

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Sr. Lori High, SSMN, Parish Administrator

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Week of April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

After more than a year of consideration, Father Jim and I have made the decision to change our Sunday Mass schedule. As our Church calendar returns to Ordinary Time on May 26-27, we will celebrate weekend Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturdays and 10:00 AM on Sundays. This simplification of the Mass schedule will cause some adjustments in many of our Sunday morning routines. We apologize for any discomfort you may experience. However, we are confident that, after some weeks of experiencing this transition, our Masses will be fuller and our sense of community enhanced.

The Diocese as a whole is presently studying ways to consolidate worship experiences to encourage larger attendance at liturgies and to reduce the number of Masses that priests are required to preside over. In the coming months, you may well hear of other churches consolidating masses. We are living through some challenging times in the local Catholic Church. It may help to remember that despite whatever we encounter, we are doing it as the Church we profess as *one, holy, catholic and apostolic*.

The head of our Church is also the ruler of our hearts: Jesus, the Christ of God. Hopefully, our faith is focused and based sufficiently on God, and God's blessings upon us, to uphold us and draw us through times of troubles and uncertainty. We hope that our 10:00 AM Sunday morning Mass time accommodates most of our parishioners' needs, and that it may even welcome home some who have been apart from us for a while.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 28	5 pm	Sally Denesha, by the Tara family
Sunday, April 29	8:30 am	Richard Romanowski, by the Estate
	11 am	The Hauser & Danheiser families, by Joseph Hauser
Monday, April 30	8 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Tuesday, May 1	8 am	Cheri Henning, by Norm & Donna
Wednesday, May 2	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, May 3	8 am	Communion Service
First Friday, May 4	8 am	John & Joyce Ambrosoli, by the Estate
Saturday, May 5	5 pm	Remembering Dick Solak on his birthday, by the Lell family
Sunday, May 6	8:30 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
	11 am	Dan Birmingham, by Father Jim

**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, Bill Tanner and Ellen Nichter.



GOD SALED US THROUGH THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND RENEWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. (Titus 3:5)
CONFIRMATION



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH as they journey in faith at their **Confirmation Retreat** this weekend.

May the Father fill you with his Love, may Jesus Christ bring you Hope, and may the Spirit strengthen your faith all the days of your life.

THE WOMEN OF ST. GEORGE PARISH ARE INVITED to the annual **Women's Appreciation Luncheon** at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** on **Saturday, May 12th** at **11 am**. Our guests for the occasion will be *The Leary Sisters*. Please **RSVP** to **Marcia Wilger** at **652-1596** by **May 6th**. St. Paul's church is located at 53 West Falls Road, near Mill Road.

Women's Luncheon



greeters

IS THERE A GREETER IN YOU? Our small, faithful group of volunteer ushers/greeters welcome, guide and assist people as we assemble for worship, ensuring that the collection is taken up and the gifts are ready to be presented to Father during mass. They offer us a bulletin to take home and check that the Church is in proper order as we leave each week. **Interested in helping out?** Please introduce yourself to the ushers or to Sister Lori and discover how you can share in this ministry of service! Men and women are welcome to serve in this role!

FAREWELL, LISA OUN



After nine years of sharing her musical talents with us at St. George Parish, our **Music Minister Lisa Oun** will conclude her time with us on **Sunday, May 20th**, the **Feast of Pentecost**. Join us in wishing Lisa all the best, as she focuses more time on her family and teaching career.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our parish, Lisa!

FAITH FEST NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6th!

We'll celebrate **Pentecost** and the **Crowning of Mary Faith Fest** in the parish hall starting at **9:40 am**. **Sister Lori will be our guest speaker**, so it promises to be an entertaining and lively gathering! *Join us for fun, faith-filled activities, fellowship and refreshments!*



PARISH HALL TILE REPLACEMENT UNDERWAY

Please pardon our dust as the work to remove and replace floor tiles on the north half of the Parish Hall continues. We anticipate that the new tile installation will be completed this week.

PARISH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP ON WEDNESDAYS

We've decided to make **Wednesday mornings** our regular time for volunteers to gather and to care for our property (weather permitting). Especially now, as Spring emerges, sticks, sod and refuse can be gathered into piles for disposal.



We welcome and thank any and all who can spare some time once, occasionally or weekly to help us keep our natural space beautiful.



HAITI NEWS—THANK YOU (Mesi anpil!) to everyone who worked at and/or supported our Haiti Breakfast and Theme Basket Auction last Sunday! *A special thank you to all who donated baskets for the Auction—we had more than 40 baskets!*

Your *incredible support and generosity* has raised **\$2,481.00** for our twin parish of *St. Michael the Archangel* in Coq Chante, Haiti!

HOW DOES CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVE THOSE IN NEED?

