

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of August 6, 2017

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

During these mid-summer weeks, we have been enjoying a series of parables presented by Jesus in St. Matthew's Gospel. The images used by Jesus to give us insight into the Reign of God are often familiar, practical realities. Today, the calendar causes a break in our numbered Sundays of Ordinary Time with the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast is celebrated every year on the 6th of August but this year the date coincides with a Sunday! The Church recognizes this unique moment in the life of Jesus as important enough to displace a regular Sunday liturgy.

We are blessed to have the Gospel accounts, passed down originally by word of mouth, then written down with four distinct perspectives by authors Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. For the new Church year, beginning December 3rd with the First Sunday of Advent, we will begin a year focused on the Gospel of St. Mark. His is thought to be the first written attempt at a Gospel; a telling of the Good News of Jesus Christ!

As a gift from the Parish, we will provide to every household that wants one, a book that offers Sunday by Sunday reflections on the cultural setting of the Gospel reading from St. Mark. This way of entering into the Scriptures can help us worship more profoundly and deepen our relationship with Jesus. Recall that our Faith Formation is *lifelong*. It is our hope that each of you will choose to begin the new Church year as part of this endeavor. Details to reserve a book for your use will be available in September.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 5	5 pm	Jim Nemecek, by Pat
Sunday, August 6	8:30 am	Virginia Rybak, by Father Jim
	11 am	The Faithful departed.
Monday, August 7	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, August 8	8 am	Jean Rider, by Millie
Wednesday, August 9	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, August 10	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, August 11	8 am	Betty Sypniewski, by the Sypniewski family
Saturday, August 12	5 pm	William & Geraldine Frick, George & Joan Wasinger, by the Frick family
Sunday, August 13	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed

Editor's Note: *In the future, Mass Intentions for 'the Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day' will be referred to as 'For the Faithful Departed'.*

Our next First Friday Mass is September 1st 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.

JEANNE MCINTYRE thanks everyone for all the cards, visits and get well wishes. The **prayer shawl** given to her by the Rosary Altar ladies is adored by her fellow residents at Autumn View! *Thank you all for your compassion and prayers.*

THANK YOU FROM DIANE MARTS *"Thank you for the prayers and cards—they meant so much! Bones take longer to heal as we get older. I keep reminding myself that patience is a virtue. I hope to be back and see you all soon! God Bless,"*

Diane

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are to honor Larry Callieri's mother, Mary Callieri, celebrating her 100th birthday! **Congratulations to Mary,** and thank you, **Larry & Paula Callieri,** for beautifying our worship space!



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!*



WNY HAITI CONNECTION MEETING THURSDAY



Join the many supporters of our Haiti Mission at **Nativity of Our Lord Church** in Orchard Park on **Thursday, August 10th at 7 pm** in the school building. St. George parishioners, Nativity of Our Lord parishioners (Orchard Park), and other interested individuals work together to raise funds to provide dental/medical services and supplies to the people of our twin parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Coq Chante, Haiti. All are welcome to join the effort! Questions? Email **Frank Lewandowski** at flew852k@roadrunner.com.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL The Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states, in part: "*No act of charity is foreign to the Society, nor are there restrictions for those who seek assistance.*" Please contact the Parish Office at 652-3153 if you or any one whom you know is in need of assistance. God bless all.



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

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'!

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED!! If you've made your First Holy Communion and you're interested in participating at Mass in a whole new way, become an **Altar Server!** *We especially need servers for the Saturday Masses.* Please call the office at **652-3153** to volunteer.



PRO-LIFE ROSARY every **Sunday evening 7:15-7:45 pm** in the **Memorare Chapel**. Come join our little band of prayer warriors to pray for Life and other special intentions! Many blessings have been received and prayers answered through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. *Bring your children, to teach them the beauty of praying this powerful prayer.*

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 **\$3,113.00**. Offerings for **Peter's Pence** now total **\$471.00**. **Thank you for your generosity.**

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. We welcome your feedback on this tiny effort to *Care for Creation*. Call the Parish Office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.



WOULD YOU LIKE A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

For over 400 years, Christians—lay, ordained, and religious—have grown in their relationship with Jesus through the **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola**. This retreat is made in the midst of your daily life, from September to early May. The retreatant prays with Scripture each day and meets individually every two weeks with a trained spiritual director.

Sister Marian Baumler, SSMN, is offering this retreat in 2017-18. *The number of retreatants is very limited.* For information or to register, call Sister Marian at **480-1316** by **Sunday, August 27th**. Leave your name and number, and Sister will call you back.

MEDITATION & YOGA AS CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE Taught by certified instructor **Jane Schmitt**, the classes incorporate prayer, meditation, music and weekly Scripture - complementing Christian spiritual practices by preparing the mind for direct, open and prayerful communication with God. The next class at **St. Mary of the Assumption Parish** in Lancaster will be held on **Tuesday, August 8** from **7 - 8 pm** in the Parish Center at St. Mary's Elementary School, 2 St. Mary's Hill (Aurora and St. Joseph Streets). **Additional classes will be held on the following Tuesdays: August 22, September 12 & 26, and October 10 & 24.** Free-will offering. Classes are suitable for everyone from beginners to more experienced yoga students. Bring your own yoga mat. For more information, please contact **Diane Zwirecki** at **683-6445, extension 24** or dianez@stmarysonthehill.org.



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Win a Hawaiian vacation! \$100 ticket



Only 150 tickets will be sold!

**Grand prize - 7 day Maui Oceanfront
Condo & \$1500 for travel costs.**

**Additional prizes - 2 piece American Tourister
luggage set, 2 - \$100 cash prizes**

Travel dates March 4-11, 2018. 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo sleeps 4 (pull out couch),
equipped with limited kitchen. Grills available on property.
The condo is part of the Marriott Ocean Ka'anapali Beach, Maui.
The \$1500 cash prize can be used at the discretion of the winner.

**Each ticket sold admits 2 people into event –
includes appetizers, wine/beer, drawing**

Drawing Party Friday, Oct. 20th – 7-9 pm

Bread of Life Outreach

745 Supervisor Ave., Colden, NY 14033

Winner need not be present to win.

To purchase a ticket go to

www.eventbrite.com(search under Colden, NY) or

call Bread of Life Outreach at 716-941-3550 or

email BOLOutreachevents@gmail.com

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