

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Faith Formation, the basic lesson recommended for beginners is “**God is good.**” The primary grades center on brief, clear messages like “**God made us**” and “**God loves us**”. Of course, as we age, we need to expand our understanding of what these messages mean in the concrete realities of our lives. It is a lifelong challenge to integrate belief in God’s love with our sense of self and our understanding of the world around us.

It is with joy that I share with you the happy reality that in addition to several newly registered families in our Parish and our newly baptized infants, we are preparing two young adults to join our Roman Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil this year. Ariel, a young woman attending Penn State, has seen the lively faith of her West Seneca neighbor and has asked to be baptized. She is properly called a *catechumen* and is seeking to be baptized, confirmed and receive her First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Jake, a young man whose employment has challenged his ability to attend traditional RCIA sessions, has been in weekly contact with me by email as he seeks to be welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Since Jake has been baptized as a Christian already, he is called a *candidate for full communion* and will profess our Creed and be confirmed and receive Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

It is by the living out of our faith that others are attracted to know and love Jesus. Here at St. George, we can rejoice that the message of God’s love is being proclaimed!

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 3	5 pm	Raymond D. Perreault, by Ray Perreault
Sunday, February 4	8:30 am	Joseph Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
	11 am	For the Faithful Departed
Monday, February 5	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, February 6	8 am	Joseph G. Tracy, by the Tara family
Wednesday, February 7	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, February 8	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, February 9	8 am	Don & Elizabeth Schmidle, by Art & Carol Schmidle & family
Saturday, February 10	5 pm	Dave Davin, by Ray Perreault
Sunday, February 11	8:30 am	Beverly Kathryn Bierl, by Shirley & Richard Smith
	11 am	Stephanie McCormick O'Connor, by the McCormick family

**Our next First Friday Mass will be on March 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, Stan Kociszewski, and John Nichter.

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE Memory making sometimes means sharing one of your own childhood memories with your son or daughter. Think of a funny, sad, or meaningful experience (or even a mistake from your childhood) and entrust it to your child. It doesn't cost anything, but it can bring you closer together.

(By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net)



FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES begin on **February 18th**, from **9:40 – 10:50 am** in the Faith Formation area of the Parish Hall. Subsequent classes are planned for **February 25th** and **March 4th** during the same time. If your child is ready to prepare for First Reconciliation, contact the Parish Office at 652-3153 (only if you have not already spoken with Jan Gawrys about your child making First Reconciliation).



First
Reconciliation

GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE FLU VIRUS

The best way to prevent the spread of contagious diseases is to practice good hygiene, such as washing your hands frequently with soap and water. In addition to these customary measures of flu prevention, Bishop Malone issued guidelines this week regarding the prevention of further illness. The recommendations are online at stgeorgercchurch.org/documents/2018/1/FluOutbreakDirectives1.22.2018.pdf



The **February Parish Calendar** is now available at the Church entrances. Take a copy home with you today, or download it [online](#).

Pancake
Breakfast

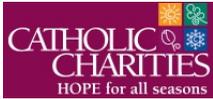


SUNDAY IS OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION!

JOIN US on Sunday from 9 am - 1 pm for a hearty and delicious breakfast for \$6 per adult, \$4 per child (under 10).

The Theme Basket auction winners will be drawn at **12:30 pm**
– **be sure to get your basket tickets in before 12:30!**

(Winners need not be present, but winning ticket stubs must be presented at the Parish Office by March 1st to claim prizes.)



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, especially those who are struggling. **Catholic Charities** offers basic, emergency assistance such as food, housing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the 2018 Appeal helps us provide food to the hungry, clothing to the naked and shelter to the homeless. In the coming weeks, we'll provide you with more information about the 2018 Appeal. *We're delighted to announce that our very own **Kathleen Lell** has graciously agreed to be the Catholic Charities Chairperson for our parish this year.*

FREE KIDS' MUSIC CLASS AT **BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER**

Join **Miss Sarah** and **Mr. Froggy** for a free 45-minute music class where children are invited to sing, dance and get their wiggles out on **Saturday, February 24th at 10:30 am**. All ages are welcome, but the class is designed for younger children from birth to 8 years. **Gabriel's Closet Thrift Shop** will be open during this time and all kids will take home a book!



The February issue of the **Western New York Catholic** newspaper is now 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?)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 10** Confirmation Candidate Session 1 - 3 pm in Parish Hall
- Feb. 11** **Lenten Faith Fest** 9:40 - 10:50 am in **Parish Hall**
- Feb. 14** **Ash Wednesday** Mass 8 am, Communion Service 7 pm in Church
- Feb. 15** Parish Council Meeting 7 pm in Parish Office
- Feb. 16** Stations of the Cross 8:30 am in Chapel, by Rosary Altar Society
- Feb. 18** First Reconciliation Class 9:40 am in Parish Hall
- Feb. 23** Stations of the Cross 7 pm in Chapel, by St. Vincent de Paul Society

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 **\$2,782.50**. Offerings for Catholic Relief Services were **\$548.00**, and offerings for our **Bread of Life Outreach Center** now total **\$1,985.00**. Donations may still be made online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/BOLO, or place your specially marked "BOLO" envelope in the offering basket. *Thank you so much!*



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 24TH

Catholic Women of Buffalo, Inc. invites all women to the 3rd Annual Buffalo Catholic Women's Conference, ***The Heart of a Woman***, on **Saturday, February 24th** at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Tonawanda, NY. Conference Speakers are **Sister Tatum McWhirter, Kate Wicker, Dr. Janet E. Smith** and **Bishop Richard J. Malone**. Tickets are \$35. Call **222-0622** for more info or to register.

