

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

One aspect of the absurd generosity of God becomes evident a couple times each year, thanks to our maple trees. It strikes me as utterly crazy how the maple trees produce so many “whirly-bird” seeds. What could God be thinking with this overabundance?

Musing on such things has led me to consider how I rank *efficiency* verses *effectiveness*. God, no doubt is supremely effective, but in the case of the maple trees is God discounting efficiency? If the seeds are to grow another tree, wouldn't a few dozen get the job done? If the seeds are also to provide food for little herbivores, well a few thousand additional might be enough. But no, God seems to ask thousands from each tree and rains millions of “whirly-birds” upon the earth.

St. Paul in Romans 11:34 declares again what Isaiah prophesied about in chapter 40 verse 13 that the mind of God is beyond us and the ways in which God chooses to work cannot be understood by us, who are mere mortals. So as we struggle to understand the *clues* of God's presence in the world around us, perhaps the maple trees can yield an insight into the Divine. It is my hope that God's absurd generosity with maple seeds is a sign of the super abundance of God's grace showered upon humanity.

Centuries of human endeavor and suffering witness to our inefficient claiming of God's grace but the effectiveness of the grace **that is claimed** in each person's life transforms us to be ever clearer images of Christ to one another.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 2	5 pm	George, Alberta & Danny Nichter, by the Nichter family
Sunday, June 3	10 am	George Johengen, by Barbara Castiglia
Monday, June 4	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, June 5	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, June 6	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, June 7	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, June 8	8 am	Mary Casciano, by Louise & Frank Dolce
Saturday, June 9	5 pm	A Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for Marian & Robert Bull, by the Lell Family
Sunday, June 10	10 am	Candace Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak

Our next First Friday Mass will be on July 6th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

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

Join us in praying the Rosary Saturdays at 4:30 pm in the Church.

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DAY OF GIVING CHALLENGE!

Catholic Charities is in critical need of your help to meet its 2018 Appeal goal. A generous anonymous donor has offered to **match all new Appeal gifts made until June 8th dollar for dollar**, up to \$50,000. The generous people of St. George stepped up to the challenge last weekend, by making new donations of **\$335.50**—when doubled that will be **\$671.00!** *Thank you!* **Place your donations for the Day of Giving Challenge in the box in the Gathering Space before June 5th**, or donate online at ccwny.org/donation. As of **June 1st**, our parish has contributed **\$58,592.50** to Catholic Charities, **95%** of our goal of **\$61,800.00**.

SUNDAY, JULY 15TH WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

That's the date for our **Annual Theme Basket Auction, Chicken BBQ, and Cash Raffle**. Mark your calendars, donate a theme basket or gift card, and plan to join us for a delicious meal! **Chicken Dinner tickets will be available starting June 9th**. Don't forget to sell your **Cash Raffle tickets**. *Help us make this our most successful fundraiser yet!*

CHICKEN BBQ



Did you know that 'likes' and 'follows' of our parish's Social Media sites improve our faith community's reputation both locally and with major search engines? You help us to reach others with the Good News of God's love by being both **a disciple and a follower**—'like' us on [Facebook](#) and 'follow' us on [Twitter](#) and [Google+](#). *Thanks!*



REST IN PEACE, DANIEL SOJKA

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to **Jim and Nancy Sojka**, who lost their beloved son on **May 28, 2018**. Daniel's life and faith will be celebrated here at St. George on **Tuesday, June 5th at 10 am**. Visitation will be **Monday, June 4th at Comfort Funeral Home**, 6469 Olean Rd. South Wales from **2-4 pm** and **6-8 pm**. May God bless and comfort Daniel's family and loved ones during this time of sorrow.

HAS YOUR VOICE BEEN HEARD??

We want **everyone** to complete our **Lifelong Faith Formation Survey** so that we might know how you feel about 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 Sunday, June 3rd**. You can view the current survey results at surveymonkey.com/results/SM-9NTH2DXDL/. *We thank everyone who has participated in our Faith Fests throughout this Church year.*



CONSIDERING MUSIC MINISTRY?

If you are a singer or musician hearing the call to serve in music ministry, we encourage you to speak with Sister Lori, call the Parish Office at **652-3153**, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.

The **West Falls Volunteer Fire Company** is hosting a **Meat Raffle** fundraiser in our parish hall on **Sunday, June 10th**, from **2-5 pm** (doors open at 1 pm). This event raises much needed funds to support the Fire Company's operating expenses and improvements. **Presale tickets are \$6** from the Fire Hall any Tuesday or Thursday evening at 7 pm, or **\$8 at the door**. See the posters in the Gathering Space for details.



