

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How can one consistently sink an eight-foot putt? What does it take to make ten free throws in a row? When are you able to achieve the perfect dough for piecrust? Would you want your surgery performed by a first year med student? Can we speak a foreign language without exposure to it?

Our day-to-day life teaches us that proficiency at something requires experience and practice. Even with great knowledge and years of experience we see scientists, sports figures and artists occasionally fail in their area of expertise. Knowing this reality can help us understand why we refer to weekly mass attendance as *practicing* our faith. If we are blessed as cradle Catholics, baptized when we were infants, or if we have come to the Catholic faith later in life, we are all involved in an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus. None of us have found the way to a perfect life—lived always in humble adoration and praise of God.

Individually, we have a personal relationship with Jesus that must be prayerfully maintained. We examine our conscience and choose behaviors according what we perceive is in our best interest. Communally, we are called to come together to celebrate the Lord's resurrection each week as the Church, the Body of Christ. Many members, one body of believers, this weekly gathering literally allows the presence of Jesus to unite us and strengthen us in faith. It is this **practice** of our faith that helps us to be successful followers of Christ, to be successful as Christians!

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 12	5 pm	William & Geraldine Frick, George & Joan Wassinger, by the Frick family
Sunday, August 13	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed
Monday, August 14	8 am	Ada Fox, by Millie
Tuesday, August 15	8 am	Feast of the Assumption of Mary (in Church) Irene Szeliga, by the Mieth family
Wednesday, August 16	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, August 17	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, August 18	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, August 19	5 pm	Randall DeWitt, by Debbie & Tony Stellrecht
Sunday, August 20	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed

Our next First Friday Mass will be 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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING BIN

Did you know that all clothing donations placed in the "little blue box" in our lower parking lot are put to good use in the local Buffalo area? Donations are picked up every week or two, and *no donation is wasted*. Please restrict your donations to *bagged clothing only*; no household items. As always, thank you for your continued support through donations to the **Poor Box**. *God bless all.*



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

A HUGE SHOUT OUT to the West Falls Volunteer Fire Company!



Their community spirit and muscle power managed to move **everything** out of the flood-damaged side of our parish hall to the other side in *one short evening!*

We're so grateful for their willingness to help us out with our preparations for painting and new carpet installation in the hall soon. *Thank you!*



ABOUT FATHER JOHN ADAMS

Fr. John joined us for the first time as a guest presider in early July. By now, you may have noticed that he has become more of a 'regular' presence here at St. George, doing some sacramental ministry, as well as weekend Masses. We're very pleased that he will now be regularly celebrating weekend Masses with us on an ongoing basis, rotating with Fr. Jim. He is excited to be with us, and looks forward to getting to know each of you. *Here's a bit of his history:*



As we mentioned in a previous bulletin, Fr. John was ordained on June 7, 2014, and then served as Parochial Vicar and School Liaison for SS. Peter and Paul Church in Hamburg. More recently, he was appointed the Temporary Administrator of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Corfu/East Pembroke, and then in June of this year he was appointed **Associate Director of Priestly Formation** and **Associate Professor in Pastoral Theology** at Christ the King Seminary.

Fr. John grew up in Duquesne, PA; a little steel mill town 12 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, PA. He graduated with a dual degree in Special and Elementary Education from Pennsylvania State University and received his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from UCLA. Fr. John is a licensed Psychologist and a certified School Psychologist. He was former **Director of the Family Center of WNY**, which he founded with the support of **St. Mary's School for the Deaf**, the **United Cerebral Palsy Association (Aspire of WNY)** and the **Foundation for Deaf Education**. The Center serves deaf, hard of hearing, developmentally- and hearing-disabled individuals and their families. He is fluent in sign language and has worked with deaf and hard of hearing individuals and their families for more than 35 years in research and practice.

Once again, welcome to our St. George faith family, Father John!

USCCB-Word of Life: *"God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. ...No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly - everyone should be cherished and protected!"* ~ Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chairman.

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, 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.



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**.

THANK YOU! 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 **\$3,187.00**. **Maintenance and Capital Improvement** offerings totaled **\$625.00**, and offerings for the **Retired Priests' Medical Benefits Fund** were **\$647.00**.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETS TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH at 11 am in the parish hall. Bring along your bag lunch; desserts and beverages will be provided by your hostesses, **Sally Rutkowski** and **Ellen Kociszewski**.

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 *cold cereals*, 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!



Gabe's Closet is open Tues. & Wed. 10 am–2 pm, Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 9 am–1 pm.



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are to honor the **Sojka family**.
*Thank you **Jim & Nancy Sojka**, for beautifying our worship space!*

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

August 13 - 19 Ordinary Time:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 22-33

August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Psalm 45; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

GIVE GREENER! Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the offering check that you write our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our **Online Giving Program**. Simply go to our parish website at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org and sign up in minutes. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. *Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner, as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.*



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