

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Two of the traditional images for the Holy Spirit are *wind* and *flame*. These images each seem especially present here at St. George this Pentecost. Winds of change are blowing in terms of our Mass schedule, our music ministry and our lifelong faith formation efforts. Changes such as these occasionally spark a flame or two as well. Tumultuous times are seldom comfortable, yet can serve to call forth our courage and strength to forge ahead.

We wish the best for Lisa Oun as she moves on from our Sunday music ministry. At this time we do not have a replacement musician for the Sunday 10 am Mass. Several individuals are willing to help us through this time of transition and we are grateful to Sister Mary Ellen Twist for being the first of our guest musicians next Sunday, May 27th.

The change from two Sunday Masses to one Sunday Mass at 10am is prompted by several realities. None of our Masses fill the Church any longer and we hope that with two weekend Masses, 5 pm Saturday and 10 am Sunday, our congregation might enjoy a fuller community experience. In our Diocese, priests are fewer in number and aging. We have been asked to consider the number of Masses priests are being asked to preside over and reduce multiple Masses if possible.

We are wrapping up an experimental year in terms of lifelong faith formation. It is time now to decide what to plan for the future of our faith formation efforts. One tool that will help the team decide on our next step is an **assessment form** available to everyone in the parish. These are at the doors of the Church and are available via our Parish website. Help us, if you can, by returning an assessment form by June 3rd.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 19	5 pm	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Sunday, May 20	8:30 am	Paul Thomson, by Clarence & Margaret Sypniewski
Pentecost	11 am	John & Joyce Ambrosoli, by the Estate
Monday, May 21	8 am	Bob & Jim Wagner, by Mary Anne Wagner
Tuesday, May 22	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, May 23	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, May 24	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, May 25	8 am	Steve Gattie , by the Tara family
Saturday, May 26	5 pm	Cecilia Lindsley, by Barb Pusztay
Sunday, May 27	10 am	Matthew Babisz, by Fr. Jim

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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Ann Marie Price, Ellen Nichter, and Gene Holden.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUTH!!

We congratulate **Robert Offhaus, Kelsey Robertson, Joshua Oun** and **Marc Meissner** upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, May 19th** at St. Joseph Church in Holland.



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

FIRST EARLY BIRD CASH RAFFLE DRAWING THIS WEEK!!

Cash Raffle ticket packets are near the church entrances. Return the money and ticket stubs by **Sunday, May 20th** to be eligible for the first **Early Bird prize of \$25.00!** *Thank you for purchasing and/or selling Cash Raffle tickets!*



YOUR FEEDBACK, PLEASE!



We want *everyone* to complete our **Lifelong Faith Formation Survey** so that we might know your thoughts regarding our Lifelong Faith Formation efforts for this year and in the future. Surveys are available at the church entrances, or online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/VYGM9PF. Return your completed surveys to us in the offering basket or at the Parish Office **by June 3rd.**

We thank everyone who has participated in our Faith Fests throughout this Church year.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is a children's health home provider through *Encompass Family Health Home*. We believe in building stronger, healthier families. Through the health home, children and their families are given a network of providers, health plans, and community-based organizations that work to ensure the child's needs are met, including physical, dental, mental health, or simple support. To learn more about the program and eligibility requirements, call **364-3623**, or visit www.cwny.org/encompass_health_home.



To give to the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal, visit the parish office, call Catholic Charities at **218-1400**, or donate online at cwny.org/donation. As of **May 18th**, our parish has contributed **\$56,467.00** to Catholic Charities, **91%** of our goal of **\$61,800.00**.



MEMORIAL DAY Let us pray for every person who has served, or is currently serving, in our nation's military. **Set aside some time next weekend to honor them for their service and their sacrifices.**

*The Parish Office will be closed **Monday, May 28th**, for **Memorial Day**. **8 am Mass will be celebrated as usual**, and **Scripture Sharing with Fr. Jim** will be at **9 am** at the parish office.*

CONSIDERING MUSIC MINISTRY?

