

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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Week of January 28, 2018

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul was raised as a devout Hebrew and became a Pharisee, initially judging believers in Jesus to be heretics and actively persecuting them. But his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus profoundly changed his heart and he carried the Good News of Jesus beyond the Jewish world to those referred to as Gentiles. His conversion led to the expansion of Christian faith throughout the world, which is why the Church now celebrates the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25 each year.

Understanding this early reality of our Church history can help us navigate the complexities of our faith in the modern age. We are tempted to look for hard and fast answers to the mysteries we encounter. Many times we just want someone else to tell us what is right or wrong. We often depend on rules to bind us (and everyone else) to standards of behavior.

In St. Paul, God chose an *enemy* of the faith to be one of its greatest proponents. We are reminded in Scripture that the Spirit blows where it pleases, we do not know where it comes from or where it is going. (*See John 3:8*) Our human attempts at hard and fast answers are very often at odds with individual uniqueness and situations. And while our Catholic Church is noted for its sense of law, the primacy of a well-informed individual conscience is recognized as our BEST guide to following God's will

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 27	5 pm	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Sunday, January 28	8:30 am	Marie Baker, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed
Monday, January 29	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, January 30	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, January 31	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, February 1	8 am	Communion Service
<b>Friday, February 2</b>	8 am	<b>First Friday</b>
		For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, February 3	5 pm	Raymond D. Perreault, by Ray Perreault
Sunday, February 4	8:30 am	Joseph Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed

**Our First Friday Mass will be on February 2nd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.**

Every **First Friday** there is an 8:00 am Mass, morning prayers, benediction & adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon in the Church?

Join us in spending a few special moments with the Lord.

**Confession: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the Church.**

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



### **SAFE TRAVELS, FATHER JIM!**

We won't be seeing much of Father Jim during the month of February, as he's off to Guatemala for the first week of the month, and he'll be enjoying taking some vacation time in Florida for the last two weeks of February. Let us pray that he'll be healthy and safe during his travels. We're grateful to Father John and the other clergy who have offered to celebrate the Masses in Father Jim's absence.

**MARRIAGE MOMENT** In a growing marriage the little things are the big things. It's not only marrying the right person. It's BEING the right partner. How are you doing in the little things of your marriage? (by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net))



**FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES** begin on **February 18th**, from **9:40 – 10:50 am** in the Faith Formation area of the Parish Hall. Subsequent classes are planned for **February 25th** and **March 4th** during the same time. If your child is ready to prepare for First Reconciliation, contact the Parish Office at 652-3153 (only if you have not already spoken with Jan Gawrys about your child making First Reconciliation).



## NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION!

**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 are available at the door, or purchase them online at [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/PancakeBreakfast2018](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/PancakeBreakfast2018).



*Pssst! If you volunteered to serve in the dining room or clean up, please honor your commitment – we need you! Thank you.*

## ANNOUNCING OUR CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2018 APPEAL CHAIRPERSON!

**Kathleen Lell** has graciously agreed to be the Catholic Charities Chairperson for our parish this year. *Stay tuned for more to come about the 2018 Appeal!*

## GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE FLU VIRUS

The best way to prevent the spread of contagious diseases is to practice good hygiene, such as washing your hands frequently with soap and water. In addition to these customary measures of flu prevention, Bishop Malone issued guidelines this week regarding the prevention of further illness. The recommendations are online at [stgeorgercchurch.org/documents/2018/1/FluOutbreakDirectives1.22.2018.pdf](http://stgeorgercchurch.org/documents/2018/1/FluOutbreakDirectives1.22.2018.pdf)



Your **Charitable Contribution Statements for 2017** may be picked up at all Masses this weekend, and in the Parish Office during our regular operating hours: **Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm**. We are closed on Wednesdays.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are mailed by Catholic Charities directly to you *if you donated \$250.00 or more*. If you may request one by calling Catholic Charities at **(716) 218-1400**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>Feb. 4</b>  | Youth Session 12:30 - 3:30 pm   |
| <b>Feb. 10</b> | Confirmation Candidate Session 1 - 3 pm                                       |
| <b>Feb. 11</b> | <b>Lenten Faith Fest</b> 9:40 - 10:50 am                                      |
| <b>Feb. 14</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Mass 8 am, Communion Service 7 pm                        |
| <b>Feb. 15</b> | Parish Council Meeting 7 pm   |
| <b>Feb. 16</b> | Stations of the Cross presented by the Rosary Altar Society 8:30 am in Chapel |



## 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 \$2,657.00. Offerings for our Bread of Life Outreach Center total \$1,705.00 so far. If you missed the special collection, you may donate online at [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/BOLO](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/BOLO), or place your "BOLO" Thank you so much!**

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** In the Gospel today we read that, because Jesus spoke with authority, his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. **As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering. Teaching your children to contribute to the Poor Box is a lifelong lesson in charity.**  
*God bless all.*



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

### READINGS FOR February 4, 2018

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (74B)  
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### 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 [kalinski@gmail.com](mailto:kalinski@gmail.com) or **Matt** at [his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com](mailto:his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com).

## SIGN UP FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM ST. GEORGE CHURCH

**Get information about happenings at St. George right on your phone or tablet!**

The Parish Office is test-driving a free messaging service called **Remind**. We invite you to join our **All Parishioners group** by **texting @stg002 to 81010**, or **(540) 904-4270**. You'll receive a welcome message from **Remind**.



*Don't have a mobile phone?* Go to [rmd.at/stg002](http://rmd.at/stg002) on your computer or tablet to sign up for email notifications.



The **February** Parish Calendar is now available at the Church entrances. Take a copy home with you today, or download it **online**.