

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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Week of January 29, 2017

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A stone tablet at the doors of our Memorare Chapel has a wonderful quote from Bishop McNulty which describes the beauty of our Church setting. Inscribed above the main doors of our Church is a rather long, old-fashioned plea for us to become our best selves. Trees throughout our parish campus bear name tags honoring our previous pastors and Church ministers. Our parish buildings and grounds deliver perpetual reminders of *hope, perseverance and faith in the Almighty.*

Claimed by Christ in baptism, we Catholic Christians have a role to fulfill. The Gospels proclaim that *we are to be light, salt and leaven for the world.* These are subtle, yet essential, realities. Generally taken for granted, light, salt and leaven seem most noted when they are absent or lacking. We, at St. George Parish, are called to inspire those around us with our insight, zest for life and rising hope. *May we be what our baptism empowers us to be, Christ-bearers.* We are blessed to be part of a long history of witnesses to God's glory.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 28	5 pm	Joan Kazmierczak, by Jan Gawrys
Sunday, January 29	8:30 am	Helen Hafsos, by Debbie Stellrecht & family
Sunday, January 29	11 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Monday, January 30	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, January 31	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, February 1	8 am	<b>Communion Service &amp; Novena</b>
Thursday, February 2	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, February 3	8 am	<b>First Friday</b> Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, February 4	5 pm	Del Holden, by Gene Holden
Sunday, February 5	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
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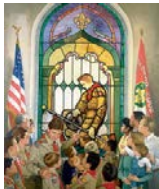
**Our First Friday Mass is February 3rd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.**

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

*Let us pray for...*

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

**MEDICINES FOR HAITI** We're collecting over-the-counter medicines for our twin Haitian parish of **St. Michael the Archangel** on the weekends of **February 4 - 5, 11 - 12 and 18 - 19**. We need **tylenol, ibuprofen, antacids, vitamins, cold and cough medicines, eye and ear drops, antifungal creams, antibiotic creams, hydrocortisone cream** and any other **new and unopened medicines. Toothbrushes and toothpaste** are also needed. Please place your donations in the box in the back of the church during the above weekends, and the collected items will be sent to Haiti on the sea container in March. *Thank you all for your donations; the people of our twin parish greatly appreciate your generosity.*



**SCOUTING SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND, FEB 4 - 5! Scout Sunday** is a day to celebrate and recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. **Celebrate and honor Scouting by wearing your Boy Scout, Girl Scout or Cub Scout uniforms to Mass next weekend.** Please remember these hardworking youth and their dedicated leaders in your prayers!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE/PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING SUNDAY

Join us for an organizational meeting in the parish hall **between the 8:30 and 11 am Masses on Sunday, January 29th**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



## WHY JOIN A SMALL GROUP FOR LENT?

# LENTEN LONGINGS

Maybe you'd like to meet new people. Maybe you'd like to spend more time sharing your faith with others and hearing them express their own faith. Maybe you'd like to grow spiritually. Maybe you'd like to deepen your relationship with God. *Whatever your reason — it's the right one.* **Sign-up continues this weekend in the Gathering space!**

Call the office or visit [www.stgeorgechurch.org/lenten-longings](http://www.stgeorgechurch.org/lenten-longings) for more information.

» » » **CELEBRATE SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST!** « « «



**Get your tickets at the door next Sunday, Feb. 5th!**

Get ready for the big game with a hearty breakfast, and take a shot at winning one of our great **Theme Baskets**, too!



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 parish office porch at any time. **Volunteers are needed for setting up on Friday February 3rd at 9 am and for clean up after the breakfast.**

» » » » » **Thanks for your support of our major parish fundraiser!** « « « « «

## UPON THIS ROCK – COMING SOON TO OUR PARISH!



This Diocesan capital campaign is a five-year pledge drive inviting WNY Catholics to build up endowments designed to sustain essential Catholic programs and undertakings. Meant to tap into extraordinary giving resources of the faithful, *Upon This Rock* seeks NOT to diminish regular weekly or monthly Parish offerings but to request help in developing long-term funding solutions for several Catholic endeavors.

