

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of November 5, 2017

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

We enter the month of November aware that our planet has again turned this Northern Hemisphere away from the warming direct rays of the sun! A classic soap opera used the title “*As the World Turns*” to express its focus on the day-to-day, year-to-year realities of our lives. We all keep some patterns in our daily, weekly, monthly and yearly lives. Our Jewish ancestors wrote beautifully of God’s intent to bring an orderly creation out of chaos in the first book of the Bible—Genesis.

As we make our way through the days of our lives (*another soap opera title!*), I think many of us seek meaningful relationships and tasks. Few of us will achieve superstar status in any public arena but in our personal lives we often try to do wonderful things for and with others. God’s Spirit within us prompts us to connect meaningfully with our environment, family and friends.

The coming months offer us countless opportunities to enjoy creation, to exchange pleasantries with loved ones, to hunker down in quiet and to celebrate annual Church and Civil events. While we experience many realities beyond our control, perhaps we can continue to attempt to align our choices ever more closely with our Creator God. Traits that Jesus promotes are helpful measures for us to use in self-assessment. Peace and unity, love and respect, patience and forgiveness, humility and simplicity are all signs that we are living as God’s Spirit inspires us to live.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 4	5 pm	Christor Domond, by Frank Lewandowski
Sunday, November 5	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	Arnie O'Connor, by the Sojka family
Monday, November 6	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, November 7	8 am	Jim Service, by Debbie Stellrecht
Wednesday, November 8	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, November 9	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, November 10	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, November 11	5 pm	For the Faithful Departed
Sunday, November 12	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	All the Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Our next First Friday Mass will be on December 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.**



LET US PRAY FOR...Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Sally Denesha, Jeanne McIntyre, Joe Arcara, Rita Kowalik, Sally Tanner and the Tara family.

The Tara family gives great thanks to our St. George family for prayers and concern following an automobile accident October 28th. Ann sustained several serious injuries but is now recovering peacefully at home. Neal, Mitchell, Dominic and the family dog Benny had only minor injuries. Thank-you also for the beautiful and comforting prayer shawl. God bless you all!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION DISCERNMENT SESSION SUNDAY!

All youth from 10th to 12th grade are invited to "Come and See" if this is the right time in their lives to seek **Confirmation**. Learn more at our special session **Sunday, November 5th**, from **12:15 – 2 pm** in the parish hall. Need more information? Call **Elaine Ahles** at **942-3403** or email eahles22@aol.com.



VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM AT ST. ALOYSIUS REGIONAL SCHOOL



The students of St. Aloysius Regional School are preparing a **Veterans Day Program** to recognize the contributions that veterans have made to our country. Our students invite all veterans to this special tribute on **Thursday, November 9th** at **1:30 pm** in the **St. Aloysius Parish Hall**. *Veterans are encouraged to attend in their uniforms. Please register by Monday, November 6th*, by calling **592-7002** to provide the names of the veterans or active military personnel who will attend, as well as the number of people attending.

OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE IS IN FULL SWING!

Please place your **non-perishable food donations** in the designated containers in the Gathering Space by **Saturday, November 11th**.

St. Vincent de Paul Society members will deliver the Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families. We suggest: stuffing mixes; canned cranberry sauce, gravy or pie fillings; pie crust, roll or biscuit mixes. Monetary donations may be placed in the regular Sunday offering basket in an envelope clearly marked "**Thanksgiving Baskets**", or dropped off to the parish office by **November 11th**, please.



FRIENDLY REMINDER: The weekend of **November 18-19** is our annual collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. *We greatly appreciate your generosity!*

OXFAM-INSPIRED SYMBOLIC MEAL—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH AT 6 PM



One week before our Nation celebrates the bounty of our harvest on Thanksgiving, an **International Hunger Awareness group, Oxfam**, offers a way to heighten our awareness of world food distribution.

This year we hope to present one of these *symbolic* meals on **Thursday, November 16th at 6 pm** in the Parish Hall. Volunteers will be divided into three groups: the **well-nourished**, the **adequately nourished**, and the **undernourished** of the world. Anyone may volunteer, but only those who volunteer by **November 9th** will receive some type of food. All are welcome to attend the dinner to watch how chance comes into play as food is distributed on a worldwide scale. **In order for this event to be successful, we must know the number of volunteers no later than November 9th**—sign up on the sheet provided in the Gathering Space, call **652-3153**, or [email the Parish Office to volunteer](#).

