

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

Many of our St. George parishioners occasionally attend weekend Mass at other parishes for a variety of reasons. While the Roman Catholic Mass is universal in its format, during the Lenten Season parishes with catechumens and candidates use the **A** year readings rather than our **B** year readings for the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. Our Breaking Bread missals include these **A** year readings and the variety of rites included in the RCIA process. If you attend Mass at another parish in the coming weeks and wonder why the readings are different, it reflects that they are a community preparing to welcome new members at the Easter Vigil.

We, too, are assisting two young people to become Roman Catholics at Easter. Jake and Ariel are twenty-somethings who do not *fit* into the standard RCIA format. As they searched for a way to follow their call from God, they were directed to inquire here at St. George if we could adapt to their needs. Fr. Jim and I discussed the options available and we consulted with the Diocesan Offices to develop an *e-RCIA*. Since their life schedules and commitments prevent them from being physically present with us each week, we will continue with the year **B** readings at St. George during Lent.

The scripture readings chosen for Lent are meant to teach us and reinforce our belief in Jesus as the Light of the World, the Way, the Truth and the Life, the Beloved Son of God and our suffering Lord, who by his selfless love saves us from sin.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 24	5 pm	Eugene Wolf, by Rose
Sunday, February 25	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	Susie Holcomb, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Monday, February 26	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, February 27	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, February 28	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, March 1	8 am	Communion Service
First Friday, March 2	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, March 3	5 pm	Deceased members of the Donato Morgante family, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Sunday, March 4	8:30 am	For the Faithful Departed
	11 am	Kathy Tullar, by her family

Our First Friday Mass will be on March 2nd at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

Let us
pray for...

Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Sally Denesha, Joe Arcara, Daniel Sojka, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Rita Kowalik, Pat Whittington and Sally Tanner.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS & DINNER AT THE SEMINARY

We invite all parishioners to attend the **7 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*** on **Holy Thursday, March 29th** at **Christ the King Seminary**. (*No Mass at St. George Church.*) The Seminary community will gather for supper at **5:15 pm in the Dining Hall**, and anyone wishing to do so may sign up to join them for this meal prior to the Mass. To defray the cost of the meal, a \$13 donation is requested, but not required. *Those of our parish family who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and fellowship, and the clergy were grateful for our presence at Mass!*

We're taking dinner reservations in our Parish Office until March 18th.

Call **652-3153**, email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, or visit stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/HolyThursdayDinner to reserve your dinner.

After the Holy Thursday Mass at the Seminary, the Blessed Sacrament will be brought for reposition in our Memorare Chapel until 10 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI

Kindly keep our **Confirmation candidates** in your prayers as they journey with Christ to Confirmation! Pictured at right, in no particular order, are: **Marc Meissner, Nathaniel Ploetz, Kelsey Robertson, Robert Offhaus, Hanna Westfall, and Joshua Oun.**



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2018 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL UNDERWAY!



We have begun this year's Appeal with an incredible first weekend of Lent! As of February 19th, our parish has already contributed **\$36,460.00** to Catholic Charities!

If you didn't already receive your personalized **2018 Appeal Pledge Card** in the mail, cards will be available in the Gathering Space at all Masses throughout Lent. Donate online at ccwny.org/donation "**Love your neighbor.**" Gal. 5:14

DONATE OTC MEDICINES FOR HAITI

We're collecting over-the-counter medicines for our twin parish in Haiti this weekend and next, **March 3-4**. We need **tylenol, ibuprofen, antacids, vitamins, cold and cough medicines, eye and ear drops, antifungal creams, antibiotic creams, hydrocortisone cream** and any other **new and unopened medicines. Toothbrushes and toothpaste** are also needed.



Please place your donations in the box in the back of the church during the above weekends, and the collected items will be sent to Haiti on the sea container in April.

Thank you all for your donations; the people of our twin parish greatly appreciate your generosity.

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: kalinski@gmail.com** or **Matt: his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com**.

NEW COMMUNION SONG Father Jim has hopes that the simple, repetitive refrain of the song "*Christ Is Our Life*" might help us prayerfully participate in the hymn during communion time. The words for this refrain are on the back cover of our Breaking Bread hymnals. We are grateful to our music ministers for their efforts to introduce this song to us.



CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS on **Friday, March 2nd** will be in the church at **7 pm**. Our **children** will lead us in the Stations. On **Friday, March 9th** our **Parish Council members** will guide us through the Stations of the Cross in church.

