

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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**Week of January 15, 2017**

## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, is quoted as saying "*change is the only constant in life.*" If we interpret Heraclitus' model of the world as a guide, change is not only something we must accept, but it is actually something to celebrate.

You may notice changes in our worship space in the coming months. Fr. Jim, the Liturgy committee and the Parish Council have agreed to some changes which, in part, are based on liturgical best practices in designing sacred space.

We plan to re-align the front pew rows in church so that seating begins on both sides at approximately the same spot. This will be most clearly advantageous at weddings, when it will allow the bride and groom families to be seated directly across the aisle from one another. This re-alignment of pews will necessitate moving the organ from the front of church to the back of church on the confessional side, where two pews will have been removed.

This, in turn, will free some space in the sanctuary, allowing the presider's chair to be placed *beside* the altar instead of *behind* the altar. Fr. Jim has advised that the only time a priest should be behind the altar is when he is presiding at the Eucharistic liturgy. While many churches, including ours, put the presider front and center, the best practice is actually to seat him beside the altar.

One of the under-appreciated aspects of the Diocesan Capital Campaign, *Upon This Rock*, is that 35% of the funds raised by a parish return directly to that parish for use in *whatever way it chooses*. I propose that we use these funds, when they are realized, for two projects to enhance our worship space—modification of our main church entrance way to make it handicapped accessible, and the installation of some air conditioning units so that our summertime worship might be better attended and more enjoyable.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 14	5 pm	Charlotte Kita, by Bill & Kathy Kita
Sunday, January 15	8:30 am	Marie Baker, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, January 15	11 am	Ruth Rowe, by Norm & Donna
Monday, January 16	8 am	Edward High, by Norm & Donna
Tuesday, January 17	8 am	Jane Gaffney, by Tom and the late Mary Jane Virginia
Wednesday, January 18	8 am	<b>Communion Service &amp; Novena</b>
Thursday, January 19	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, January 20	8 am	Unity, compassion & peace for our country
Saturday, January 21	5 pm	Marion Bull, by Pat & Jim Thoman
Sunday, January 22	8:30 am	Joseph Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, January 22	11 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day

**The next First Friday Mass is February 3rd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.  
Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

Let us  
pray for...

Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Ann Marie Price, Ellen Nichter, Mary Ellen Klaja, Jim & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Marion Habicht, and Rita Kowalik.

### COLLECTION FOR OUR BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER TODAY



Our St. George faith community remains a sustaining force for the **Bread of Life Outreach Center's programs**. The continued generous financial support, the wealth of volunteers donating their time and talents, and the community's spiritual offerings certainly help us to "*feed the hungry and clothe the naked*".

Our programs continue to grow but, unfortunately, so does the need. As a result of the recent closing of **St. John's Food Pantry**, our Food Pantry and Christmas meal support program were a lifeline to more in need. **In December we served 540 more meals than in December of 2015. We served an additional 19 households and 60 more individuals.** Our yearly growth shows that we served **2,050 more meals, 101 more households and 946 more individuals**. Our ability to meet these growing needs is, without a doubt, due in part to the generosity shown by you, our brothers and sisters of St. George parish. We truly are fortunate to be a part of your community and to *share your kindnesses* with so many others in this community. *Marty McMahon, Director, BOLO*



**All proceeds of this weekend's collection go directly to the Center.** If it's more convenient for you, you can donate online, at [stgeorgechurch.weshareonline.org](http://stgeorgechurch.weshareonline.org).

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*

MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT WHAT YOU *DO*, NOT WHAT YOU *DON'T DO*

# LENTEN LONGINGS

During the coming Lenten season, instead of depriving yourself of some type of food or some form of entertainment, join a small group for six weeks and participate in **Lenten Longings**, an opportunity to read Scripture and share your faith with some of your fellow parishioners. Small groups will meet once a week. It's a great way to make Lent a more

meaningful season as you prepare to celebrate the resurrection. See the enclosed bulletin insert, which also has a **sign-up card** on the back.

**Sign-up begins next weekend, January 21-22.** Contact Kathy Kita at **652-3153** or email [kckita@stgeorgercchurch.org](mailto:kckita@stgeorgercchurch.org) for more information.