CONSIDER THIS FOR THE WARM SUMMER DAYS!

Thanks to the collaboration of the Haiti committee, the St. George Youth and our parish, we have a **new large screen TV** mounted on the wall of our parish hall. We thought it might be fun and helpful to provide a **free child-friendly movie matinee** occasionally (or even every week?) during the summer. The hall is

a noticeably cool spot all summer.

Parents and others, if you think this is a good idea, please talk with Sr. Lori!

The **Ministry Schedule for June and July** is now available in the sacristy and [online](#). Please pick up or [download](#) your copy today!



The June issue of the **Western New York Catholic** newspaper is now available at all entrances. Please take a copy with you today, and perhaps another copy for a shut-in (who might enjoy the paper, as well as your visit?)



Your offerings allow our Parish to keep the message of the Risen Jesus alive in our community. **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings last week were **\$2,270.00**.

Give online with WeShare. Thank you!

**READINGS FOR
June 10, 2018
Tenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 3:9-15
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

**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.



*Sign up soon—the weekends are filling fast!
A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.*



Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call us at 652-3153 so that together we can help those who are hungry or in need. Thank you and God bless all.

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

HOMEMADE PIE SALE! The Rosary and Altar Society members are baking pies for sale on **Father's Day weekend**. Purchase your favorite pie for only **\$13.00** in the Gathering Space after Mass on **June 16-17**. Quantities are limited. *First Come - First Choice!*



To our wonderful band of Bakers! Please bring your pie donations to the Gathering Space **prior to the June 16th 5 pm Mass**, or the **June 17th 10 am Mass**.



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEKEND

This campaign connects people with Christ, here and in developing countries through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds donated remain in our diocese to fund local communications

efforts. Specially-marked envelopes are in each pew for your offerings. Just place them in the regular offering basket. Thank you for your support in spreading the Gospel!

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Have you or has someone you know suffered the loss of a loved one and felt a need to talk about it? **We would like to know if there's a need for a Grief Support Ministry in our parish, and we encourage you to let us know if you think so.** We want to provide support to our parishioners in times of grief.



Please speak with Sister Lori or Father Jim, or call the Parish Office at 652-3153 if you might be interested in joining others to discuss the many aspects of losing a loved one, and to support one another through the sad times.



The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is a marvelous way to share the gospel message of God's mercy and love. Pope Francis asked us last year, "to offer the people of our time storylines that are, at heart, 'good news.'" By supporting this collection, you help to spread the Good News to people around the country and around the world. Your gift also makes a local impact because half of your donation stays in your diocese to support local communications projects.

WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

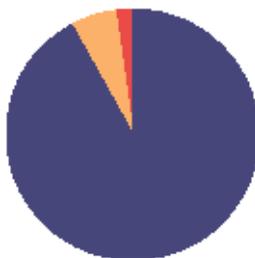
For many rural communities in Argentina, the only radio station that reaches them is Radio Maria—a Catholic radio station. But many people live in areas so rural that even this station has yet to reach them. Through your support of the CCC, Radio Maria in Argentina has expanded to an additional 17 stations, bringing the message of hope and mercy to far more people throughout the vast country. The stations provide programming to share prayer, catechesis,

liturgical celebrations, spirituality, and news. Thanks to your gifts, Radio Maria will be able to reach an additional 2 million people who long to connect with the broader church community.

SUPPORT THE CCC TODAY!

To learn more about the CCC and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

WHERE DO YOUR GIFTS GO?



Total Expenses: \$3,041,376

- Grants and Donations: 92%
- Promotions and Fundraising: 6%
- Administrative Expenses: 2%



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CLIP, SAVE, AND SHARE THE TIPS BELOW!

Be Digital Disciples on Social Media



Catholic Communication Campaign
#ConnectWithChrist | www.usccb.org/ccc

Accompany People with Joy!

Social media is a great tool to spread the Gospel. Use it to accompany others.



Follow the USCCB daily on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and share posts to spread the joy of our faith.

Would I Say This in Person?

If you get angry on social media, take a break to think about what you'd say face-to-face. Is the comment loving and merciful?



If you're upset, don't comment right away. Walk away from your device, and ask yourself what you'd say in person.

Create Networks of Encounter

Behind the wires and screens are people. Use social media to share affirming stories and encounter others.



Be authentic and build community. Offer to pray for each other or share a favorite prayer.

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