

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

While on a long drive recently I switched on the car radio. The pre-set FM station that came on picked up a local Catholic Radio station. As I listened, I became fascinated with the call in show and the discussion prompted by listener questions. The challenging part of my fascination was that the answers the host offered were almost always NOT ones I would have given!

This fact, that good and God-fearing people might approach questions of behavior and belief from different viewpoints, is important to grasp. In our Roman Catholic Church we have much of the same diversity that can be found in any large group of humans. I am often in awe considering how a Pope, and presently Pope Francis, can prayerfully balance the cornucopia of cultures and traditions that make their home in the Catholic Church.

Our present U.S. governmental situation can illustrate for us the result when divisions within a group cut too deeply and are held too stubbornly. Thankfully, the Church, the People of God, are not elected officials of differing parties but rather brothers and sisters of Christ with God as our Creator. The Holy Spirit manifests in a variety of forms and we are quite a variety of members in this one body of Christ!

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 29	5 pm	Francis E. Head, by Glen & Cindy Weeks
Sunday, July 30	8:30 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Baptism of Alexander Michael Wahl</b> The living and deceased members of the Hauser & Danheiser families, by Joseph Hauser
Monday, July 31	8 am	Edward Krypel Jr., by Tony & Debbie Stellrecht
Tuesday, August 1	8 am	Betty Eisenmann, by Pat Nemec
Wednesday, August 2	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, August 3	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Friday, August 4</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Leona A. O'Brien, by Father Jim
<b>First Friday</b>		
Saturday, August 5	5 pm	Jim Nemec, by Pat
Sunday, August 6	8:30 am	Virginia Rybak, by Father Jim
	11 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day

**Our First Friday Mass is August 4th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.**

**Confession: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the Church.**

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

***Tuesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be at 8 am in church.***



**LET US PRAY FOR...** Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Barb Songin, Sally Denesha, Jeanne McIntyre, Joe Arcara, Diane Marts and Arnie O'Connor.

**THE AUGUST PARISH CALENDAR is now available at the church entrances.**

We're trying a new approach this month, in an effort to reduce waste. Instead of printing 140 copies and inserting one in each of the bulletins, we've decided to print them and set them out for those who prefer a paper copy. Many of our parishioners don't need a paper copy because they use the online version of our Calendar at [stgeorgercchurch.org/calendar](http://stgeorgercchurch.org/calendar). We welcome your feedback on this tiny effort to *Care for Creation*.



### THE SIXTH MONTH AFTER CONCEPTION



Your spiritually adopted baby's development continues to be quite amazing. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. At this point, the baby's eyes are open and can respond to light. Her eyelashes, eyebrows, and fingernails have grown enough to be easily seen. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. **In just three short months, your spiritually adopted baby will be born.**

*Please continue to remember her in your prayers.*

## WELCOME, ALEXANDER MICHAEL WAHL!

On Sunday we celebrate the **sacrament of the baptism** for Alexander Wahl, welcoming him into our St. George faith family. Our congratulations and best wishes to his parents, **Christopher** and **Kasia Wahl**!



**PACK A BACKPACK** **Bread of Life Outreach Center** has partnered with the **Colden Elementary School (CES) PTA** to provide **fully supplied backpacks to children in need** for the upcoming school year. There are approximately 45 kids at CES who qualify to receive a backpack, in addition to the children of qualified clients of BOLO. *See the bulletin board in the Gathering Space for a flyer that details the program, supplies needed, donation sites and deadlines.* Please make your donations **before August 8th**, so that the packs can be **distributed August 12th**. *Thank you!*



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God. ***Do we see the face of Christ in the poor? Our actions can answer that question for us.*** God bless all.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for a few interested people willing to serve God's poor. Please contact the Parish Office at 652-3153. Thank you.

*Join us for the Rosary in our beautiful Chapel on Mondays at 7 pm.*

*A great summer activity to introduce your children to.*

*Lifelong habits begin where we least expect it.*

## ARE YOU CELEBRATING 50, 60 OR 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2017?

The Diocese of Buffalo wants to honor you with a special Diocesan ceremony, scheduled for **Sunday, October 16th at 3 pm** at **St. Joseph's Cathedral**, followed by a reception at the **Adam's Mark Hotel**. Family members are encouraged and most welcome to attend, but seating is limited, so please call the office at **652-3153** or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com), so we can register you as soon as possible. Even if you're unable to attend the ceremony, you will still be honored with a certificate signed by Bishop Malone. Sponsored by the **Office of Family Life Ministries**.