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## PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION - SUNDAY FEB. 5TH!

Join us 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)**.

Get your tickets **at the door on Feb. 5th**, or purchase them **online** at [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/PancakeBreakfast2017](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/PancakeBreakfast2017)

Please leave your **Theme Basket Donations** in the cupboard on the porch of the Parish office at any time. **Volunteer sign-up sheets** for **Servers** and the **Clean-up crew** are at the back of church.

*Thank you for the many ways in which you support this parish fundraiser!*

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**GIVE GREENER!** Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our **Online Giving Program**. Simply go to our parish website at [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org) and sign up in minutes. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet.

Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner, as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017** will be a **National Day of Racial Healing**, with the goal to *heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society where all children can thrive*. **The National Day of Healing will kick-off a year-long effort** to bring healing to different parts of this country and comes in response to the broad call for healing following the contentious rhetoric, hate crimes, vivid expressions of racism and stories of children crying with fear and anxiety. Calls for healing have come from both President Obama and President-elect Trump, as well as 32 states. More at [www.dayofracialhealing.com/](http://www.dayofracialhealing.com/).



**OUR MISSION OF MERCY** We ask our St. George family to be as generous as possible, so we can fulfill our mission of mercy as we journey in faith together. Last week's offerings totaled **\$2,536.00**. Offerings for our **Bread of Life Outreach Center** total **\$840.00** so far!

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

~ Winston Churchill



**Marriage Moment.** Traditionally, people make resolutions to improve themselves at the beginning of the year. In marriage, since you are united in love, what improves one spouse also improves the other. *What marriage building practice do you want to start or continue during 2017?*

**SOCIETY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."* As we give to the poor, we can also hear these words. As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words, ***"You are my beloved, in whom I am well pleased."***



*Thank you*

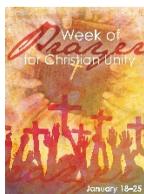
*Jeanne Peplin wants you all to know that she appreciates your caring words and prayers. The surgery was successful and no further treatment will be needed, just medication. Thank you so much!*

**BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER** is always in need of **personal hygiene products** such as soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc. BOLO currently serves 80+ families through the food pantry, and ***your generous support is always very much appreciated!*** Volunteers are welcome, too!



**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.



### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - JANUARY 18-25**

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is ***"Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us"*** (2 Cor 5:14-20). Although this theme recognizes the pain of divisions that afflict the Church, the Scripture text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God and those who are reconciled in Christ are called to proclaim this reconciliation, because *"the love of Christ compels us."*

As Sister Lori alluded to in her weekly remarks on this bulletin's front page, **you may notice some subtle and not-so-subtle changes in our worship space and in our celebration of the Mass in the coming months.** The first of these changes will be our *effort to avoid making announcements during Mass*, with the goal of sustaining the wholeness and spiritual flow of the liturgy, from Father's initial greeting through to the singing of the final hymn.



*Be sure to take home the bulletin each week and read it from end-to-end, so that you don't miss any important events or news!*

Renew Yourself this Lent with ...

# LENTEN LONGINGS

**Lent invites us** to a time of prayer, reflection, and conversion.

Make a six-week retreat this Lent and embrace the teaching of Christ that authentic loving involves self-surrender.

■ **Join a Small Faith community**  
to deepen your faith and meet new friends

**Small communities are forming now**

**Sign up starting:** January 21 & 22, 2017

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

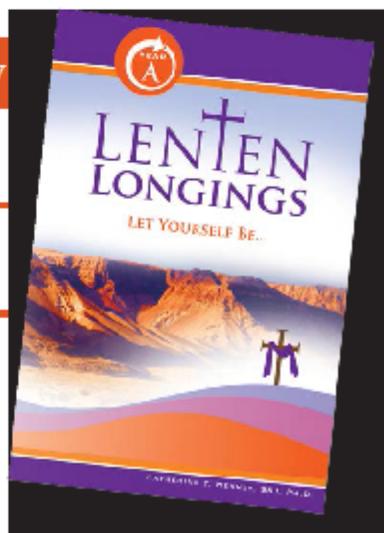
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