

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of November 12, 2017

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sadly, our Parish Hall again suffered some minor flooding during the heavy rains last week. It is remarkable how generous with time and energy so many people were as we chipped in to minimize damage to supplies and furnishings. THANK YOU one and all.

Your patience as a Parish community is also gratefully recognized. Our primary concern is to be a faith-filled, ministry-engaged community with a variety of ways to share the Good News of Jesus. When these immediate physical plant crises occur, it tends to drain away some of our energy as plans have to be changed and venues switched for gatherings.

In my own heart, I try to keep a broader perspective to keep me from being too discouraged. We are generally well and warm, our weekly Mass schedule is uninterrupted, and the cleanup will be even easier this time around since we cleaned out so much last time!

Our Diocesan Buildings/Property and Insurance Services are again helping us to work through the next steps. I hope, as I am sure you do as well, that a proper fix to the drainage problem will be discovered and implemented.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, November 13	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, November 14	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, November 15	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, November 16	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, November 17	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, November 18	5 pm	Robert V. and M. Jane Tuttle, by John & Barb Pusztay
Sunday, November 19	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	Cecilia Lindsley, by Norm & Donna

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, Daniel Sojka and Merle Parker.



COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The weekend of **November 18-19** is our annual collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity makes it possible for us to help so many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. ***Thank you and God bless.*** See our ***Annual Report insert*** in this weekend's bulletin.

HONOR OUR VETERANS

Let us remember and honor all the sacrifices made by our veterans and their families for our liberty. Kindly take time out this weekend to pray for them and to give thanks.



***Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. George
will be celebrated at 10 am in Church.***

SYMBOLIC HUNGER AWARENESS MEAL THURSDAY



Come out and experience our *symbolic* Hunger Awareness Meal as a spectator this **Thursday, November 16th at 6 pm** in the Parish Hall. You'll see our volunteers divided into three groups: the **well-nourished**, the **adequately nourished**, and the **undernourished** of the world, and see how chance comes into play as food is distributed on a worldwide scale.

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.*



AN ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be celebrated at **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7 pm**. Fellowship and light refreshments to follow. All welcome!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! Be especially watchful for slippery spots on the church walkways and in the parking lot. Despite our best efforts to plow and salt them, icy spots still do persist.



GIVE GREENER! Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the offering check that you write our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our **Online Giving Program**. Simply visit stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org and sign up in minutes. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. *Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner, as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.* **If you aren't computer-savvy, your parish secretary is happy to help you set it up—**just call Debbie at 652-3153.



The November issue of the **Western New York Catholic** newspaper is now available at all entrances. Please take a copy with you today, and perhaps another copy for a shut-in (who might enjoy the paper as well as your visit?)



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YOUR OFFERINGS allow us to do so much good for our parish and our community! **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings last week total **\$3,387.00**, and offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** were **\$682.00**. Offerings for **Christmas Flowers** have reached **\$767.00!**
Thank you for your generosity!



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S MASS FOR ITS DECEASED MEMBERS

will be celebrated **Tuesday, November 21st** at **8 am** in the chapel, with a **potluck breakfast to follow** in the parish hall.

P.S. If you haven't already done so, please bring along your donations for the December Bake, Craft and Gift Jar sale. Thank you!

OUR COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT WAS A SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who brought their shredding to us and for sharing this event with our community neighbors. Free-will offerings totaled **\$194.00**, just shy of the \$200.00 cost of hosting the event!

We hope to offer this to the public once again in the Fall of 2018.



READINGS FOR November 19, 2017

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

We hope that all who attended our All Souls' Day Remembrance Service found comfort and healing for their grief after losing a loved one.



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.*



HELP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in need of access to safety planning, spiritual care, legal assistance, limited medical assistance, counseling, and law enforcement, the **Family Justice Center of Erie County**, "Where Families Come First", is for you! All services are free. **All conversations strictly private.**

For more information, call **716-558-7233** or visit www.fjcsafe.org.

ADVENT HOLY VESPERS AT CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY

You're invited to celebrate Advent Sunday Vespers, the Church's Solemn Evening Prayer, on **Sunday, December 3rd** at **4 pm** in **St. John Vianney Chapel**. A free-will offering will be received and a holiday reception will follow the service. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/QMAo2e>, call the Seminary Music Office at **652-6565**, or call **Gayle Mann** at **805-1438**. Don't miss this very special event!



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ST. GEORGE R.C. CHURCH 2017**

IS IT A COINCIDENCE?

Did you ever stop to consider what an amazing *coincidence* it is that our Annual **St. Vincent de Paul Collection** is taken up in the month of November?

It is during November that we celebrate our National Holiday of Thanksgiving. A day set aside to pause from the hectic activities of daily living and take time to give thanks to God for our countless blessings.

Many families have developed a Thanksgiving celebration tradition of having each family member or guest express something for which they are thankful. Even in these troublesome times, each of us has a great deal for which we can give thanks to God, our Creator and Savior!

If you were to ask one family that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help this year, they would say that they are thankful for **you**. We recently assisted a family about to have their home's power turned off. As the head of the household tearfully expressed her gratitude, we let her know that it was the people of St. George who were helping her—that the help given to her by the St. Vincent de Paul Society was made possible because of **your** loving generosity. Your year-round donations in the Poor Box and your generous support of our Annual Collection provide the means for us to help the poor and disadvantaged, so in need of your love and care.

We are thankful for you!!!

