

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

On Easter Monday morning I was in a store and overheard a brief dialogue that nearly had me interrupt with a correction. Thankfully, my mother taught me not to put my nose into other people's business unless absolutely necessary! The gist of the conversation was that it was sad that Easter was over already. Remember, this is Easter Monday morning! For me, the sad reality was that they had lost the sense of Easter as an entire season. Beginning with this initial octave (eight days) of Easter celebrated as one extended Easter Day, our Easter season continues for a total of 50 days. (7 weeks multiplied by 7 days plus one day equals 50 days.)

We are called upon as the People of God to encounter the Risen Christ, journey with Him, grow in faith and proclaim Him to the whole world as Lord and Savior. As believers, we are witnesses to the Resurrection. It is our duty to spread the Good News of God's saving love. Early Christians were recognizable by their love for one another. Filled with the Spirit of Jesus, *may our Easter celebrations continue unabated to bring joy, love and peace into our lives and throughout our world.*

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 22	5 pm	♥ Blessings for the Marriage of Rick & Theresa Richert, by Neal & Ann Tara
Sunday, April 23	8:30 am	Diane Senneff, by Bob Wieczorek
Sunday, April 23	11 am	Josephine & Joseph Tracy, by the Tracy family
Monday, April 24	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, April 25	8 am	Bob Krajnik, by Millie Puff
Wednesday, April 26	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, April 27	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, April 28	8 am	♥ Blessings for Mitchell & Lucas Tara, by Neal & Ann Tara
Saturday, April 29	5 pm	Norm McLaughlin, by Father Jim
Sunday, April 30	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Sunday, April 30	11 am	♥ For the spiritual and temporal well-being of Thomas Kuczmo, by Father Jim

**Our next First Friday Mass is May 5th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.
Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**



Doris Ellis, Ellen Nichter, Jim & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Marion Habicht, Don Murray, Barb Songin, Brigitte Hayhurst, Rita Kowalik, and Bill Frick (surgery).

OUR ANNUAL HAITI BREAKFAST IS SUNDAY APRIL 30TH, 9AM - 1PM!

Join us for a delicious French toast and sausage breakfast with basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing. The cost is **\$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child.**

Proceeds will support our ongoing projects for our twin parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Coq Chante, Haiti.



Get your tickets today in the Gathering space, or the morning of the breakfast.

CARING FOR CREATION Care for the earth is not just an **Earth Day** (April 22) slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



God loves and cares for all of creation. Matthew 6:25-34.



JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! Join us for our **Easter Faith Fest** in the parish hall after the 8:30 am **GIFT Family Mass** on **Sunday**. Enjoy refreshments, an Easter egg hunt, faith-filled activities and fellowship! **All Are Welcome!**

THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE—APRIL 23RD



St. George, after whom our parish is named, was the most famous of the [Fourteen Holy Helpers](#) and principal patron of England. He was descended from a noble family, serving in the Roman Army in which he attained the highest rank. During the persecutions under Diocletian he was discovered to be a Christian, and *despite threats and torture he refused to abandon his religion*. He was beheaded on April 23, 303. St. George is called upon in spiritual troubles, in doubts of faith, and by farmers to **protect their cattle**. He is the **patron of soldiers** and is generally represented as a knight in armor with a slain dragon at his feet.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH as they journey in faith at their **Confirmation Retreat**, April 28th & 29th.

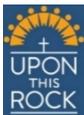
May the Father fill you with his Love, may Jesus Christ bring you Hope, and may the Spirit strengthen your faith all the days of your life.



UPON THIS ROCK AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES



By now many of our parish community have received letters from the Capital Campaign. Soon we'll have updates on the amount that's been pledged thus far and the dates of our **pledge weekends**.



When you're writing your pledge or donation check, we ask that you make it payable to *Upon This Rock*, instead of *St. George Church*, please. If you want to specify that all or a portion of your donation is to go to Catholic Charities, please write "*Catholic Charities - \$xxx.xx*" in the memo area of your check. Thank you!

Questions? *Email Sister Lori at sisterlori@stgeorgercchurch.org* or call the parish office.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 4th. You're invited to join other Christian communities in the Western New York area as **one voice united in prayer** for our city and our nation at **Niagara Square**, across from Buffalo City Hall, from **12 pm - 1:30 pm**. Additional events in our area can be found at www.nationaldayofprayer.org/post_or_find_an_event.

