

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the regular practice of our faith we learn our prayers, we experience community and we deepen our relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior! Through our **Baptism** we are each gifted with the Holy Spirit of God. At **Reconciliation** we seek to mend any breaks in our relationship with God. When we receive **Eucharist** we are nourished in body and soul with the very life of God. When choosing to be **Confirmed** we personally declare our belief in belonging to the Body of Christ and accept anew the Holy Spirit's gifts. In times of physical need we are invited to receive the **Anointing of the Sick** to strengthen us.

As we grow into maturity we discover ways by which our life choices can give glory to God. Two sacramental choices are presented by our faith tradition. **Matrimony** allows a man and a woman to commit their love to one another for life, while men may feel the call to serve the People of God through **Ordination**. Our Roman Catholic tradition highlights these seven sacred experiences in life with the celebration of rites we call *Sacraments*.

Rather than finding weekly (or even daily) Eucharist as repetitive and unexciting, can we approach the experience as an opportunity to meet God? How can we help ourselves and our loved ones to know Jesus better? What sort of challenge of discovery would capture our hearts and attention? *If you have an answer to any of these questions, be sure to announce the Good News to others!*

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 13	5 pm	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Sunday, January 14	8:30 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
	11:00 am	Jerry Castiglia, by the St. George Youth Community
Monday, January 15	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, January 16	8 am	For Peace in the World
Wednesday, January 17	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, January 18	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, January 19	8 am	Michael & Mary Casciano, by Louise & Frank Dolce
Saturday, January 20	5 pm	Richard Malek, by friends & coworkers of Cindy & Butch Weeks
Sunday January 21	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate

**Our next First Friday Mass will be on February 2nd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.
Confession: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the Church.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Sally Denesha, Jeanne McIntyre, Joe Arcara, Daniel Sojka, Stan Kociszewski and John Nichter.



Mass Offerings Praying for relatives and friends is an act of faith, hope and charity. *One way you can honor your loved one, living or deceased, is to have a Mass offered for them.* A \$15 Mass stipend donation for the celebrant is customary. To schedule a Mass, please email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com or call the parish office at **652-3153**.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER NEXT WEEK

Since 2009, the **Bread of Life Outreach Center**, affectionately nicknamed **BOLO**, continues to serve the needs of our neighbors here in West Falls, Colden, Holland, Boston and surrounding areas. In 2017 our **Food Pantry**, a member of the **Food Bank of WNY**, saw an increase of 24% in the individuals we served and the quantity of food provided to them.



BOLO is a totally self-funded, all-volunteer organization and depends on the generous support of our fundraisers, organizations, churches and individuals like you to provide for these needs. We truly appreciate the gifts of time, talent and treasure of the St. George Parish family. **All proceeds of next weekend's second collection go directly to BOLO.** You may donate online, too, at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/BOLO.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

THEME BASKETS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION February 4th!

Your thoughtful, generous, and creative **Theme Basket donations** contribute *immensely* to the success of this fundraiser! When yours is ready, you may leave it in the cupboard on the Rectory porch at any time.



Remember to join us on Sunday, February 4th, from 9 am - 1 pm for a hearty and delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage and beverage for **\$6 per adult, \$4 per child (under 10)**. Tickets available at the door or online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/PancakeBreakfast2018. Volunteers are needed to serve during or clean up after the breakfast. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church. Thank you!

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JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS in the Gathering Space after all the Masses this weekend! This is a new community-building effort of your Parish Council, with hopes that many folks will stay a while after Mass for a beverage, snack, and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in faith. We plan to offer refreshments after the Masses one weekend a month. *Are you interested in helping out with the initiative? Great! Please speak with Sr. Lori.*

PLEASE TAKE A POINSETTIA HOME WITH YOU

You may have noticed the poinsettia plants in the Gathering Space on your way into church today. We invite anyone to take a poinsettia home after Mass today and enjoy its remaining beauty!



A BIG **thank you** to our decorating elves once again for transforming our worship environment from Christmas into Ordinary Time. We especially thank everyone who gave generously of their time throughout Christmas to serve, lector, usher, greet and provide music for our faith family and guests throughout the busy Christmas and New Year. We are truly blessed to have so many caring and dedicated volunteers!

BECOME A MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

A free training session is scheduled at **Christ the King Seminary** in East Aurora on **Saturday, February 3rd from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm**. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to serve our parish and others in this vital role.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ONLINE

Do you have a **name, address, email address or phone number change** we should know about? Please let us know! Visit stgeorgercchurch.org/update and fill out the online form. **Not yet registered with our parish?** Please call the office at **652-3153**, stop in during office hours, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.



The January 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?)



YOU HELP US FULFILL OUR MISSION OF MERCY

We are so grateful for you, our St. George parish family, and for the gifts which you share with us. Your generosity enables us to support and expand our community outreach and lifelong faith formation efforts as we journey in faith together.

Sunday and Holy Day offerings last week were **\$2,961.00**. **Initial Offerings** for Envelopes now total **\$295.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance** and **Capital Improvements** were **\$713.00**. *Thank you so much!*

SPRING CLASSES AT CKS *Christ the King Seminary's 2018 Spring Programs* offer a wide range of classes, retreats, lectures, and seminars to increase your knowledge or deepen your spirituality. Continuing education classes include *Mary in the Catholic Church*, *Religion in America: Faith in the Formation of the Nation*, and *In the Beginning: The Book of Genesis*. Perhaps try a session in contemplative prayer or the Lenten retreat, *Women of the Passion*. Classes start at various times throughout the semester, **as early as January 22**. For a complete program listing, visit <https://goo.gl/vLuqhD> or call **655-7081**.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In the Gospel today, Jesus asks “**What are you looking for?**” We often look for happiness in very selfish ways—perhaps when we switch our focus to helping others to find happiness we will realize true happiness.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust. God bless all.

Join us in Praying the Rosary in the Memorare Chapel Monday evenings at 7 pm.

READINGS FOR January 21, 2017

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (68B)
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS SATURDAYS

Join other men of faith **every Saturday morning** from **8:30-9:30 am** in the Parish Hall kitchen to share some coffee, scripture, and fellowship.



Questions? Email **Paul** at kalinskip@gmail.com or **Matt** at his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com.



LECTORS ARE NEEDED Reading from the Word of God is central to the Mass and effectively communicates God's grace and love to everyone in the church. *Lectors are especially needed at the 11 am Mass on Sunday mornings.* If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the office at **652-3153** or contact Tricia Bofinger at mrbofinger@roadrunner.com.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH

Pancake Breakfast

&

THEME BASKET AUCTION

SUNDAY, February 4, 2018

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

ADULTS: \$6.00 CHILDREN (10 yrs. and under): \$4.00

Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage & beverage

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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.***