

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of August 28, 2016

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A great gift in our Roman Catholic Tradition is the celebration of Sacraments.



*Derived from Gospel events, these seven rites have evolved through the centuries and offer us profound insight into the reality of God. One way to define “sacrament” is to break the word into its root parts—“sacra” / “ment”: **sacra**, as in sacred or holy, and **ment**, as in moment or bit of time. Sacraments are holy times; they present us with sacred moments!*

It is part of our limitation as humans that we cannot hold on to the reality that God is always and everywhere present, active and loving. A very wise retreat master once shared that “out of God we cannot fall”. This is not meant to be a clever, Zen master type saying, but a mind expanding reminder that all that we are, have, do and say is surrounded by God! It is too much for us to maintain and keep in our awareness at all times. We may forget about God but, thankfully, God never forgets about us.

This takes us back to the gift that sacraments are for Roman Catholics. These holy moments have been ritualized so that God, breaking into our human existence, might be more clearly seen, understood and experienced. Cleansing waters are poured over us, rich oils anoint us, we taste bread and wine, we inhale sweet perfumes, we hear consoling words. In each sacrament our Church invites us to encounter God. Jesus, as Lord and mediator, has shown us these pathways and continually invites us to closer union in the Spirit.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 27	5 pm	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Sunday, August 28	8:30 am	Jim Moeller, by Norm & Donna
Sunday, August 28	11 am	Donald McVay, by the Boyle family
Monday, August 29	8 am	In Thanksgiving for and In Honor of all Mothers
Tuesday, August 30	8 am	Birthday Remembrance for Grace Finch, by a friend
Wednesday, August 31	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 1	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 2	8 am	First Friday (Chapel) Mother Teresa, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Saturday, September 3	5 pm	Bill, Agnes, & Vince Mazurczyk, by Rita Hider
Sunday, September 4	8:30 am	Vernon Frost, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, September 4	11 am	Deceased members of the Danheiser & Hauser families, by Joseph Hauser

The next First Friday Mass is September 2nd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

LET US PRAY FOR... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, and Ann Marie Price.

GET READY FOR A NEW SEASON OF *Growing In Faith Together* (GIFT)!



We'll launch with **Catechetical Sunday—September 17th and 18th!** Our **Youth GIFT Team** will be commissioned at the **5 pm Saturday Mass**, followed by a **Meet & Greet dinner and bonfire** for our Youth (Grades 9 - 12) and their parents. The **GIFT Team for Grades K-8** will be commissioned at the **8:30 am Sunday Mass**.

We're celebrating with our **first Faith Fest of the 2016-17 season** following the 8:30 am Mass! *Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs!* Parents and children—meet your teachers, pick up your GIFT calendar & textbooks, and enjoy a fun family activity.

Adults of all ages, check out the small group opportunities available this fall!

OUR NEXT RHYTHM DRUM CIRCLE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. **All ages and experience levels are welcome.** Drums/rhythm instruments are provided or bring your own. Walk-ins are welcome, but **please sign-up ahead of time**, especially if you need to reserve a drum. For more info, call Lisa at **597-5894** or email lisamjdoun@aol.com.



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are in **Celebration of the Weeks and Malek families**, donated by **the Weeks family**. Thank you for enhancing our worship with the beauty of God's flowers!



A day of service for difference makers in their 20s and 30s

WHEN: Saturday, September 10th 8:30am - 3pm

WHAT: Opportunity to volunteer at a social service agency in the Buffalo area with others your age, followed by a party and free food truck lunch!

WHERE: CANALSIDE - Meet at Canalside for grab n go breakfast, head off to assigned worksites, then re-gather for lunch, music and fun!

WHO: Anyone ages 18-39 who wants to make a difference.

Does it cost anything? No! Free breakfast, lunch, and a T-shirt, all for giving of your time to others!

