

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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## Third Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of two disciples walking to Emmaus following their Sabbath day of rest after the crucifixion of Jesus. Most of us know the feeling of mourning that these two individuals must be experiencing. In the third day after a loved one has died, most people still are in some state of shock and confusion, if not disbelief. No wonder they seem a bit taken aback when this stranger they encounter is clueless about the events of Friday.

Walking and talking with this stranger helps to clear their minds and stir their hearts as he recounts the story of God's faithfulness through the ages. They are people of faith and this reminder comforts them and prompts them to invite the stranger to stay with them as they finish their journey. In a spirit of companionship, they share an evening meal with him.

Now, as this stranger blessed and broke bread, they could see that it was Jesus who was with them! Most poignantly, the moment of recognition is also the moment when he vanishes from sight. Knowing the Risen Lord initiates action. Knowing the Risen Lord inspires belief. Knowing the Risen Lord impels them (*and us*) to return to the community: to joyfully share the Good News that **Jesus is alive!**

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, May 1	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, May 2	8 am	Al Puff, by Millie
Wednesday, May 3	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, May 4	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>First Friday May 5</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Deceased members of the Donato and Morgante families, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Saturday, May 6	5 pm	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Sunday, May 7	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>First Eucharist &amp; Crowning of Mary</b> Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day

**Our First Friday Mass is May 5th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.**

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

**Join us in praying the Rosary Saturdays at 4:30 pm**



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

**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.*



### *Women's Luncheon*

The women of St. George parish are invited to the annual **Women's Appreciation Luncheon** at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** on **May 6th at 11 am**. Our guest for the occasion will be Women's History speaker **Denise Reichard**, sharing the story of **Dolly Madison, beloved First Lady**. *Please RSVP to **Marcia Wilger** at **652-1596** by **May 1st**.*

**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](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/post_or_find_an_event).



## OUR ANNUAL HAITI BREAKFAST IS **SUNDA Y!**

That's **April 30th, 9 am – 1 pm!** Come downstairs to the parish hall for a delicious French toast and sausage breakfast, a theme basket auction and a 50/50 drawing. The cost is **\$7.00 per adult** and **\$4.00 per child.**



*The proceeds of this fundraiser provide ongoing assistance to 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.**

### ABOUT OUR HAITI MISSION



We continually strengthen and build a relationship with St. Michael the Archangel parish. We support health and dental care, education, clean water, sanitation, farm animal and other projects at our twin parish.

Throughout the year we have several fundraising activities, and we collect clothing, shoes, toiletries & OTC medicines to ship to Haiti. We support an annual week-long dental mission visit, a medical clinic and we visit the parish periodically to assess the needs of the people and to help with local projects. To learn more about our missions and see some great photos and videos, visit [stgeorgercchurch.org/haiti-missions](http://stgeorgercchurch.org/haiti-missions).



*Are you interested in volunteering for or supporting our Haiti Mission? Contact **Frank Lewandowski** at **652-9118** or email [flew852k@roadrunner.com](mailto:flew852k@roadrunner.com).*

### UPON THIS ROCK AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES



By now many of our parish community have received letters from the Capital Campaign. It is helpful to have pledge cards returned, regardless of your ability to pledge.



When writing a 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](mailto:sisterlori@stgeorgercchurch.org) or call the parish office.

### GIFT K-8 RUMMAGE SALE—JUNE 10 & 11 8 am – 1 pm

*Downsizing? Spring cleaning? Donate your unwanted treasures to our Rummage sale to benefit our GIFT K-8 activities!* Donations may be dropped off from **May 14th - June 4th** at the Faith Formation office downstairs, or in the tall cupboard on the front porch of the Office.



**Bakers!!!** If you can donate baked goodies for this event, we'd sure appreciate it. Please drop them off on **Saturday, June 10th**. Questions? Call **Amy Gottstine** at 462-8319 or **Jan Gawrys** at 826-5946.

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

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 **\$2,541.00**.

**Give online with WeShare!** Visit [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org) today.



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION—THE THIRD MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION:** Your baby is quite active in the womb now, although the mother won't feel his movements for another couple of months. He can make a fist if you touch his palm, as the skin is very sensitive and reflexes are developing. Oxygen and nourishment come from the mother through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for now weighs about 1 ounce. *What a miracle this baby is!*



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** In this week's Gospel as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.



This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor/homebound by giving Tops gift cards to over ten families. It is through your contributions to the **Poor Box** that we are able to help the poor see Christ on the roads they travel. *God bless all.*



## 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/](http://usccb.org/about/child-and-youth-protection/).

**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!**



## Schedule

### MAY/JUNE LITURGY SCHEDULE IS READY

The **Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server and Lector Schedule** for May & June is now available in the sacristy and [online](#).

Please pickup or download your copy today.

*Thank you for giving so generously of your time and talent!*



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