Your generosity provides basic emergency assistance; foster care & adoption services; prevention and treatment of family issues; counseling and mental health services for all ages; educational and employment services; immigration and refugee assistance; parish outreach and advocacy, and senior services. To give, visit the parish office, call Catholic Charities at **218-1400**, or donate online at ccwny.org/donation. As of **April 27th**, our parish has contributed **\$55,397.00** to Catholic Charities, **90%** of our goal of **\$61,800.00**.



Thursday, May 10th is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a holy day of obligation. Our Mass will be celebrated at **7 pm** in church. There will not be an 8 am Communion service that day.

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 were \$3,246.00. Thank you!**



Give online with WeShare! Visit stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org today.

READINGS FOR

May 6, 2018

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ, CASH RAFFLE & THEME

**RAFFLE
TICKETS**

BASKET AUCTION is SUNDAY, JULY 15TH!

Please pick up an envelope (or two!) of Cash Raffle tickets from the table in the Gathering space and return the money and ticket stubs by May 20th to be eligible for the first Early Bird prize of \$25.00!

Your generous and selfless support makes this our most successful parish fundraiser each year!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY In the Gospel today, Jesus says

“Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul shows that you are indeed disciples of Jesus. *God bless all.*

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

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Over **40 percent** of dioceses in our country are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Learn more at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

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| May 10 | 7 pm | Mass celebrating the Ascension of the Lord (Church) |
| May 13 | | Mother’s Day! May God bless our moms and all who ‘mother’! |
| May 19 | 5 pm | Confirmation Mass with Bishop Richard Malone at St. Joseph Church in Holland |
| May 19-20 | | Pentecost and Coffee Social after Masses |
| June 10 | 2 pm | West Falls Volunteer Fire Company Meat Raffle (Parish hall) |
| June 19 | | Father Jim’s Birthday! |



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR

April 18, 2018

Sr. Lori High, SSMN
St. George Parish
74 Old Glenwood Road
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Dear Sister Lori:

As we continue our journey through this Easter Season, I wish to assure you and everyone at St. George's of my prayers for the graces that come from Christ's resurrection.

This note is late in coming as I just returned from a trip to Sicily a few days ago, but I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the entire parish for making our Holy Week celebrations a time of rich blessing. Both Holy Thursday here and Good Friday in West Falls allowed for an interchange of parish and seminary that enhanced the entire liturgical week. Please extend to the parish our grateful appreciation.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your ministry at St. George's. It is my hope that we may find more ways to collaboratively pray and minister together.

In Christ's peace,

Rev. Joseph C. Gatto
President-Rector

JCG/nlo

**IT'S A
HARD
KNOCK
LIFE**

“ANNIE”

**PRESENTED BY
SPRINGVILLE CENTER
FOR THE ARTS
MAY 17 - 27**

**37 N. BUFFALO ST.
SPRINGVILLE, NY**

**ST. GEORGE WOULD LIKE TO GET A GROUP
TO GO ON SUNDAY MAY 20, 2:00 pm**

**THE COST WITH THE GROUP IS \$10.00 each. If
you are interested please call & leave a message for
Donna @ 725-3240.**

**FOR THOSE INTERESTED GOING ON A
DIFFERENT DAY OR EVENING THE TIMES
ARE: 17, 18, 19, 25, 26 @ 7:30 pm, 27 @ 2:00 pm
Cost: General \$15.00 Student \$10.00**

EAST AURORA'S ECUMENICAL MINISTERIUM PRESENTS

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

SUNDAY
APRIL 29, 2018
3:00 PM

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

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHAPEL

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

FREE-WILL OFFERING

Radio Messages Share Gratitude for Help

For the last several years, Corporate donor Lawley Insurance, and more recently the Basil Family of Dealerships as well, have generously presented a radio campaign that airs on local Entercom radio stations to support the Appeal.

This year, the messages feature a former client, Ricky McTier, who gave a \$1,000 donation to Catholic Charities several months ago after retiring from the Postal Service.

Here is what Ricky had to say in one of his messages: "My name is Ricky McTier and I am here to thank Catholic Charities for the help that they gave me, believe it or not, back in the '70s. I went five years of being unemployed and Catholic Charities helped me out. And I just would



Ricky McTier

like to say to Catholic Charities and all the people that work for Catholic Charities, thank you. Catholic Charities never turned a back on me and I'm grateful for that."

You can listen to Ricky's messages here:

[Ricky McTier - 1st Message](#)

[Ricky McTier - 2nd Message](#)



Saturday, May 19, 2018
9am – 11am

St. John Vianney RC Church
2950 Southwestern Blvd.
(between Michael & Angle)
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Paper ONLY
Shred sensitive and confidential items while you wait
No electronics, metal or glass

Freewill offerings accepted at the time of drop off
(suggested donations ~ \$5/bag - \$10/box)

"Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored." US Bishops



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