

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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Week of March 18, 2018

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

Several times in the past week I have heard the phrase *it's time to move on* in regard to one situation or another. Actually, as I have reflected upon the idea, moving on seems to be the only choice that leads to fuller life. Hunkering down or standing still may be appropriate options in certain circumstances but, eventually, movement is required if life is to go on.

Once again, nature can serve as a familiar model to help us realize that we know this to be true. Water that does not flow, stagnates; a puncture wound that closes over and does not bleed clean, festers. Everything is in motion, even when we cannot perceive it. Our earth is spinning daily even as we orbit annually around the sun. The dormancy of Winter will sprout into the buds of Spring which will bloom into the vibrancy of Summer which will diminish into the colors of Fall which will bring us again to cold stillness of Winter.

Spiritually, it is always *time to move on*. Our life of faith needs to be nurtured, needs to move on or move deeper into the mystery of the God who created us and loves us. The Lenten call to **repent and believe the Good News** is part of this process of movement. Our sinfulness leads us often in wrong paths or tempts us to balk at the movement required for our growth. A root of the word repentance means to turn around or to turn another way. As our Lenten days bring us to remembering the Passiontide of Jesus, may we grow in our appreciation of His willingness to trod such a painful path for us.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 17	5 pm	Robert Bull, by the Lell family
Sunday, March 18	8:30 am	Dan Pietrzak, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
	11 am	Anthony J. Wojewodzki, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Monday, March 19	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, March 20	8 am	Mary Jane (Hanley) Wise, by the Rosary Altar Society
Wednesday, March 21	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, March 22	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, March 23	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, March 24	5 pm	Donald Czora, by Bob & Chris Czora
Sunday, March 25	8:30 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>	11 am	Marie Daniels , by Glen & Cindy Weeks

**Our next First Friday Mass will be on April 6th 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, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Rita Kowalik, Sally Tanner and Ellen Nichter.



**“Love your neighbor” Gal. 5:14.** Your donation to **Catholic Charities** helps educate, counsel and train parents and guardians in your communities. It provides food, clothing and shelter; mental health and chemical dependency treatment, and affordable counseling for all ages.

Show your love for your neighbor by ensuring they can receive the assistance they need. As of **March 15th**, our parish has contributed **\$47,082.00** to Catholic Charities, **76%** of our goal of **\$61,800.00**.

Pledge cards are available in the Gathering Space at all Masses until next Sunday. You may also donate online at [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation)

**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK** will be at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Thursday, March 22nd**, from **2:30 - 5 pm**, distributing perishable foods to **ANYONE** in the community. *You don't have to be a member of the food pantry to participate.* Bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods, and be sure to bring your *picture ID*.



### PRECIOUS BLOOD RETURNS

This weekend we will once again be able to receive Eucharist in both the bread and the wine at Mass. If you are ill, kindly refrain from receiving the Precious Blood until you are well again.

Help us deliver important parish news directly to your phone or tablet, free! Text **@stg002** to **81010**, or visit [rmd.at/stg002](http://rmd.at/stg002).





**SUNDAY!! JOURNEY FROM PALM SUNDAY TO CHRIST'S VICTORY**  
 Join us for our **Parish Faith Fest** on **Sunday, March 18th**, from **9:40-10:50am**. We'll have fun activities for all and **Sister Lori** will use her best story-telling skills to share her lively interpretation of the events of Holy Week. **Don't miss this one!!**

**CANCELLATIONS TO NOTE!** The March meeting of the **Rosary Altar Society** is canceled. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 17th** at **11 am** in the parish hall. Tuesday morning coffee and **Prayer Shawl Ministry** gatherings are also canceled, until after Easter. We'll gather again on **Tuesday, April 3rd** at **9 am** in the parish hall kitchen.



**AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

On **Monday, March 26th**, Penance Services will be offered for all parishes in our vicariate cluster at **3 pm** and **7 pm** at **Immaculate Conception Church** in East Aurora.

*Haven't been to Confession in a while?* Put your mind and heart at ease before you go, with the help of this **Confession tip sheet**: [goo.gl/osyYFK](http://goo.gl/osyYFK).

**HELP US TO MAINTAIN ACCURATE PARISHIONER RECORDS**

Do you have a **name, address, email address** or **phone number change** we should know about? Let us know! Visit [stgeorgercchurch.org/update](http://stgeorgercchurch.org/update) and fill out the online form. *If you're not yet registered with our parish, please call the office at 652-3153, stop in during office hours, or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com).*



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual Haiti Breakfast & Basket Auction will be on **Sunday, April 22nd** from **9 am – 1 pm** in the Parish Hall. Proceeds benefit our Haiti Mission.

**EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS** are used each year to create a **Memorial Garden** and to decorate our church. If you don't receive offering envelopes, but would like to make an offering *in memory of a deceased loved one, or to honor someone special with a Living Intention*, **please complete the form below**, enclose it in an envelope with your offering, and return it to the parish office or place it in the offering basket at Mass. The names will be published in the **Easter Sunday** bulletin, **as long as we receive your dedication by next Sunday, Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25th.**



**Please PRINT—help us spell your loved ones' names correctly. Thank you!**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of (Living Intention) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

## SUNDAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO RSVP FOR HOLY THURSDAY DINNER!

March 18th is last day to let us know if you want to join us for the **March 29th** dinner, as we must reserve the dinners with the Seminary on **March 19th**.

**Sign Up Today!**  
CLICK HERE

Call the Parish Office, email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com), or sign-up in the Gathering Space after Mass.

