

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading the signs of the times is always a challenge. Our individual situations merge into a complex cultural whole. Often our prayers image this reality by mentioning intentions for the world, our nation, our state, our city, our neighborhood, our family and our own selves. How are we to maintain a healthy balance in such complexity?

As we know, we do not always succeed in perceiving the best path forward. No one does. Most of us, and people in general, are simply trying to do the best we can with what we have. Yes, occasionally, some people choose to be mean, ugly and/or evil. Sadly, evil is a bit addictive and tends to grow and perpetuate itself once embraced. When our view of the situation becomes muddied by the chaos around us it is essential to step back somehow to gain perspective.

Taking time for inner quiet and personal reflection helps us to more clearly perceive our lives and the situations in which we find ourselves. If, as we do this, we accept God's presence in the moment... we find ourselves at prayer! Jesus gives this example time and again in the Gospels. Jesus goes off to pray when trying to understand what is going on around him.

Our trust in the goodness of God is the bedrock of our faith. When we patiently and prayerfully weigh our lives in the light of God's goodness, we can find insight and strength to choose wisely in difficult situations.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 9	5 pm	Candace Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, September 10	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children
Monday, September 11	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, September 12	8 am	Mary & Michael Casciano, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Wednesday, September 13	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 14	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 15	8 am	John & Irene Szeliga, by the Mieth family
Saturday, September 16	5 pm	In celebration of Sally & Ed Rutkowski's 60th Wedding Anniversary , by their family
Sunday, September 17	8:30 am	For Special Blessings, by Anonymous
	11 am	The Living & Deceased members of the Hauser & Danheiser families, by Joseph Hauser.

Our next First Friday Mass will be October 6th 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.

*Let us
pray for...*

Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Barb Songin, Sally Denesha, Jeanne McIntyre, Joe Arcara, Diane Marts, Mike Hayhurst, Rita Kowalik and Jerry Castiglia.

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY, SISTER LORI!

Welcome to senior citizenship ☺, and we all wish you a memorable birthday! May God bless you with health, happiness, and many more birthdays.

Birthday Blessings!

SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST. GEORGE FAITH FORMATION TODAY



100% of your donation stays in our parish and provides vital support to our Lifelong Faith Formation efforts. This includes activities and resources for our K-8 and High School Youth, Parish Faith Festivals, Adult Small Groups, Parish Retreats, and Evangelization efforts. Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated. Please be as generous as you are able!

You may also donate online with WeShare, at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/FF2017.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Memory of Paul Steinwachs and John K. Brown, donated by Mike & Sue Steinwachs. Thank you for enhancing our worship with the beauty of God's flowers!



OUR RHYTHM DRUM CIRCLE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH at 7 pm in the parish hall. *All ages and experience levels are welcome.* For more info, call Lisa Oun at 597-5894 or email lisamjdoun@aol.com.

The **Annual Appeal for Christ the King Seminary** will take place at our church in two weeks. Christ the King welcomes all people who wish to discern God's will in their life, in order to prepare themselves for exploring the questions and ministering to the needs of the contemporary world.

Kindly show your support for the mission of Christ the King, by praying for those preparing for ministry at our seminary, and by giving generously to the annual appeal. Your prayers and your gifts to Christ the King help to ensure the future of the church in our area. For more information about our seminary's mission or programs, or to give online, visit cks.edu.



A BRAINSTORMING MEETING FOR PARISH COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING
Thursday, September 21st at 7 pm in the Gathering Space. *All are welcome!*

Join us for this open meeting and share your ideas about how we can restructure our Parish Council to be productive, efficient, and to provide strong support for the mission and goals of St. George parish.

ALL MINISTERS MEETING All **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers** are asked to attend an important meeting on **Sunday, September 24th at 2 pm** in the Gathering Space, please.



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 on **Sunday, October 15th 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 as soon as possible so that we can register you.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER needs canned soups for the Food Pantry. You may place your donations in the baskets in the Gathering space at church, or bring them to BOLO during regular hours. *Did you know?* The Food Pantry is a member of the Food Bank of WNY. Qualified individuals and families can receive food as well as a clothing allowance for Gabriel's Closet.

Food Pantry: Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1pm.

Gabriel's Closet: Tues. & Wed. 10 am–2 pm, Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1 pm.



WESTERN NEW YORK CATHOLIC The **September issue of the Western New York Catholic** newspaper is available at all entrances. Please take a copy with you today, and perhaps another copy for a shut-in (who might enjoy the paper as well as your visit?)

Save the Date! Our **Blessing of Pets** in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be on **Wednesday, October 4th at 4 pm** in the Parish Picnic Shelter. *Bring your pet friends out to receive a special blessing—all are welcome!*





YOUR OFFERINGS allow our Parish to do so much good for our parish and our community! **Sunday** and **Holy Day Offerings** last week totaled **\$3,378.00**, and offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** totaled **\$688.00**. **Hurricane Harvey** donations total **\$301.00** so far. *May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!*

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is part of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul's** opening prayer at our meetings.



Do you know of a family that needs assistance? Please call the SVdP at 652-3153, so that together we might help them to know that God is indeed "*in the midst of them.*" God bless all, and pray for all who are impacted by disastrous weather events.

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

A FRESH FOCUS ON LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION Get ready to begin a new Church year focused on Lifelong Faith Formation! Request your **FREE** copy of ***The Cultural World of Jesus: Sunday by Sunday***, a week-by-week commentary on the weekly Gospel relevant to the cultural setting of Jesus' time. The new Church year begins on **December 3rd**, the first Sunday of Advent.

Sign Up Today!
CLICK HERE

Call, **email**, or visit the parish office before **September 30th** and **sign up** to receive your copy. You may also request the book online at stgeorgercchurch.org/lff.

LIFELONG Faith Formation for Families with Children

To register for 2017-2018 Lifelong Faith Formation, be sure your family **signs up to receive a copy** of ***The Cultural World of Jesus*** book, offered as a gift from the parish. *When you request the book, please provide us with your phone number and email address, as well as the names and ages of your children.*



HELP WANTED FOR OUTDOOR MASS TENT SET UP

We'd like to celebrate the 5 pm Mass outdoors in conjunction with the **Youth & Parent Meet & Greet evening** next **Saturday, September 16th**, but **we need at least 6 strong people** to help set up the huge tent we've borrowed from the Seminary. If you can help with the tent set up, please join us at **5 pm sharp this Thursday evening, September 14th**, at the parish picnic shelter. If we don't have enough strong people show up to put the tent up safely, we'll simply celebrate our Saturday evening Mass in the picnic shelter, weather permitting.

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!** Please call the office at **652-3153**.

