

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

I have often appreciated nature as a template or example of ways to approach life. The patterns we can observe in natural cycles are reliable and free of bias or opinion. Many times the image of a pebble tossed in water, generating concentric circles of ripples can help us see the effect that a small effort on our part can initiate.

This image comes to mind especially these days, as blunt and hurtful words are so casually used. No wonder anger and retaliation are often first responses to an interchange of opinions. When teaching 4th and 5th graders recently, I was amazed at how quickly they can come up with sharp and dismissive retorts. In my mind I call it the "*Simpsons*" effect. We have several generations brought up on comedy based on belittling others.

What I wonder is if we might be moved to initiate some kinder, gentler ripples in this pond of life? Each of us knows how quickly we can *fly off the handle*. Perhaps we can use some conscious focus to absorb the negative ripples that head our way, and instead find a smile or a shrug of shoulders which send out a message of "*Oh well, it's okay*".

Our efforts may appear small, but nature shows us that the effect can be great.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, November 20	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, November 21	8 am	For the Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society, by the Rosary Altar Society
Wednesday, November 22	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thanksgiving	10 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass (Church)
Thursday, November 23		For the Faithful Departed
Friday, November 24	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, November 25	5 pm	Michael Hayhurst, by Norm & Donna
Sunday, November 26	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	Cecilia Lindsley, by the Rosary Altar 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, Daniel Sojka and Merle Parker.



Join us to give thanks and praise on Thanksgiving Day!
Mass will be celebrated at 10 am in Church.

THANK YOU for your generous response to our Thanksgiving Food Drive with both food and monetary donations! Our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** members delivered 12 generously loaded Thanksgiving “baskets” to needy families. **Kudos to our St. George Youth**, too, for packing the boxes with all of the food supplies. *Our parish is blessed indeed!*



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!*

DRUM CIRCLE on Sunday, November 19th from **6-7:30 pm**, facilitated by **Steve Bell**, in the parish hall. **All ages and experience levels are welcome.** Drums/rhythm instruments are provided or bring your own. Call Lisa at 597-5894 for more information.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



We thank all who are able and who are kind enough to contribute to this very worthy cause. If you've forgotten your donation this week, it's not too late. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "*St. Vincent de Paul*" and place it in the offering basket *next week*.

May you enjoy your Thanksgiving all the more, knowing that you have personally helped twelve families enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. **God bless all.**

MINISTERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING HOLY DAY MASSES Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are needed for **Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day** Masses. Please sign up in the sacristy as soon as possible if you are able to serve at any of these Masses.



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!

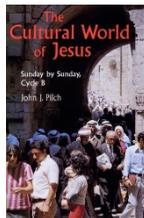
CLEAN DRINKING WATER BENEFIT FOR HAITIAN FAMILIES

Tickets for our annual **Clean Drinking Water Cash Raffle** will be sold **this weekend and next** 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.*) *We are grateful for your continued support for the mission.*



READINGS FOR November 26, 2017

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46



LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION BOOK PICK UP

Pick up your copy of *The Cultural World of Jesus* book **this weekend and next** in the Gathering Space. **Advent and a new Church Year are just around the corner!!**



AN ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be celebrated at **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7 pm**. Open to all ages and all denominations with music, prayer and light refreshments. Non-perishable food donations appreciated.

YOUR OFFERINGS allow us to do so much good for our parish and our community! **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings last week total **\$3,826.00**.

We greatly appreciate your generosity!



HAS THIS HAPPENED TO YOU? As the offertory collection begins, you realize that you left your wallet, checkbook, or envelope at home. Oops! No offering to give this week. In the rush of getting off to church, we all forget the offering once in a while.

There's an easier way to give. **Sign up for online giving** in just a few minutes at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list! **If you aren't computer-savvy, your parish secretary is happy to help you set it up**—just call Debbie at 652-3153.



GIVING TREE GIFT TAGS are now available in the Gathering Space. Please choose a gift tag (or two!) and purchase a gift to make it a brighter Christmas for families at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center, Gerard Place** and **Harvest House**. Kindly bring your gifts to the Gathering Space or the parish office by **December 10th**.

NOTE: The **Christmas tree** and **stocking** gift tags require that the gift be **unwrapped** with the gift tag attached to it.

Angel gift tags should be **wrapped** with the tag attached, please.



Caring for a loved one full time and in need of some free time each week? **CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER** has been giving caregivers a break in area communities for over 11 years. Our trained, reliable, and knowledgeable volunteers provide a friendly visit, in pairs, to the ill loved one while the caregiver is given some free time. No nursing care is provided. This is a free service, and references are provided. Contact: Anita Conron **652-9424**; Jody Dowdall **655-0725**; or Nora Snyder **652-7978**.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER needs canned soups for the Food Pantry. You may place your donations in the baskets in the Gathering space at church, or bring them to BOLO during regular hours. The Food Pantry is a member of the Food Bank of WNY. Qualified individuals and families can receive food as well as a clothing allowance for Gabriel's Closet.

Food Pantry: Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1pm.

Gabriel's Closet: Tues. & Wed. 10 am–2 pm, Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1 pm.



KITTY NEEDS A HOME! Our beloved parishioner, Jeanne McIntyre, is unable to return to her home. Her 4 year old indoor cat needs a new person or family with lots of love. If you or someone you know would like to adopt a new fur friend, please call **Brigid Moran** at **202-4332**.



CALL FOR GIFT BASKET DONATIONS

The annual Christmas Tea and Fashion Show luncheon at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** is coming up on December 2nd and we need gift baskets and gift certificate donations. Drop off your baskets/certificates anytime during regular hours. The Center and Gabriel's Closet are open Tues./Wed. 10am-2pm, Thurs. 3-6pm, and Sat. 10am-1pm. Thank you for your support!

VINTAGE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CLASS Tues. 11/28 at 2:00pm

Suzanne & Carl Borowicz will show you some easy and fun ways to upcycle old Christmas ornaments to give them some pizzaz. Cost is \$10 (\$5 for BOLO volunteers) and all supplies, including old ornaments, will be provided. Just bring a box to transport your glamorous, new & improved ornaments home. Class is limited to 10 participants. Reserve your spot on our [facebook page](#) or by calling 941-3550.

Meditation & Yoga As Christian Spiritual Practice

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



Tuesdays from 7 - 8 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

*November 28, December 12 & 26,
January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27*

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 canceled 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.**

**South Buffalo Catholic School
Notre Dame Academy PTO
CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR**

Saturday, November 18th (10 am-2 pm) NDA Gym

Admission: \$2 (kids under 12 are free)

Start your holiday shopping off early! Shop great gift ideas from a variety of Vendors and Crafters. Find all your favorite in home party companies and local vendors in one place! Refreshment will be available for purchase during the event. Featuring a basket raffle with fabulous gift baskets from our vendors!