Our **Sunday** Music Ministry will be undergoing some transitions as we enter Ordinary Time on **May 27th**.

If you're interested in assisting with our Music Ministry at **10 am** Sunday Masses please call the Parish Office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com for details. *Thank you!*



COMBINED APPEAL FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA



This weekend we accept your offerings for the **Church in Latin America** and the **Church in Africa**. Many people in Latin America and Africa do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain, poverty and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Learn more about these appeals at www.usccb.org/latin-america and www.usccb.org/africa. Please place your offerings in the regular collection basket today, or donate online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org.

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK will be at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Thursday, May 24th**, from **2:30-5 pm**, distributing perishable foods to ANYONE in the community. Bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods, and be sure to bring your *picture ID*.



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

Beginning the weekend of **June 9-10** and continuing 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. **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.**



Thank you for your generosity to God and to your parish community. **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings last week were **\$3,551.00**. *Thank you!*

GIVE GREENER! *Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the offering check that you write our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our **Online Giving Program**. Simply visit stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org and sign up in minutes. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. *Our parish appreciates all who choose to give in this manner, as it helps us to maintain a consistent cash flow and to pay all of our bills in a timely manner.**



Colden Community Farmer's Market

The market opened for its 7th season this weekend, and it runs each **Saturday from 8:30 am – 1 pm** at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on Supervisor Road in

Colden. Lots of new events are planned this year, including **Storytime** with Miss Claire every other *Saturday* at 10 am throughout the summer! Visit breadoflifecolden.org for more events & news.

**READINGS FOR
Holy Trinity Sunday
May 27, 2018**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS SATURDAYS

Join other men of faith **every Saturday morning from 8:30-9:45 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Today as we celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence, bringing new life to others—especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives. **Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them. God bless all.**



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



MISSING ANY DISHES? We've cleaned out the kitchen cupboards in the parish hall, and we found a good number of **unclaimed dishes** from various potluck dinners and social events. Please take a moment to look at the collection downstairs in the hall, and take home any that are yours.

We'll leave them out for you to pick up until Memorial Day weekend. Dishes leftover after then will be donated to charity.

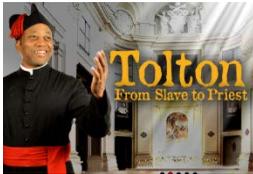
REST IN PEACE, BILL TANNER

Bill passed into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 16th. A celebration of Bill's life will take place on **Monday, May 21st, 11 am** at St. George Church. Kindly keep Bill's family and friends in your prayers as they mourn his passing.

See <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-seneca-william-tanner-7853753> for visitation times.



Community News and Events



The Office of Cultural Diversity is sponsoring the play ***Tolton: From Slave to Priest***, the inspiring live drama performed by actor Jim Coleman and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Marie Maday Theater at Lyons' Hall Canisius College on **Thursday, May 24 at 2:00pm & 7:00pm**.

The performance tells the remarkable true story of **Father Augustus Tolton**, the first African American priest. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 & up. Admission will be free-will offerings. Please come join us for this wonderful true story of the first African American Priest! For tickets, please call **Yari Montanez**, Office of Cultural Diversity, at **847-2217** or email YMontanez@buffalodiocese.org.

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.*



Food Truck Rodeo at St. Philip the Apostle Parish on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 from 4 - 8 pm!

Enjoy delicious entrees from 8 food trucks: **Polish Villa II, Lloyd's Taco, Cheesy Chicks, House of Munch, J&L's BBQ, and Louie's Hot Dogs**, then treat yourself to dessert from **The Cheesecake Guy** and **Green Acres**

Ice Cream! St. Philip's Parish will receive 10% of the profits of this event, so please don't cook dinner – come and enjoy! Located at 950 Losson Road in Cheektowaga.