SAVE THE DATE! The **16th Annual WNY Catholic Men's Conference** will be held on **Saturday, March 10th** at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Tonawanda.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. **Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. God bless all.**



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

READINGS FOR February 11, 2018

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B)
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Charitable Contribution Statements may be picked up in the Parish Office during our regular operating hours:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. We are closed on Wednesdays.



SAFE TRAVELS, FATHER JIM!

We won't be seeing much of Father Jim during the month of February, as he's joining a mission to Guatemala for the first week of the month, and he'll be enjoying some vacation time in Florida for the last two weeks of February. Let us pray that he'll be healthy and safe during his travels. We're grateful to Father John and the other clergy who have offered to celebrate the Masses in Father Jim's absence.

St. George Parish Lent 2018



Wednesday, Feb. 14th – 8:00am Mass in Church
Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Communion Service in Church

**Friday, Feb. 16th – 8:00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross led
by Rosary Altar Society – Chapel**

**Friday, Feb. 23rd – 7:00pm Stations of the Cross led by the St. Vincent
DePaul Society - Chapel**

**Friday, March 2nd – 8:00am Mass followed by Adoration til noon –Chapel
– 7:00pm – Children’s Stations of the Cross – Church**

**Friday, March 9th – 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross led by the Parish
Council – Church**

**Friday, March 16th - 6:00pm – Soup and Bread Supper – Hall
7:00pm – Shadow Stations of the Cross – Church**

Friday, March 23rd - Stations time/place : TBA – watch bulletin for info.

Sat. March 24/25 – Masses of Passion/Palm Sunday – (Reg. times) Church

**Holy Thursday, March 29th – No Mass at St. George Church –
All are invited to join in the Mass of the Lord’s Supper
at Christ the King Seminary Chapel – 7:00pm.
Following the celebration, the Blessed Sacrament will be
brought for reposition in our Memorare Chapel until 10pm.**

Good Friday, March 30th – 3:00pm – The Passion of the Lord – Church

Holy Saturday, March 31st – 8:30pm – The Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1st – Masses at 8:30am and 11:00am



NEWS EXTRAS

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 kalinskip@gmail.com or **Matt** at his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com.

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From: Mary Beth Coates
Director, Lifelong Faith Formation
Diocese of Buffalo

We are seeking to fill an open position ASAP!

Maybe it is you or maybe you know the person we need! The Project Assistant is a part-time (3days/wk) position at the Catholic Center and is designed to make use of the gifts, talents, and experience of someone who has been working in faith formation/parish ministry long enough to understand the real resources needed from the diocese. This position will be responsible for curating content to support the development of parish faith formation programs as well as coordinate details for special projects. If you (or someone you know) is motivated by the vision of Pope Francis and sees this vision growing in the Diocese of Buffalo, please check out this posting (or share it):

<https://www.buffalodiocese.org/documents/Human%20Resources/Project%20Assistant%20pt%20lifelong%20faith%20formation%2001222018.pdf>

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RURAL OUTREACH CENTER LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS The Rural Outreach Center is looking for volunteer drivers. They will supply the vehicle (van). Please call for more information 240-2220.

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MONSIGNOR MAGUIRE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST 2018 What would you do and say, if the Lord was knocking at your door today? The Msgr. Maguire Scholarship Essay Contest is sponsored by The Catholic Diocese of Buffalo Holy Name Society. The contest is for seniors graduating during the 2018 Academic Year. All contestants must fill out forms stating the accredited college he or she will be attending in September 2018. The scholarship grant is awarded by the trustees of the Msgr. Maguire Scholarship Fund on a competitive essay basis. They are judged according to Accuracy, Originality, Sensitivity, Neatness, Length (500-600 words) and a statement from the contestants teacher or guidance counselor verifying the works to be that of the contestant. Applications are available in the Rectory and are due by April 20, 2018.

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PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY Christ the King Seminary will sponsor a Pilgrimage to Italy and Sicily for twelve days, April 21-3, 2018. Father Joe Gatto and Msgr. Rich Siepka invite you to join them beginning in Palermo and traveling for six days throughout the island of Sicily. You will then journey by ferry to the mainland of Italy to Sorrento on the Amalfi Coast and on to Rome including an audience with Pope Francis. Price of the tour is \$3,979 per person leaving from Buffalo. For a more detailed itinerary and reservation information, please contact Nadine at noates@cks.edu or call 6557092.