

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Peace be with you! This is the consistent greeting of the Risen Christ. Jesus knows how often our human existence is troubled by fears, doubts and worries. In his triumphant breaking of death, the Risen Lord wishes first to calm our fears. Trust in God's love and providence are not, however, meant to numb us into a reserved, happy isolation. Rather, accepting and sharing the peace of the Risen Christ is to empower and embolden us. Knowing God's victory over sin and death allows believers to stand unafraid, at peace, in the face of trials and evil.

With the peace of Jesus abiding within us, we are called to sharpen our vision, attune our ears and heighten our sensitivity to our brothers and sisters. Not called to be judges, for God alone judges, Christians are to be witnesses to the unbounded love of Jesus. When we are able to act as Jesus did—forgiving, merciful, patient, and kind, even to those who are difficult to be with—then the Risen Lord is seen anew through us.

While we may be imperfect vessels for God's presence in the world today, we are the ones God has chosen. Our task as followers of Jesus is to welcome the peace of the Risen Christ into our hearts so to be freed of burdensome concerns and filled with compassion and love for all.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Sunday, May 7	11 am	First Eucharist & Crowning of Mary Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Monday, May 8	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, May 9	8 am	Kevin Przybyl, by Audrey Krajnik
Wednesday, May 10	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, May 11	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, May 12	8 am	Caroline M. Wall, by Fr. Jim
Saturday, May 13	5 pm	Dorothy Kondziela, by Joe Kondziela
Sunday, May 14	8:30 am	♥ In thanksgiving for bountiful blessings!
Mother's Day	11 am	Baptism of Otto Michael Mealer! ♥ The living and deceased members of the Hauser & Danheiser families

Our next First Friday Mass is June 2nd 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

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

FIRST EUCHARIST BLESSINGS!



Please pray for **Kira Balk, Joseph Cole, Matthew Day, Jenna Darling, Hansley Petrie, Patrick Robertson, and Emma Worang-Zizzi**, who will receive the Eucharist for the first time on **Sunday, May 7th** at the **11 am Mass**. *As you receive Communion, Jesus shares his love with you in a very special way. May He guide and bless you today and every day.*

OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ, CASH RAFFLE & THEME BASKET AUCTION is **SUNDAY, JULY 16TH!**

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please pick up an envelope (or two) of Cash Raffle tickets from the table in the Gathering space and return the money and ticket stubs before **June 18th** to be eligible for the first **Early Bird prize of \$25.00!** *Your generous and selfless support makes this our most successful parish fundraiser each year!*



COMPANY'S COMING! At our **5 pm Mass** on **May 20th**, **Bishop Richard Malone** joins us to celebrate the Confirmation of twenty-six candidates! We also welcome guests and confirmation candidates from **St. Joseph Parish** in Holland and **St. Mary Parish** in Arcade, so we expect that our Church will be quite full at this Mass.

While this is a great joy for us, it is important to note that we may end up with standing room only! You might want to consider this when deciding which Mass you'll attend on May 20-21.



To everyone who worked at and/or supported our Haiti Breakfast, Cash Raffle and Theme Basket Auction last Sunday!

Thanks to your *incredible support and generosity*, we raised **\$2,419.00** for our twin parish of *St. Michael the Archangel* in Coq Chante, Haiti!

THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS AND AIDES! The GIFT leadership team will meet on **Wednesday, May 24th at 7 pm** in the parish hall to **celebrate and give thanks to our Catechists and Aides** for sharing their gifts of time and talent with our parish family.



Be sure to say *“Thank you!”* to these Catechists and Aides who nurtured the faith of our families this year: **Anna Worang-Zizzi, Michele Meissner, Sandy Bowersox, Dianne Bauer, Amy Kingston, Greg Kranz, Karen Brown, Ray Perreault, Bob Marts, and Tina Hartman.**



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY INVITES YOU to our next luncheon meeting on **Tuesday, May 16th!** Our special guest, **Sister Lori**, will share reflections on the expressions of faith she experienced while traveling in **the missions of Congo, Rwanda and the Dominican Republic.** Although the tenets of our catholic (meaning *universal*) faith are the same worldwide, the gestures, customs and expressions of faith are adapted to each culture. We'll begin in the parish hall at **11 am** by praying the Rosary, followed by Sister Lori's reflections, then we'll finish with a delicious lunch provided by RAS. Our hostesses, **Nancy Sojka and Millie Puff**, will provide dessert. **All are invited to join us!**

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.



UPON THIS ROCK AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Many of you have asked us how you can make your donations directly to the **Catholic Charities Appeal** this year, since Appeal pledge cards are *not* being mailed to parishioners while we are actively engaged in the *Upon This Rock* capital campaign.



You may mail your Catholic Charities donation check *directly* to **Catholic Charities, 741 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209.** To ensure that our parish is credited with your donation, please write **“St. George 0719”** on your check. *We welcome your questions and suggestions—email Sister Lori at sisterlori@stgeorgercchurch.org or call the parish office.*



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. **Sunday and Easter offerings** last week totaled **\$3,710.00**.

Catholic Home Missions donations totaled **\$356.00**. *God bless your generous hearts.*

Give online with WeShare. Visit stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org today.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “*I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.*”



By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters. *Thank you and God bless all.*



ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY *Enhance our worship with the beauty of God’s flowers!* Beginning the weekend of **June 10-11** until the weekend of **October 7-8**, you may remember a loved one or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) by donating \$30 for the purchase of two altar bouquets. **Lilies of the Field**, a local family business, will prepare the fresh bouquets for us each week. **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering space.**

The **Colden Community Farmer’s Market** reopens for the season **Colden Community Farmer’s Market** on **Saturday, May 20th, 8:30 am – 1 pm!** The market runs **each Saturday until October**, and it directly benefits our **Bread of Life Outreach Center**. If you haven’t ‘experienced’ the market yet, you’ve got to check it out—*there are always new or unique foods, goods and crafts for sale!* Enjoy live music, too!



HOMEMADE PIE SALE! **Rosary Altar Society** members are baking pies for sale on **Father’s Day weekend**. Purchase your favorite pie (*or your Dad’s favorite*) for only **\$13.00!** The sale will be in the Gathering Space after the Masses on **June 17-18**. *Quantities limited: First Come—First Choice!*

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AWARENESS EVENING *Learn more about the chemical dependency crisis that is affecting our community.*



Join us on **Monday, May 15th**, from **7 - 8:30 pm** in **St. Aloysius Parish Hall** in Springville. Speakers include: **Maura Beres**, Director, Msgr. Carr Institute—*Understanding addiction and treatment options*; **Deputy Aaron Naegely**, Erie County Sheriff’s Office—*Report from the Sheriff’s Office*; and **Sue Boyle**, WNY United—*Where do we go from here?* This free and informative evening—and the snacks that will be served—are brought to you by the **St. Aloysius Altar Society** and the **women of St. John the Baptist church** in West Valley. **All are welcome.**



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!*