

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday

The fifty days of Easter begin with this unique first eight days where each day is considered an additional Easter Sunday! An octave of eight days to initiate us into the JOY and MYSTERY of God's saving strength and love revealed through Jesus. In today's Gospel we gain a bit of insight into how mind-boggling the concept of *resurrection* was for the first believers. I think we often overlook how blessed we are by the two thousand year old tradition of faith and doctrines that we inherit. Every item of our Creed has been wrestled over—intellectually, of course—but quite often with physical conflicts as well.

Embracing the Catholic faith is no small matter. While we may be Catholic simply because we were raised in a Catholic family, ownership of our faith—actually embracing it with our whole mind, heart, spirit and strength—is something to be worked at with diligence. In our busy lives, though, we can become complacent about contemplating our faith. It becomes a *Sunday* thing, or a *Christmas and Easter* thing, or a *baptize, marry & bury 'em* thing. Living our faith is definitely enhanced by sharing it with others, but *the personal embracing of it* is our individual challenge.

Throughout this Easter season, the Gospel message of Jesus will promise the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. It is this Holy Spirit of Jesus which ignites hearts with faith in goodness and love. The Spirit is given freely to all, but we might resist it, harden our hearts to it, or dismiss it as unnecessary for us. Perhaps the first gift of the Spirit that we pray for this Easter could be COURAGE. May we be brave enough to embrace our scarred yet glorious Savior and give Him reign over our lives.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 7	5 pm	Richard Malek, by Glen & Cindy Weeks
Sunday, April 8	8:30 am	Lee Selby, by Alice & Tom Dziulko & family
	11 am	Mary Jane (Hanley) Wise, by Norm & Donna
Monday, April 9	8 am	Mary Tebo, by Larry Bochen
Tuesday, April 10	8 am	Father Albert Hansen, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Wednesday, April 11	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, April 12	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, April 13	8 am	Janice Nichter, by John & Ellen Nichter
Saturday, April 14	5 pm	Sophie Cook, by Larry Bochen
Sunday, April 15	8:30 am	Thomas G. Cumiskey, by the Estate
	11 am	Sally Denesha, by Rita Kowalik

**Our next First Friday Mass will be on May 4th 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, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Cheri Henning and Ellen Nichter.



SUNDAY IS OUR FAITH FEST! Join us for our **Community Outreach Faith Fest** in the parish hall at **9:40 am**. Guests from the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** and **Haiti Mission** will share a bit about their outreach efforts, and we'll enjoy a sing-a-long, fun activities, an Easter egg hunt, fellowship and refreshments!

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

Members and interested guests are invited to join us to pray the rosary, share lunch and fellowship, and participate in our first meeting of this year on **Tuesday, April 17th** at **11 am** in the parish hall. Bring your rosary and a sandwich. Hostesses **Pat Nemeč & Margaret Morris** will provide dessert.



HOLY THURSDAY DINNER AND MASS The dinner and Mass on **Holy Thursday** at Christ the King Seminary made for a very special and blessed evening! 47 members of our St. George faith family shared this special day with the clergy and seminarians, and they then joined us here at St. George on **Good Friday** afternoon for the **Passion of the Lord**, almost filling our church! It was a wonderful sight to see and their presence greatly enriched our worship experience.

REST IN PEACE, THELMA ECKERT (nee Hammond) Thelma, a parishioner of St. George many years ago, passed away on **Friday, March 2, 2018**, at the age of 83. She was the wife of the late Charles A. Eckert, Sr. A Memorial Mass for Thelma will be celebrated here at **10 am Saturday, April 14th**. We pray for comfort and healing for her loved ones, and that Thelma might have eternal rest.

OUR HAITI MISSION FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST is **Sunday, April 22nd** from **9 am – 1 pm**. Join us for a delicious French toast and sausage breakfast and a Theme Basket auction. (*Winners will be drawn at 12:45 pm.*) Tickets are **\$7.00 per adult** and **\$4.00 per child**, and you can buy them on **Saturday, April 21st** before the 5 pm Mass, or **on the morning of the breakfast**.



We need more of your inventive & creative Theme Baskets, please!



KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT - APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) **Office of Child and Youth Protection** provides helpful *child abuse prevention and reporting resources*, as well as *support for victims of abuse* at usccb.org/about/child-and-youth-protection/.

SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, the Feast of Mercy. The message of the Divine Mercy is that God loves us – all of us. And he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.



The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

Ask for His Mercy. *God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.*

Be merciful. *God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.*

Completely trust in Jesus. *God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.*

Divine Mercy Chaplets are available at the church entrances.



Bishop Malone and his Presbyteral Council are currently looking into ways to promote both the spiritual welfare of priests and the liturgical life of each parish. They are particularly concerned about the number and quality of Masses celebrated at each parish. With a declining number of priests, we should not expect priests to celebrate more liturgies on a weekend than are needed; and fewer Masses with larger attendance would encourage more vibrant celebrations of the Eucharist.

The Bishop is asking all parishes to engage in a collaborate effort to look at Mass schedules and Mass attendance. This will be coordinated at the Vicariate level with suggestions to be sent to a Diocesan Task Force that has been established by the Bishop. *Engagement in this process at the parish level will be vital in creating a revised and coordinated Vicariate Mass schedule that will promote the physical and spiritual well-being of priests as well as provide quality liturgical celebrations in each parish.*

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW WHEN WE HAVE AN OUTAGE OR EMERGENCY

Help us to reach you quickly with parish alerts and messages, directly to your phone or tablet, free! Text **@stg002** to **81010**, or visit rmd.at/stg002.