*To defray the cost of the meal, a \$13 donation is requested, but not required.  
Kindly make checks payable to "St. George Church".*

If you need a ride or would like to carpool with others, please contact the Parish Office.

## 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 **\$3,221.00**.

Give online at [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org).

*It's simple. It's safe. And it keeps God at the top of your giving list!*

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** 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**: [kalinski@gmail.com](mailto:kalinski@gmail.com) or **Matt**: [his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com](mailto:his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com).



*St. Vincent de Paul*

## POOR BOX

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "*Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.*" When we help the poor,

we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

**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 that you give them Easter hope and joy.** Thank you. God bless all.

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

### READINGS FOR PALM/PASSION SUNDAY March 25, 2018

Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1—15:47



### JOIN IN SINGING OUR COMMUNION SONG!

It's a simple refrain intended to help us *prayerfully* participate in the hymn at communion time.

**The lyrics are printed on the back cover of our Breaking Bread books.**

Journey from

*Palm  
Sunday*



to

**CHRISTS VICTORY**



JOIN US FOR THE  
**Passion Faith Festival**

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018  
9:40am - 10:50am

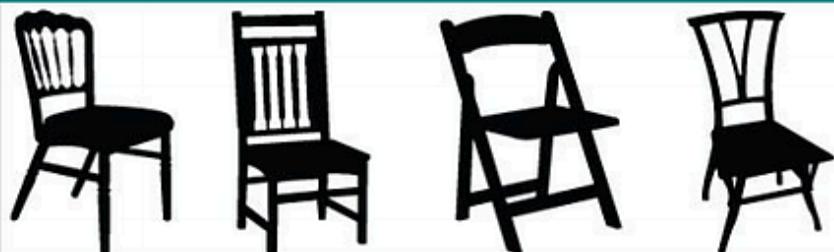
VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES  
AND REFRESHMENTS

**GUEST  
SPEAKER**

SISTER  
LORI  
HIGH



Celebrate with your Parish Family



## SEATS FOR EATS



# GOURMET CHAIR-ITY EVENT



**APRIL 24, 6-9 PM**

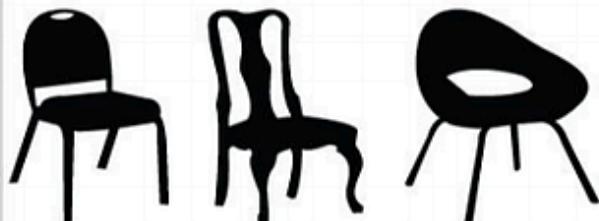
at the Colden Fire Hall to benefit  
the Bread of Life Outreach Center

**SILENT AUCTION**

**WINE DRAW**

**GOURMET FOOD, WINE & BEER**

**\$25 PER PERSON**





# Lenten

## REFLECTIONS

*Week of Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>*

### **MARCH 18 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Such great power exists in reflecting on the Passion of Jesus Christ and realizing that he experienced real pain, real despair, and true human emotions. Our God has such profound love for us that He would seek to walk among us and take part in the full human experience. Our God knows our pain. Our God is not one who rests in a faraway place unconnected to His creation. He is the one born in a manger and then crucified by those He would seek to save. He is then and now Emmanuel: God with us!

- ▶ *When I face trials in this life, am I truly aware of a God who loves me and understands what I am going through?*

### **MARCH 19 – SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH**

It is interesting that the Solemnity of St. Joseph falls during the Lenten season. We too often only reflect on his role during Advent and Christmas. Mary is at the crucifixion, but we assume Joseph has passed away by this time. Yet, it is his faithfulness to God, like that of Our Lady, which makes the crucifixion and resurrection possible. He is a model for us as we seek to do God's will in all things. We never know for certain what effect our positive response to the call of God will have on the world around us.

- ▶ *Am I following God's will or my will more in my life?*

### **MARCH 20**

Jesus was not of this world but he entered into it and redeemed it by his cross and resurrection. We who are of this world now have a home prepared for us if we choose to follow Jesus and become his disciple. It is not always easy to see the promise of heaven when the weight of the world bears down on us. If we place our trust in Jesus and his promises, then not only will we be able to bear the trials of this life, we will one day find ourselves in paradise with the one who made our journey there possible.

- ▶ *What does the promise of heaven mean to me as I live in this world?*

### **MARCH 21**

Each year, we reflect on the mysteries of Lent and celebrate the glory of Easter. For over 2,000 years, all those who have gone before us have reflected on the same mysteries and taken part in many of the same devotions and practices. We stand now with a communion of saints in our Lenten observance and will stand with them at the Easter Vigil as a new generation of baptized joins us. Together we are Church. Together we are the Body of Christ.

- ▶ *What does being a part of the Body of Christ mean to me?*



## YOGA AND MEDITATION RETREAT



**Date:** June 22-June 23 2018

**Location:** Christ the King Seminary

71 Knox Road East Aurora, NY 14052

**Time:** Check in begins @2 pm; Friday June 22

Check out @ 5:30 pm; Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Price:** \$75.00

**What to Expect:**

- ❖ Yoga and meditation classes as Christian Spiritual practice
- ❖ Overnight accommodations in a private room
- ❖ Friday Night Dinner, and Breakfast and Lunch Saturday.
- ❖ Musical Entertainment Friday night.
- ❖ Time for prayer and reflection.
- ❖ Beautiful grounds to stroll... find peace in nature.

**Contact:** Jane Schmitt; (716) 984-6282 or

[janeschmitt@hotmail.com](mailto:janeschmitt@hotmail.com) for registration