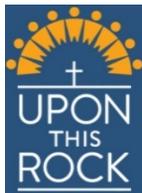
BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER needs canned soups, canned pasta and spaghetti sauce for the Food Pantry. You may place your donations in the baskets in the Gathering space at church, or bring them to BOLO during regular hours. Thank you for your support of our mission!



The **March** Parish Calendar is now available at the Church entrances. Take a copy home with you today, or download it **online**.

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 **\$2,069.00**. Offerings for our **Mission in Kenya** now total **\$970.00**, and offerings for **Black & Native American Missions** total **\$324.00**.



UPON THIS ROCK UPDATE Disbursement of Upon This Rock money to contributing parishes takes place twice a year on **January 31** and **July 31**. St. George parish has received the first installment of our share of the proceeds of the UTR campaign; **\$1,420.00**. These monies are earmarked for **accessibility and climate control improvements** to the Church.

Thank-you to all who have pledged and contribute to Upon This Rock.

READINGS FOR March 4, 2018

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (29B)

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

PRAY FOR OUR HAITI DENTAL MISSION

Frank Lewandowski is at our Mission in Haiti with a team of volunteer dentists and lay people. This week they will make partial dentures and perform hundreds of tooth extractions and fillings, for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. *Please pray for the team's health and safety, and a successful mission.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Lent is a call not just to *give up something* but, more importantly, to *give something for the poor*. Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they look to us for help. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist families in need with their food, utilities, rent and other bills. *God bless all.*



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

TRANSPORT NEEDED FOR DON MURRAY Don is a disabled parishioner who can no longer drive, so he needs some help getting to and from Saturday Mass at St. George each week. The two ladies who normally drive him to/from Mass have some upcoming conflicts with travel and other commitments, so we're asking for your help in finding volunteers who might be willing to help get Don to/from Mass. Don lives next door to the **Colden Country Kitchen**, and he needs a ride in a *vehicle that doesn't require him to climb up in order to get in*. If you and your vehicle might meet Don's needs, would you kindly call the parish office at 652-3153? Thanks for considering this help for our brother in need.

COLDEN HISTORIAN TO SPEAK AT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER

Joe Marren, Colden's Town Historian, will **share his knowledge of historic Colden churches on Tuesday, February 27th at 7 pm** at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center**. Come out for a *free, all-ages* evening of entertainment. Non-perishable food donations welcome!



Lenten

REFLECTIONS

Week of Sunday, February 25th – Saturday, March 3rd

FEBRUARY 25 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

We can profess to know Jesus but then act like he is merely an acquaintance. Through our baptism, we stand with the entire communion of saints who can testify to the power of Jesus. Yet, our baptism can at times seem like an event many years ago without any real bearing on our lives today. This Lent, make no mistake: Jesus is alive and well and standing in unity with all the saints. We have the baptismal call to testify to that reality. As we enter into these Lenten mysteries — although we may not fully understand the power of Our God — we must be mindful that he is Our Lord yesterday, today, and forever.

▶ *What does my baptismal call really mean to me?*

FEBRUARY 26

During Lent, we are called to repent and turn back toward God. That is only made possible by the mercy that our Father has for each of us. No one is too far away from God to return. No one has sinned to the point where God pulls back His mercy. We are all sinners before God, but by His grace, we can all be saved. Take God up on His offer of mercy. Return to Him and rest in His love.

▶ *When was the last time I received the Sacrament of Penance?*

FEBRUARY 27

Humility does not mean we are not created as special beings. In fact, by virtue of being created in the image of God, we are special. Humility means that we know who God is and that we are not God. We do not try to raise ourselves above each other for we are all created as sons and daughters of God. Humility means we recognize that all we have and all we are is because of God. We are special, but we are nothing without God.

▶ *Have I truly been humble in my relationships with others and with God?*

FEBRUARY 28

Kindness should know no limit. Whether we are engaged in systematic kindness towards others or looking for ways to perform random acts of kindness, we need to do so freely and without reservation. The kindness we show to one another will come back to us from Our Lord multiplied many times over. When we are kind to one another, we acknowledge and honor the Jesus within him or her.

▶ *Who is a person I need to show extra kindness toward before this Lent is over?*

COMING
MARCH 12, 13, 14, 2018
7PM

SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS

Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, Albert Haase, OFM, is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and radio personality. A former missionary to mainland China for over eleven years, he is the author of nine books on popular spirituality and the presenter on four bestselling DVDs. He has trained spiritual directors for ten years. Over 3 nights, he will lead us in a parish mission entitled SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS.

We will explore the identity of our God proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with a cross. We will also explore the challenges and responsibilities we accept when we seal our lives with the sign of our salvation.



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