

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We are in the midst of the great and holy Season of Easter in our Church tradition. This Season lasts for fifty days; it is a symbolic number made of seven weeks of seven days plus one! ($7 \times 7 + 1 = 50$) The final day of the Easter Season is the Feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day! Our Gospel accounts begin in earnest now to focus our attention on the coming of the Holy Spirit. This Gift, given so that we will not be *left as orphans* as Jesus returns to the Father, comforts, sustains and emboldens believers.

Pentecost, itself, is not a Season in the Church. In fact, the next day on the Church calendar, we return to Ordinary Time. Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter event: Jesus, the Christ of God, broke death through his resurrection and has filled us with his Spirit! We have concepts from scripture which we can use to assess how well we have received and embraced the Spirit in our lives. St. Paul, in 1st Corinthians and in Galatians, names gifts of the Spirit and articulates fruits (or evidences) of the Spirit's presence.

The traditional *gifts of the Holy Spirit* are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. As we listen to the Spirit's effect on the earliest Christians, we can quickly see how blessed they were with these gifts. They witnessed with courage and clarity about Jesus as Lord and Savior of the world.

The *fruits of the Holy Spirit* are ways in which we can discern the Spirit's presence in our lives and in those around us. These fruits (or evidences) of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When our hearts and actions are filled with these realities, we can know that God's Spirit is dwelling within us. During these final weeks of the Easter Season may we focus our attention on the coming of the Holy Spirit and pray for the Spirit's blessings upon our world.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, May 7	8 am	Flavio Diaz, by Butch & Lorena Lezniak
		Carol Gula, by Fred Gula, Jim, Tom, John & Bob
Tuesday, May 8	8 am	Trudy Lomardo, by Norm & Donna
Wednesday, May 9	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, May 10	7 pm	Mass: The Ascension of the Lord
		Sally Denesha, by Jack & Pam Shanahan
Friday, May 11	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, May 12	5 pm	Joseph & Vera Nichter, by the Nichter family
Sunday, May 13	8:30 am	Genevieve D. O'Connell, by the Estate
	11 am	Valerie Elinski, by John & Caitlin Deibel

Our next First Friday Mass will be on June 1st at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

Confession: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the Church.

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.

Sunday Mass on May 27th is at 10:00 am.

Let us pray for...

Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Ann Price, Bill Tanner and Ellen Nichter.



ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP WITH THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S FLOWERS!

Beginning the weekend of **June 9-10** until the weekend of **October 6-7**, you may remember a loved one or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) by donating \$30 for the purchase of two altar bouquets.

Lilies of the Field, a local family-run business, will prepare the fresh bouquets for us each week. **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.**

Thank you for your prayers for **Frank Strnad**, son-in-law of **Norm & Donna LaValley**. Frank is now able to walk again, and although he still has a long recovery road ahead, he would love to have you **"Walk" the Burg for Autism** alongside him on **June 2nd** at JP Fitzgerald's in Hamburg. See the poster on our bulletin board or [online](#) for more details and how to sign up for Frank's ***Fast and Furious*** team.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP Following a pause for the Lenten Season, the Parish Council initiative to offer monthly coffee fellowship weekends has resumed.

Our next weekend for coffee fellowship is May 19-20! *Join us for a few moments after Mass and get to know the good people of your faith family better.*

JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR OUR FAITH FEST - SUNDAY!

We'll celebrate **Pentecost** and the **Crowning of Mary** 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!

Enjoy fun, faith-filled activities, fellowship and refreshments!



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY!



Mary is a child of God the Father, the Mother of God the Son and the Mystical Spouse of the Holy Spirit, the Queen of the angels, saints, of heaven and earth. And St. Louis de Montfort acclaims her as the Queen of all hearts and God's masterpiece of creation. Let's begin the celebration of this month of Mary with the Hail Mary prayer:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Like Mary, we can answer the call of accepting and loving a child.

Catholic Charities Foster Care works closely with birth families to provide a safe place for children to stay and be cared for when they cannot be cared for at home. *Interested in learning more about fostering?* Attend an informational meeting on **May 8th** from **10-11:30 am** or **6-7:30 pm** at 525 Washington St., Buffalo. Call 856-4494, ext. 360 or email elizabeth.murphy@ccwny.org, for more information. To give to the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal, visit the parish office, call Catholic Charities at **218-1400**, or donate online at ccwny.org/donation. As of **May 5th**, our parish has contributed **\$56,132.00** to Catholic Charities, **91%** of our goal of **\$61,800.00**.



The **Colden Community Farmer's Market** reopens for the season on **Saturday, May 19th, 8:30 am – 1 pm!** The market runs **each Saturday until October**, and it directly benefits our **Bread of Life Outreach Center**.

If you haven't 'experienced' the market yet, you've got to check it out—there are always new or unique foods, goods and crafts for sale! Enjoy live music, too!

PLEASE HELP US MAINTAIN ACCURATE RECORDS

Do you have a **name, address, email address** or **phone number change** we should know about? *Not registered?* Kindly let us know! Call **652-3153**, email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, or visit stgeorgercchurch.org/update and fill out the online form. **Thank you!**



The **May Parish Calendar** is now available at the church entrances. Take a copy home with you today, or download it **online**. The May issue of the **Western New York Catholic** newspaper is also available at all entrances.





What you give to your parish church in your weekly offerings is your offering to God, an offering of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has given to you. Your generosity allows your parish to pay its bills, and continue the mission of Christ in our area. Thank you for your generosity to God and to your parish community. **Sunday and Holy Day** offerings last week were **\$3,322.00**. Offerings for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** totaled **\$390.00**. *Thank you!*

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

**READINGS FOR
May 13, 2018**

Acts 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11B-19

WELCOME, HANK JOSEPH KINGSTON!