The *Upon This Rock* capital campaign is a means of strengthening our Church so that we can carry out the Lord's mission of service for years to come.

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more about *Upon This Rock* with you; in the meantime, visit [youtu.be/q4dWx1Onpel](http://youtu.be/q4dWx1Onpel) for an overview of the capital campaign and its goals, or the UTR website at [www.uponthisrockwny.org](http://www.uponthisrockwny.org).

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" - Matthew, 16:18

**CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS ARE NEEDED** Our *Bread of Life Outreach Center's* Thrift shop, **Gabriel's Closet**, has a great need for *new or gently used children's clothing*—please consider making a donation if you're able to. The BOLO Food Pantry is almost always in need of *shampoo and conditioner*, too! Donations may be placed in the baskets located in the church or chapel, or stop in at the BOLO Center during regular hours. Thanks!



**Encouraging Messages to Start Your Day—Faith Moments** spiritual messages air on WBEN 930 AM and WLOF 101.7 FM throughout each week. Visit [cks.edu/faith-moments](http://cks.edu/faith-moments).

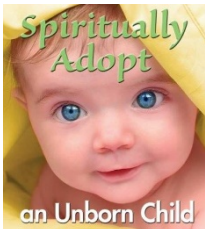
## WEEKLY OFFERINGS ENABLE OUR MISSION & OUTREACH EFFORTS

What we give to our parish in our weekly offerings is our offering to God, an offering of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has given to us. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ in our community, in addition to paying our parish bills. Last week's offerings totaled **\$2,660.00**, and offerings for the annual collection for our **Bread of Life Outreach Center** now total **\$2,640.00**. Thank you, and *God bless you for your generosity!*



**PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI** This weekend, several of our youth will begin their journey to the sacrament of Confirmation. May their sponsors become integral companions on their journey, sharing with them the life of Christ in the sacraments and in daily living. May their families and this parish family encourage them in faith and minister to them; in turn, may they encourage us and minister to us. May the time spent exploring and studying with their leaders and mentors bear great fruit as they journey through life proclaiming, *"Here I am, Lord, I come to do Your will!"*

**SOCIETY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the **Beatitudes**, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness. This month, *through your gifts*, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by offering Rosary and Communion Services for our brothers and sisters at local nursing homes. *Please remember them in your prayers. God bless all.*



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION** Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, our Social Justice/Pro-Life Committee is launching an "adoption" program for young and old alike. You'll have the opportunity to "spiritually" adopt a newly conceived child, as an individual or as a family. When you adopt, you'll be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You'll be asked to pray for your unborn child and its mom, and for all unborn children. We'll update you monthly on the baby's development until it comes to term. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers.

*Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?*

St. George Parish **2016 Charitable Contribution Statements** have recently been mailed to everyone who made **recorded contributions** to our parish in 2016.

If you did not receive a statement, but you believe you should have, please call the office at **652-3153** or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com).



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** for **2016** will be mailed to all donors in the next week or so, if the total amount of the donation was \$250.00 or more. If you donated less than \$250.00 last year, but you would like to receive a contribution statement, you can request one by calling Catholic Charities at **(716) 218-1400**.

Our **parish calendar for February** is now available for you to view/download at [www.stgeorgercchurch.org/schedules](http://www.stgeorgercchurch.org/schedules).

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:**

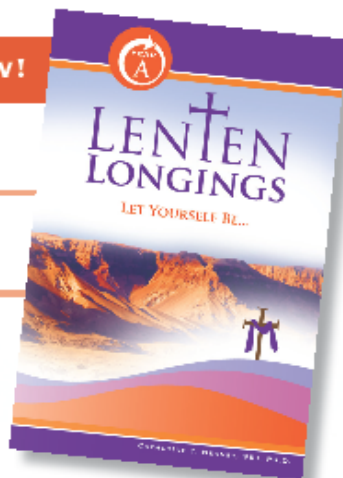
**For more information or to sign up, please contact:**

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