Do I have to pre-register? Yes. In order to participate you must preregister by **September 3rd** at our website: www.HaveFaithBuffalo.com

OPEN MARKET AT THE GOLDEN FARMERS' MARKET on **Saturday, September 3rd!** Local artisans, crafters and other vendors will join the market that day. **CHEF'S** Food Truck will be there from **10:30 am – 1 pm**. Also, **gather up your old gold jewelry, coins, class rings and such**, and you can get **CASH ON THE SPOT** for them!

Don't miss this!

One day only at the September 3rd Farmer's Market!!



WE NEED YOU! We are really getting desperate for a Catechist for our 6th Grade GIFT class—won't you please consider sharing your gifts and talents with our young people, the future of our church? We also welcome **Aides for all classes**. Please call the office at **652-3153**.

A CHANGE OF HEART Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, not even in a series of actions, but in one's entire life. Last week's **Sunday Offerings** totaled **\$2,976.00**. *Thank you for your generosity to God and to our faith community!*



OUR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER IS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD from **11 am - 2 pm!** Enjoy a great meal here before heading over to the **Colden Festival** and the **Bread of Life Outreach Center's** spectacular **Rummage Sale!**

Tickets are **\$8.50** for adults; tickets for children **10 years & under** are **\$3.00**. The meal, by Rosina's, includes **spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls & butter, dessert and beverages**. It's a delicious meal and a great sharing time, so please **plan on joining us and invite your friends & family, too**. We'll have theme baskets and a 50/50 raffle as well! Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

WE NEED YOUR THEME BASKET DONATIONS! Kindly drop them off at the **back of church** or on the **front porch of the Parish office** (formerly known as the 'Rectory').
Thanks!!

WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS! Adults and youth are both welcome and encouraged to serve (youth must have made their First Communion), but *we especially need servers for the 5 pm Saturday Mass*. It's very stressful to have to search for a volunteer 5 minutes before Mass begins. The training is brief, easy and **FREE!** Call the parish office at **652-3153** if you can help. *Thank you!*



MISSION CO-OP CONTRIBUTIONS MAY STILL BE MADE THIS WEEKEND!

We've had to cancel the Mission Co-Op visit for this year, as we could not reschedule the visit to a later date. So ***we didn't have a second collection last weekend, but you can still put your green Mission Co-Op Offering Envelope in the offering basket this weekend.*** All offerings will be given to the Mission Co-Op before the end of August.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS FOR THIS FALL

Pope Francis has made the full **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Retreat** at least 2 times in his life. Last year many persons made this retreat with great enthusiasm. The Spiritual Exercises is an in-depth experience of praying with in an Ignatian tradition. It involves daily prayer using selected Scripture passages and small group meetings; weekly for the first month then twice a month for 7 months. For more information contact: **Gini Schultz** at **837-6020** or **Joseph Ritxert** at **627-5530**.



ARE YOU CELEBRATING 50, 60 OR 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2016?

The Diocese of Buffalo wants to honor you with a special Diocesan ceremony, scheduled for **Sunday, October 23rd at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral**, followed by a reception at the **Adam's Mark Hotel**. Please call the parish office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, so we can submit your names to the Diocese by **September 7th**.



CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY'S ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

will be in **September**, on the following dates:

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, September 7 – 9, from 9 am – 7 pm
Saturday, September 10, from 9 am - 4 pm



Visit www.cks.edu for further information about the sale.



Today we hear Jesus say to us, *"...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Your continued generosity and prayers have enabled your Society of St. Vincent de Paul to visit residents in two local nursing homes. Each month approximately 500 Communion are distributed, and the Rosary is prayed each Wednesday in East Aurora. Your generous donations and especially your prayers are truly an example of what Jesus asks of us in today's Gospel. *God bless all.*



Encouraging Messages to Start Your Day—*Faith Moments* spiritual messages air on WBEN 930 AM and WLOF 101.7 FM throughout each week. Audio recordings of recent messages can be listened to at www.cks.edu/faith-moments.



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