We celebrated the **Sacrament of Baptism** of little Hank last Sunday at the 11 am Mass.

Congratulations, and best wishes to his parents, **Kevin and Brittany!**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, ***“This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you.”*** Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is one way you can honor this commandment. *God bless all.*

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

PLEASE PICKUP YOUR CASH RAFFLE TICKETS TO SELL OR BUY!

You do so much to support our annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser simply by selling or purchasing a book or two of Cash Raffle tickets.



Cash Raffle ticket packets are near the church entrances. **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!*



You are invited to an anniversary Mass honoring the memory of **Father Rich Coveny** at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Sunday, June 3rd at 4 pm**. Father Jim Wall and Father Rich's family will celebrate with us. All are welcome to share in the celebration with song, remembrance and friendship. A Potluck Dinner will follow the Mass. For more info or to RSVP, contact **Kathy Kita** at **649-0021**, email kckita@roadrunner.com, or RSVP online at <http://evite.me/nQARrwPDJ7>.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT

All are welcome to take advantage of a local Community Shred Day on **Saturday, May 19th from 9 - 11 am** at **St. John Vianney Church**, 2950 Southwestern Blvd. in Orchard Park. This is a paper only, secure/confidential shredding event. Freewill offerings will be accepted at the time of drop off. *Suggested offering: \$5/bag, \$10 per box.*





FAREWELL, EDWARD SPIESZ

Ed passed away on **Thursday, May 3rd** at the age of 83. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. George Church on **Tuesday, May 8th at 10 am**. Please pray that Ed's family and friends will find comfort in their fond memories of him. God grant him eternal peace.

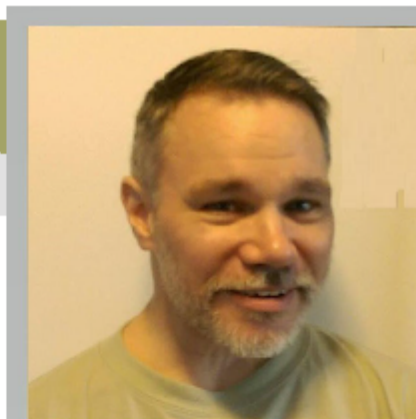
MARRIAGE MOMENT On **May 10th**, Christians celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven 40 days after Easter. But what does it mean to ascend into heaven? What does it mean to watch a beloved spouse leave for another life after death? These are heavy things to ponder. Talk with your beloved about what you believe about an afterlife.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Forming Young Leaders for Today and Tomorrow! Do you know teens who show leadership potential and would thrive with training and encouragement? This is your opportunity to call forth those young leaders today and make an investment in leadership of tomorrow! The **Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI)** prepares high school aged teens for active and meaningful leadership in their parish, school, and community. CLI fosters leadership potential and teaches practical skills. This faith-based institute forms young Catholics as servant leaders and inspires them to lead as Jesus did. Please invite and sponsor teens with leadership potential to experience this powerful week. CLI will be held from **June 24-30** at **Christ the King Seminary**, East Aurora. Brochures and scholarships are available from the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at **716-847-8789** or www.dobyouth.org.

THE YOUNG CHURCH The *Western New York Catholic* features articles for the young church in every issue. Look for "**The Scene**" which reports on young people's faith in action and the "**Sound Board**" where youths share their opinions on important topics and issues. Pick up the latest Western New York Catholic in your parish, at local Tops Markets, or visit www.wnycatholic.org. The Western New York Catholic is funded in part by your generous donations to the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).

Frank's Fast and Furious



Frank missed the Turkey Trot (it would have been his 9th one in a row) but he is not going to miss JP's Run the Burg!

Frank Strnad, an active runner, father and husband went to the hospital on November 28, 2017 for what was believed to be a stiff neck. In 5 short hours his world changed dramatically as he lost movement from the elbows down and was taken in for emergency surgery. The doctors found an infection in his spine and after two surgeries, and some tough months of therapy, Frank is home with his family walking, gaining strength and continuing therapy learning to use his arms again.

He would like to thank everyone for the continued support and prayers and would love to have you "walk" the Burg for Autism along side him. Walking 3.1 miles will certainly be a testament to the power of prayer and his road to recovery. This is a cause he has supported for many years and although he is unable, at this time, to run he is alive and walking and will continue to work towards healing.

Come join us "Walk" the Burg and make sure when you register you JOIN the team: **Frank's Fast and Furious**

What: Run the 'Burg for Autism Where: JP Fitzgerald's, Hamburg, New York

When: Saturday, June 2, 2018 Race starts at 11 am

Information and Registration: www.jp.foundation.org/run



YOGA AND MEDITATION RETREAT



- Date:** June 22-June 23 2018
- Location:** Christ the King Seminary
71 Knox Road East Aurora, NY 14052
- Time:** Check in begins @2 pm; Friday June 22
Check out @ 5:30 pm; Saturday June 23rd
- Price:** \$75.00

What to Expect:

- ❖ Yoga and meditation classes as Christian Spiritual practice
- ❖ Overnight accommodations in a private room
- ❖ Friday Night Dinner, and Breakfast and Lunch Saturday.
- ❖ Musical Entertainment Friday night.
- ❖ Time for prayer and reflection.
- ❖ Beautiful grounds to stroll... find peace in nature.

Contact: Jane Schmitt; (716) 984-6282 or
janeschmitt@hotmail.com for registration