**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are in **Thanksgiving for all of life's blessings, donated by Pat Thoman.** *Thank you Pat, for beautifying our worship space!*

## RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS' MEDICAL BENEFIT FUND—AUGUST 5-6

Our Diocese established a new fund in 2016 to ensure continued medical and dental benefits for retired Diocesan Priests. Your offerings for the fund are most welcome—simply place an envelope labeled with your parish ID number and 'Priest Fund', into the regular offering basket.



*And thank you, Father Jim, for your kind service to our parish in your 'retirement'!*

## FINANCE UPDATE

**Sunday, Holy Day** and **Maintenance and Capital Improvement** offerings as of now total **\$169,555.59**. Our budgeted goal for these funds for our fiscal year 2016-17, which closes August 31st, is **\$197,727.00**.

***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 Good News of Jesus alive in our community. **Sunday and Holy Day Offerings** last week totaled **\$2,577.00**. Offerings for **Peter's Pence** now total **\$471.00**. *We're so grateful for your generosity.*

### A HUGE THANK YOU!

To all of you who contributed in *so many ways* to our **Chicken BBQ, Cash Raffle,** and **Theme Basket Auction** last Sunday! **This event would not be possible without the helping hands of so many willing volunteers!** It would not be **successful** without the support of everyone who bought/sold raffle tickets, dinner tickets and theme basket auction tickets!

**Our net proceeds were \$4,215.02!**

**(BBQ Dinner: \$1092.10 Basket Auction: \$1842.42 Cash Raffle: \$1280.50)**

**CASH RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:** Bernie & Ginger Lewis, \$250.00; Brian Smith, \$150.00; Sandy Bowersox, \$50; and Marta Hiczewski, \$50.00. The anonymous winner of the \$100.00 3rd prize donated it back to St. George – *Thank you!*

Our **BBQ Chairpersons, Alice and Tom Dziulko**, want to take a back seat role for the BBQ next year, so would you *please consider stepping into the role of BBQ Chairperson for 2018?* They will guide you in all of the preparations.

*We sincerely thank Tom and Alice for their selfless dedication to making the BBQ and Auction a successful and profitable event every year!*

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### A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS:

*Bob-O-Link Golf Club*

*The Aurora Theater*

*The Dog Bar*

*Salvatore's Italian Gardens*

*Waste Management*

*Colden Market & Café*

*Pizza del Aureo's*

*H. G. Miller Farm*

*Henry's Garden Center*

*Bob's Deli*

**Rev. Joseph A. Gullo and  
St. Mary's Parish Community  
INVITE YOU TO OUR  
ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED**

# **Family Lawn Fete**



## **& Chicken Barbecue**

*St. Mary's East Arcade Parish Grounds  
6785 East Arcade Road, East Arcade, NY*

**SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2017**

Mass in Church at 10:30 a.m.

**Serving Dinner & Homemade Pies**

**11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*Country Store \* Youth Games  
Theme Baskets \* Grocery Booth  
Many Other Activities*

**Live Music Featuring:**

**Gene Hilts Rustic Ramblers 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**\$1,000 Grand Prize Drawing at 5:00 p.m.**

**FUN FOR ALL \* RAIN OR SHINE**

# "Pack a Backpack" Fundraiser

Sponsored by the Bread of Life Outreach Center & the Colden Elementary PTA



*Make a difference in the  
life of a child!*

Please help by donating essential materials needed for educational success. All donations will stay in the area by benefitting students from Colden Elementary and BOLO's client base.

Items that every student needs to help him / her be successful in school.

- Backpack – New
- Scissors
- School Binders – All sizes
- Dividers
- Mechanical Pencils
- Folders with pockets
- Tape
- A box of tissue
- Stapler, staples
- Spiral notebooks

- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencil box / pouch
- 3 ring paper
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Glue

Bring your donations to the  
Bread of Life Outreach Center 8745 Supervisor Ave. or  
Colden Elementary 8263 Boston Colden Road

**Please have all donations in by August 8<sup>th</sup> – Thank you!**

For more information call the Outreach Center at 941-3550 or  
Colden Elementary at 941-5218