You are, truly, the Spirit and Heart of St. George Parish! Your weekly offerings, maintenance offerings, and special collection donations allow our Parish to keep the message of the Risen Jesus alive in our community. **Sunday and Holy Day offerings last week totaled \$3,619.37.** Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements offerings were \$684.00,** and **Holy Land offerings totaled \$290.00.** *Thank you for your generosity!*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: *“Peace be with you!”* During Mass we turn to each other and say *“Peace be with you!”* **As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, you are saying “Peace be with you!” to the poor and hungry.** On this Divine Mercy Sunday let us all say, *“Jesus, I trust in you.”*



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2018



The Catholic Charities Appeal continues this weekend. We thank you for loving and uplifting those who are most in need in Western New York by contributing to Catholic Charities. You may continue to pledge/donate to the 2018 Appeal until the end of May. Visit the parish office, or call Catholic Charities at **218-1400,** or donate online at ccwny.org/donation.

As of **April 6th,** our parish has contributed **\$49,217.00** to Catholic Charities, **80%** of our goal of **\$61,800.00.** *Thank you!*

READINGS FOR April 15, 2018

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, (47B)
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
I John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48



ST. GEORGE GROUP TRIP TO SEE ANNIE!

We're getting folks together to see the play at the [Springville Center for the Arts](#) on **Sunday, May 20th at 2 pm.** The group ticket price is **\$10.00** each. *Want to join us?* Call or leave a message for Donna at **(716) 725-3240.**

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: The *Feast of the Annunciation* is celebrated nine months before Christmas, but this liturgical year, Palm Sunday fell on March 25th. As a Church, we wait to celebrate additional holy days until after Holy Week and the Easter Octave have concluded. So for this liturgical year, **we celebrate the Annunciation on April 9th.**

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS Fr. John Adams and the Ecumenical Ministerium of East Aurora invite you to **“Sing of the Lord's Goodness”, Sunday, April 29th at 3 pm** at the St. John Vianney Chapel of Christ the King Seminary. Many area choral groups will perform, including the **Word of God Sign Choir.** Free-will offerings are gratefully accepted.

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



COMMUNITY OUTREACH FAITH FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 8, 2018
9:40 am - 10:50 am

Speakers from
Bread of Life &
Haiti Mission

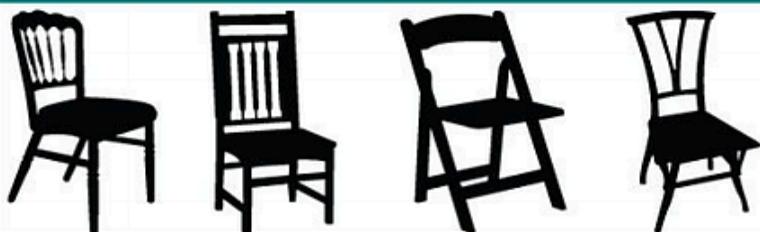
Fun Activities &
Sing-a-long

Easter Egg
Hunt

Easter Craft
Project

Refreshments
&
Fellowship

Come and Celebrate With Our Parish Family!



SEATS FOR EATS



GOURMET CHAIR-ITY EVENT



APRIL 24, 6-9 PM

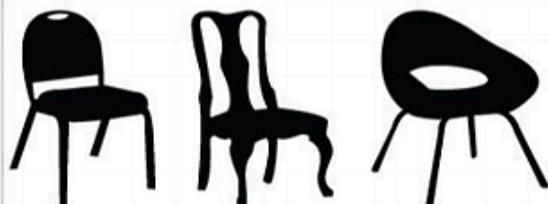
at the Colden Fire Hall to benefit
the Bread of Life Outreach Center

SILENT AUCTION

WINE DRAW

GOURMET FOOD, WINE & BEER

\$25 PER PERSON



EAST AURORA'S ECUMENICAL MINISTERIUM PRESENTS

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

SUNDAY
APRIL 29, 2018
3:00 PM

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHAPEL

Christ the King Seminary
711 Knox Road
East Aurora, NY 14052

FREE-WILL OFFERING

Baker Memorial United
Methodist Church Choir

Christ the King Seminarian Ensemble

Christ the King Seminary Schola

First Church of Christ, Scientist Soloist

First Presbyterian Church of
East Aurora Children's Choir

St. Matthias's Episcopal Choir

Gretchen Golibersuch,
accompanied by Robert Sowyrda
Baker Memorial United Methodist Church

Fr. Timothy Reimer, Rector
St. Luke's Anglican Church

Katerina Schuer
First Baptist Church

GUEST PERFORMANCE

Word of God Sign Choir
Deaf Apostolate Sign Performers
Resurrection Catholic Church, Cheektowaga



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 2018

Saint Bernadette Church
5930 South Abbott Rd. Orchard Park
716-649-3090 + www.saintbopny.org

Begins at 3:00 PM

**Come Celebrate this
Wonderful Feast Day and
receive the many Graces and Blessings
Jesus promised to those who worthily receive Him
in the Eucharist on this day!**

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
- **Benediction**

***As an "Act of Mercy," please bring a non-perishable food item
for donation to a local food pantry.**