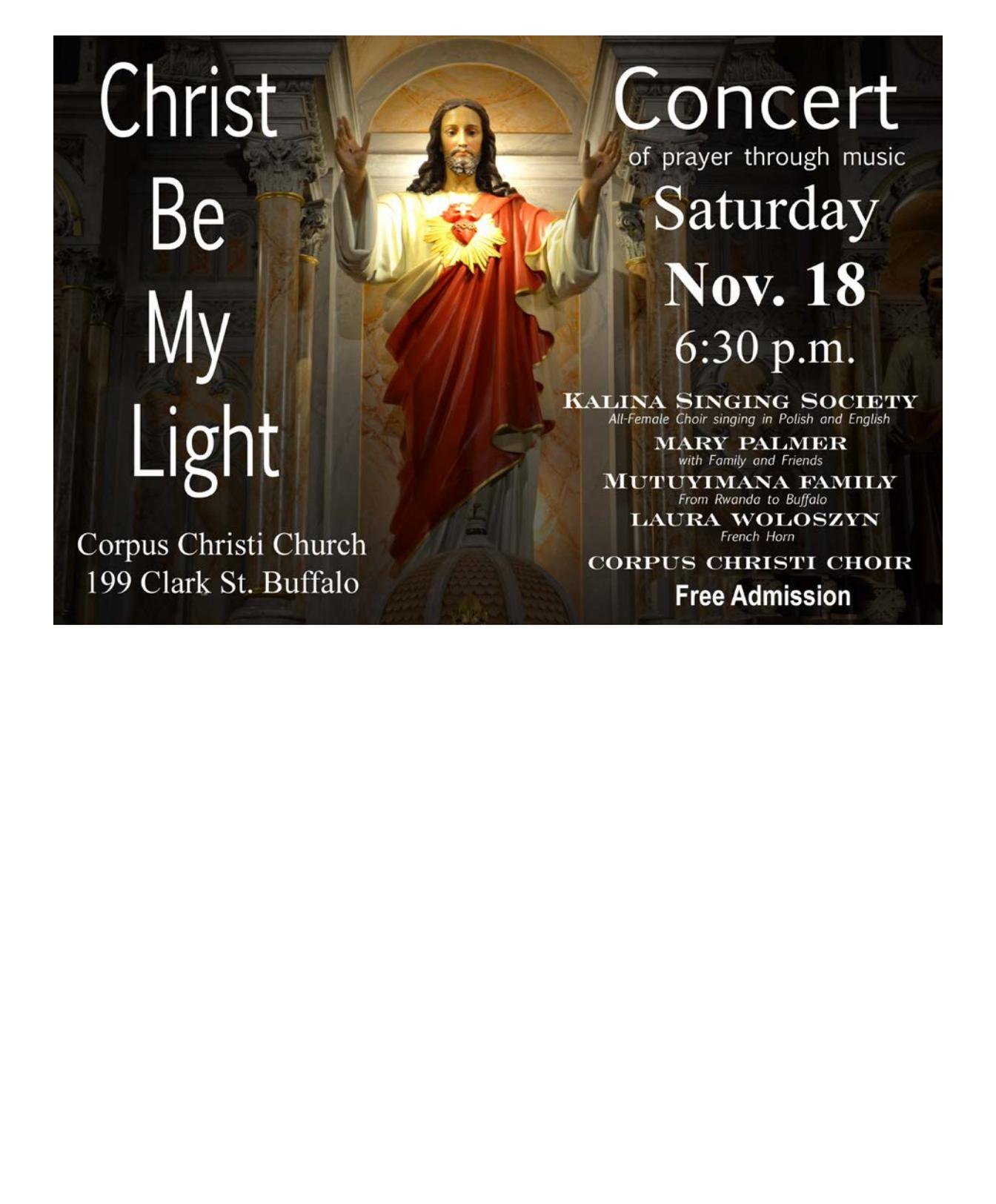
Do you think that it is a *coincidence* that our Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection is just prior to Advent?

Advent is the season of the Church year when we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. We have the opportunity to “*put on Christ*” as we await our Savior’s arrival. As it is written in the Gospel of Luke, “*Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none.*” (Luke 3:11) **We thank you for sharing the love of Christ through your gifts.**

Is it any *coincidence* that our Annual Collection is at this time of the year? We think not.

The St. Vincent de Paul Collection is next weekend, November 18-19. Please be as generous as possible. **God bless all.**





Christ
Be
My
Light

Corpus Christi Church
199 Clark St. Buffalo

Concert

of prayer through music

Saturday

Nov. 18

6:30 p.m.

KALINA SINGING SOCIETY

All-Female Choir singing in Polish and English

MARY PALMER

with Family and Friends

MUTUYIMANA FAMILY

From Rwanda to Buffalo

LAURA WOLOSZYN

French Horn

CORPUS CHRISTI CHOIR

Free Admission

Meditation & Yoga As Christian Spiritual Practice

Prayer ... Meditation ... Music ... Scripture ... Yoga



Tuesdays from 7 - 8 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

November 14 & 28, December 12 & 26

St. Mary's Elementary School - Parish Center

Taught by Registered Yoga Teacher Jane Schmitt

Free of Charge

Donations to St. Mary's Parish are Accepted

Multi Level

***For Participants from Beginners to
Experienced Yoga Students***

• Yoga as Moving Prayer

Ending with Relaxation and Meditation

• Achieve Tranquility

Focus on Inner Peace & Listening to God's Word

No Preregistration Necessary

Please note: If Lancaster schools or after-school/evening events are cancelled due to inclement weather, these classes also will be cancelled.

***For more information, please call (716) 683-6445, X 24 or
visit www.stmarysonthehill.com.***