pm -- Reflective Prayer – The Apparitions: God Visited His People (Our Lady of the Lake statue on the grounds of Christ the King Seminary)
- 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm -- Procession from the Lake to St. Vincent Dorm Chapel with Our Lady of Fatima Statue Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:40 pm to 3:45 pm -- These Hundred Years: Fatima, Remembering and Sharing through DVD musical/film (CKS Auditorium)
- 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm -- Time of Personal Reflection (Time of relaxation, meditation and “Taking Sabbath” on the grounds of CKS)
- 4:15 pm to 4:30 pm -- Benediction (St. Vincent Dorm Chapel)
- 4:30 pm to 5:20 pm -- Vigil Mass (St. John Vianney Chapel [Main Chapel])
- 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm -- Dinner, Campus Center
- 6:25 pm to 7:00 pm -- Procession with Our Lady of Fatima Statue and Living Rosary around Lake
- 7:00 pm to ? -- Social (Coffee, cold drinks, pastries at Campus Center)

**\*\* Note:** You can join us for all or part of the Day of Reflection. However, if you are coming to the Dinner and/or to the Vigil Mass and/or concluding Social, please indicate your attendance through RSVP to Fr. John. Please respond with name and the number of persons coming through:

**Email:** [Jadams@cks.edu](mailto:Jadams@cks.edu), or CKS phone voicemail: 716-655-6406