

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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Week of January 21, 2018

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Truth.** While being interrogated by Pontius Pilate, Jesus stated he had come to testify to the truth, which brought Pilate to ask “*What is truth?*” (John 18:38) Earlier in St. John’s Gospel, Jesus declared to his followers “*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*” (John 14:6)

As a nation, we remember Abraham Lincoln as *honest* Abe and George Washington for admitting he cut down a cherry tree, since he “*could not tell a lie*”. In our justice system, witnesses swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help them God.

As Christians, we Roman Catholics are called to seek truth, honor truth and even defend truth from error. As citizens of the United States, we are responsible to hold ourselves and one another to a high standard of honesty for the good of the nation.

We at St. George are a small faith community in a rural area and seemingly isolated from much of the turmoil of the world. However, we too are woven into the fabric of the Church and our nation. May we pray for and practice habits of truth and the promotion of truth everywhere.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 20	5 pm	Richard Malek, by friends & coworkers of Cindy & Butch Weeks
Sunday, January 21	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Monday, January 22	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, January 23	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, January 24	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, January 25	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, January 26	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, January 27	5 pm	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Sunday, January 28	8:30 am	Marie Bake, Mary Ann Pietrzak
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed

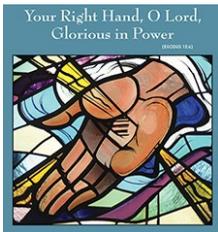
**Our next First Friday Mass will be on February 2nd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.  
Confession: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the Church.**

*Let us pray for...*

Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Sally Denesha, Jeanne McIntyre,  
Joe Arcara, Daniel Sojka, and Stan Kociszewski.

### JANUARY 18-25 IS A WORLDWIDE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power (Exodus 15:6)*



During this week of prayer, Christians across the world will bear witness to Jesus's prayer for his disciples that "**they may be one so that the world may believe.**" Christians worldwide are invited to:

- pray for the unity of all Christians
- reflect on scripture together
- participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services
- share fellowship

Learn more at [www.weekofprayer.ca/2018-week-prayer-christian-unity-theme](http://www.weekofprayer.ca/2018-week-prayer-christian-unity-theme).

You help us to reach others with the Good News of God's love by being both a **disciple** and a **follower**—'like' us on **Facebook** and 'follow' us on **Twitter** and **Google+**. *Thanks!*



**VOCATION VIEW** Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John from their work as fishermen to apostleship. *How is Jesus calling you? Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister?* If God is calling you to a Church vocation call **Fr. Andrew Lauricella** at **716-847-5535**. You can also check out the *Priest of the Month* stories on our website – [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER THIS WEEKEND

Since 2009, the **Bread of Life Outreach Center**, affectionately nicknamed **BOLO**, has served the needs of our neighbors here in West Falls, Colden, Holland, Boston and surrounding areas. In 2017 our **Food Pantry**, a member of the **Food Bank of WNY**, saw an increase of 24% in the individuals we served and the quantity of food provided to them.



**Gabriel's  
Closet**

BOLO is a totally self-funded, all-volunteer organization and depends on the generous support of our fundraisers, organizations, churches and individuals like you to provide for these needs. We truly appreciate the gifts of time, talent and treasure of the St. George Parish family. **All proceeds of this collection go directly to BOLO.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

You may also donate online at [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/BOLO](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/BOLO).

### THEME BASKETS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION February 4th!

Your thoughtful, generous, and creative **Theme Basket donations** contribute **immensely** to the success of this fundraiser! When yours is ready, you may leave it in the cupboard on the Parish Office porch at any time.



**Remember to join us on Sunday, February 4th, from 9 am - 1 pm** for a hearty and delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage and beverage for **\$6 per adult, \$4 per child (under 10)**. Tickets are available at the door, or purchase online at [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/PancakeBreakfast2018](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/PancakeBreakfast2018).

*Volunteers are needed to serve during or clean up after the breakfast. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church. Thank you!*



Your **Charitable Contribution Statements** for 2017 may be picked up at all Masses this weekend and next, or in the Parish Office during our regular operating hours: **Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm**. We are closed on Wednesdays.

**ANNULMENT WORKSHOP** on **Tuesday, February 13** from **7 - 9 pm** at the UB North Newman Center, 495 Skimmersville Rd., Amherst. The session will include information on the *recent changes* in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. For additional information, call **Barbara** at **716-633-7786** or email [BJWTR@aol.com](mailto:BJWTR@aol.com). Walk-ins welcome. More at [www.buffalodiocese.org/trbl-annulment](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/trbl-annulment).

### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ONLINE

Do you have a **name, address, email address** or **phone number change** we should know about? *Please let us know!*

Visit [stgeorgercchurch.org/update](http://stgeorgercchurch.org/update) and fill out the online form.





## YOU HELP US FULFILL OUR MISSION OF MERCY

We are so grateful for you, our St. George parish family, and for the gifts which you share with us. Your generosity enables us to support and expand our community outreach and lifelong faith formation efforts as we journey in faith together.

**Sunday and Holy Day offerings last week were \$3,232.00. Initial Offerings for Envelopes now total \$345.00. Offerings for Maintenance and Capital Improvements total \$806.00.**

*Thank you so much!*

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.



**Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?** We are looking for a few interested individuals. Please call the Parish Office at 652-3153 for more information. God bless all.

*Join us in Praying the Rosary in the Memorare Chapel Monday evenings at 7 pm.*

### READINGS FOR January 28, 2017

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

### CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS SATURDAYS



Join other men of faith **every Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30 am** in the Parish Hall kitchen to share some coffee, scripture, and fellowship.

Questions? Email **Paul** at [kalinski@gmail.com](mailto:kalinski@gmail.com) or **Matt** at [his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com](mailto:his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com).



**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK** will be at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Thursday, January 25th**, from **3-5 pm**, distributing perishable foods to ANYONE in the community. *You don't have to be a member of the food pantry to participate.* Bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods, and be sure to bring your *picture ID*.

### SIGN UP FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM ST. GEORGE CHURCH

**Get information about happenings at St. George right on your phone or tablet!**

The Parish Office is test-driving a free messaging service called **Remind**. We invite you to join our **All Parishioners group** by **texting @stg002 to 81010**, or **(540) 904-4270**. You'll receive a welcome message from **Remind**.



*Don't have a mobile phone?* Go to [rmd.at/stg002](http://rmd.at/stg002) on your computer or tablet to sign up for email notifications.



## Sign up for important updates from St George Church.

Get information for St George Parishioners right on your phone—not on handouts.

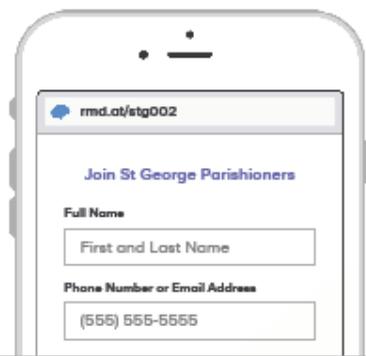
Pick a way to receive messages for St George Parishioners:

- A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/stg002](http://rmd.at/stg002)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



- B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

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\* Standard text message rates apply.



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