CLEAN DRINKING WATER BENEFIT FOR HAITIAN FAMILIES

Tickets for our annual **Clean Drinking Water Cash Raffle** will be sold **November 18-19** and **25-26** in the Gathering space at Masses. Tickets are **\$5.00 each** or **3 for \$10.00** with cash prizes of **\$500.00 (1st)**, **\$250.00 (2nd)** and **\$100.00 (3rd)**. Winning tickets will be drawn in the parish hall on **Saturday, December 2nd**, following the 5 pm Mass. (*You don't need to be present to win—winners will be notified by phone.*) To purchase tickets, call **Donna at 713-3563**, or mail a check clearly marked **Cleaning Drinking Water Benefit** in the memo area, and made **payable to St. George Church to PO Box 96, West Falls, NY 14170** and your tickets will be mailed to you. *We are grateful for your continued support for the mission.*



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, providing an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. If you would like to donate to this appeal, *place your offerings in an envelope marked "**Catholic University**" in the regular offering basket next weekend. Learn more at www.catholic.edu.*

YOUR OFFERINGS allow us to do so much good for our parish and our community! **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings last week totaled **\$3,306.47**.
Thank you for your generosity!



CATHOLICS CARE. CATHOLICS VOTE. FORM YOUR CONSCIENCE.



"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13.

We are called to form our consciences through being open to truth, studying Scripture and Church teaching, examining facts and background information, and prayerful reflection.

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 12 – 4 PM

...in the **Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria** at 520 Oakwood Ave. in East Aurora. **\$10.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child 12 & under**. Come out and show your support for this event sponsored by the **Christ the King of East Aurora Knights of Columbus**. *Fr. Jim thanks you!*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!
As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER

Sunday, November 12th, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Hosted by **Mason's Living Stone Lodge**, with proceeds to benefit Bread of Life Outreach programs. **Tickets are \$8.00 each; kids under 5 are free!** Tickets available at the BOLO Center and at the door. Questions? Call **941-3550**.



READINGS FOR November 12, 2017

Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

The **REMEMBRANCE BOOK** will be in the back of the church throughout November. *We welcome you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book.*



CALENDAR CORRECTION! The **Thanksgiving Community Service** at [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#) will be on **Tuesday, Nov. 21** at 7 pm, **not Nov. 22**, as was published in our November Parish Calendar.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS AND INTENTIONS

*Kindly have your **Christmas Flowers** offering envelopes and intentions in to the parish office **by the end of November**, and please **PRINT** clearly.* If you don't receive offering envelopes, but would like to dedicate Christmas Flowers, simply enclose your offering along with your name and the name of the intention clearly printed in a sealed envelope marked "**Christmas Flowers**", and place it in the offering basket at any Mass. **Thanks very much!**



ADDICTION ADVOCATE NEEDED The **Diocese of Buffalo** and **WNY United against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Inc.** seek our help to respond to the needs of people affected by drug and alcohol abuse. If you're willing to work with them as an Addiction Advocate, please **call** or **email** the Parish Office. More information about this role is below:

Working together we can help families being impacted by the current drug addiction epidemic.

Jesus says to us: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). And I wish to repeat to all of you who struggle against drug addiction, and to those family members who share in your difficulties: the Church is not distant from your troubles, but accompanies you with affection. -- Pope Francis 4/30/2015

The Diocese of Buffalo has taken up the challenge to accompany families who are suffering because of the effects of addiction. Whether it is to opioids, alcohol, or other drugs, addiction has a devastating effect on individuals, their families, and the community as a whole.

We are working in cooperation with WNY United against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Inc. to respond to the needs of those affected by this disease. We urge you to join in this collaborative effort by identifying one or two people from your parish who is willing to work with us as an Addiction Advocate for those in the struggle against drug addiction.

Addiction Advocates will receive information from the Office of Family Life Ministries to help improve communication on the parish level regarding the resources available to help parishioners provide support, find healing and avoid the negative consequences of substance abuse for themselves and their children. We hope the people selected will have a personal or professional interest in this topic. The people you select do not need to be a counselor or medically trained individual. Through our collaborative efforts with WNY United, we will provide all the training necessary.



Baby Bottles are in the Gathering Space of Church

Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, November 12, 2017

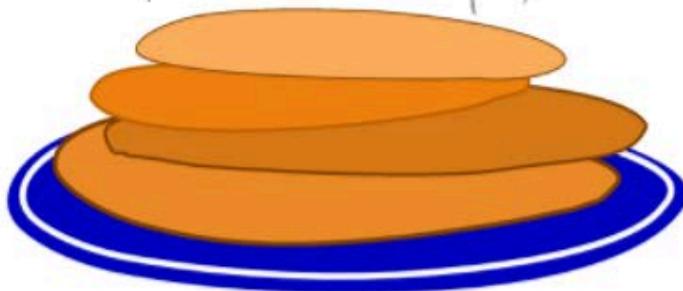
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For more information contact the BOLO at 941-3550

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

At Bread of Life Outreach
Center In Colden

On

Tuesday November 21stth

At 7:00 p.m.

All are invited!

Refreshments will be served!

Non-perishable donations will be
appreciated

All donations will benefit
Bread of Life Outreach Center