THE FOOD BANK OF WNY MOBILE PANTRY TRUCK is coming to the [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#) on **Thursday, April 27th**, from **3-5 pm**. The truck brings perishable foods to be distributed to ANYONE in the community. Please bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods. You must have picture ID. You don't have to be a member of the food pantry to participate. The items available vary—produce, meats, dairy, etc.—and whatever the truck brings will be distributed.



DID YOU KNOW? Fr. Jim's homily is recorded each week and the audio recording is available on our website, usually on the following Monday. Visit www.stgeorgercchurch.org/homilies to listen.

You are, truly, the Spirit and Heart of St. George Parish

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Unfortunately, our Parish Retreat scheduled for next Saturday, April 29th, must be cancelled as Fr. Bob Pecoraro is unable to be our guide.

Our apologies for the disappointment.

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Your weekly offerings, maintenance offerings, and special collection donations allow our Parish to keep the message of the Risen Jesus alive in our community. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Sunday and Easter offerings last week totaled **\$2,893.00**. Offerings for the **Holy Land** totaled **\$457.00**.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: *“Peace be with you!”* During Mass we turn to each other and say *“Peace be with you!”* As you put your gift into the **St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box**, you say *“Peace be with you!”* to those who are poor and hungry. *God bless all.*

NOTABLE DATES!

- May 7** 11 am First Eucharist Celebration & Crowning of Mary (Church)
- May 17** 7 pm Catechist Appreciation Night (Parish Hall)
- May 20** 5 pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Richard Malone! (Church)
Reception to follow in parish hall.
- May 21** 2 pm West Falls Fire Company Meat Raffle (Parish hall)
- May 25** 7 pm Mass celebrating the Ascension of the Lord (Church)

KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT - APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) **Office of Child and Youth Protection** provides helpful *child abuse prevention and reporting resources*, as well as *support for victims of abuse* at usccb.org/about/child-and-youth-protection/.





SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, the Feast of Mercy. The message of the Divine Mercy is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Divine Mercy Chaplets are available at the church entrances.

Easter Flower Offerings

Honoring our Family and Friends:

The LaValley & Brueckman families; Dolie & Herb Smith; Suzie Nuwer; Alice & Lucian Dombrowski; Bea Rogers; George Rogers; Bea Woodrow; Tom F. Woodrow; Kraus & Holden families; McCann family; Nelson family; McIntyre Family; Clarence & Esther Ling; Joseph & Helen Peplin; John Peplin Sr.; John & Adam Sikora; Richard & Norma Hartman; Howard & Mary Jean Ling; Dan Pietrzak; Aunt Lynn; Papa; Dennis Jr.; Uncle Ward; Gary McKale; Rick Will; Florence Kolis; Schumm Family; Dziulko & Ruhland Family; Anne & George Stotz; Marion & Elmer Bauer; Robert V. Tuttle; Martha Jane Tuttle; Al Puff; Robert Gottstine; Raymond Gottstine; Lewis & Teresa Gottstine; Richard & Dorothy Hartmetz; Jeannette Pajak; Joseph F. Salla Jr.; Joan Kazmierczak; Timothy Kazmierczak; Rose Denesha; John Caliano; Janetta Kulik; Debra Schichtel; Robert & Rosemary Schneider; Mary Schneider; Walt & Betty McElheny; Anthony & Jean Sojka; Norm & Meta Conway; Father Jim; Sister Lori; Mary & David Rieman; Grant & David Rieman; Robert Prehoda; Howard Parker; James & Tillie Wagner; Daniel Wagner; Ruth & John Kreutzer; Lucille & Ken Fierle; Kenney Fierle; Robert Wagner; Jimmie Wagner; Martin & Dorothy Kondziela; Bill & Joan Tompkins; Marian Bull; Robert Bull; Eunice Vitale; Fred Vitale; Christine Marie Habicht-Kujawa; Thaddeus & Paul Kujawa; Robert G. Habicht; Jeannie Serafini; Monte Reinhardt; Catherine & Jim Righter; Katie & Gerard Oehler; Jim Hilburger; Charlie & Cindy Redmon; Connie & Ken Henning; Gert Hayden; Michael Greean III; Florence Woodruff; Philip Arcara; Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Antkowiak; Louise Maggio; Lindsley & Schuster Families.

**Thank you for your generous offerings
to beautify our Church this Easter season.**