

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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July 1, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I had some time the other day to sit in a crowded place and watch people go by. As I have many times before, I smiled inwardly at the variety of people God has created. It is remarkable that we have so many variations, even comical at times! Just as we humans have many types, so do all living things. Scientifically known as biodiversity, such varieties are a necessity for life to succeed. When the gene pool of a living thing becomes too small and too similar, flaws and weaknesses emerge quickly. Diversity helps to strengthen life to overcome inborn flaws.

In a similar way, we have seen that a variety of ideas and the sharing of these ideas can strengthen our cultural and civil institutions. The business and military worlds strive against maintaining silos of information so that the accumulation of data can best be analyzed and used effectively. A personal mantra I use when speaking annually with my physician is to “put all the cards on the table”. How can I expect the doctor to best care for me if I do not let her know all my issues? While we are all unique individuals, we share tremendous commonalities. Our strength is not in what we can do alone, but in what we can do together.

I remember listening to a Baptist minister on the radio while living in South Carolina and being moved by his reference to the Hebrew people moving through the desert following the Exodus. The vast crowd of people could only progress as quickly as the slowest among them. Their sense of unity outweighed any individual prowess or agenda. Openness to variations, acceptance of diversity and acknowledging our common humanity can lead us to a deeper relationship with the One who created and loves us all.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday, June 30 | 5 pm | Cheri Henning, by Tom & Alice Dziulko |
| Sunday, July 1 | 10 am | ♥ For the spiritual and temporal well-being of Jim Grubka and family, by Fr. Jim |
| Monday, July 2 | 8 am | Daniel Sojka, by Millie Puff |
| Tuesday, July 3 | 8 am | Thomas G. Cummiskey, by the Estate |
| Wednesday, July 4 | 8 am | Independence Day Mass (Chapel) |
| Thursday, July 5 | 8 am | Communion Service |
| Friday, July 6 | 8 am | Mary Jane Hanley Wise, by Millie Puff |
| First Friday | | |
| Saturday, July 7 | 5 pm | Flavio Diaz, by Fr. Jim |
| Sunday, July 8 | 10 am | Jim Rajca, by Mary Ann Pietrzak |

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

Each First Friday of the month, following the 8 am Mass in the Memorare Chapel, we offer Eucharistic exposition and adoration until 10 am. Consider joining us in this prayerful devotion.

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.



Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Ann Marie Price, Ellen Nichter, Bob Hardy and Joyce Wohlfeil.

GOT JUNK? SELL IT AT OUR YARD SALE ON SATURDAY JULY 7TH!

In the upper parking lot of St. George parish from **9 am – 12 noon**. Rain date is July 14th, same time. **Rent a table for \$10** and sell some of that stuff you've cleaned out of the basement/garage/attic. **Call the parish office at 652-3153 to reserve your table.**



CHICKEN BBQ DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Sunday, July 15th Noon 'til 4 pm or until sold out. (Take-outs available)

Buy them in the Gathering Space this weekend or [online](#). It's only **\$10.00** for a delicious **Krolick's ½ chicken**, salt potatoes, salad, roll, dessert and a beverage. *Dinner tickets make great gifts, too!*



We really need volunteers to bake desserts, set up, serve, and clean up.

Sign-up sheets are at the back of church—please help if you're able to!

WE NEED YOUR THEME BASKETS!

Your creative and fun basket donations and gift cards always make our Theme Basket Auction a huge success! We do need more baskets; please get them in to us as soon as you can.

Questions? Call Alice at 655-3420



WE'VE REACHED OUR CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOAL!

Thanks to your generosity, we achieved Gold Star status! You've donated or pledged \$61,801.00 to Catholic Charities, 100% of our goal of \$61,800.00!

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME IN OCTOBER

Jan Gawrys, our **K-8 Faith Formation Coordinator**, has begun planning a resumption of weekly Faith Formation classes for children in Grades K-8 in October. Parents and guardians with children who will be in these grade levels as of September have been advised by mail. *If you're new to the parish and want to register your child*, please call the office at **652-3153**, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION Coordinator Elaine Ahles is the person to speak with if your High School Youth wants to participate in **Youth Faith Formation** and/or **Confirmation**. Call Elaine at **942-3403** or email eahles22@aim.com.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Please join us in the Gathering Space on July 8th after the 10 am Mass to celebrate our 2018 High School Graduates. May God's blessing follow them as they find new journeys to travel. May they walk safely along the pathways of their dreams. May God's gentle hand guide the decisions they make and the passions they follow. May their hearts and lives always reflect God's love and mercy, and may hope be a light within them that they carry into each new day.



The Parish Office will be closed for the Independence Day holiday Wednesday, July 4th.

Enjoy a safe and wonderful holiday, everyone.

May God bless our Nation, and all who sacrificed for our freedom!

~ ~ ~ LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION SURVEY RESULTS ~ ~ ~

A rather small number of people responded to our assessment. Twenty-one individuals used the online version and eight turned in paper copies. (29 total)
Seven were parents with children under 18 years, one person was between 18-50 years and twenty-one persons were over the age of 50. Here's a quick overview of the responses:

- * *Monthly Faith Fests are satisfactory for LLFF: 14 agree and 15 disagree.*
- * *Classroom/small group learning is preferred for LLFF: 21 agree and 8 disagree.*
- * *23 respondents have participated in Advent/Lent discussion groups.*
- * *17 expressed comfort with their knowledge of our Catholic faith.*
- * *18 are engaged in personal growth in faith and prayer.*
- * *8 indicated they are unclear about some teachings of the Catholic faith.*
- * *7 feel alive with faith and discuss the Good News with others.*
- * *23 know and practice Catholic devotions in their homes.*
- * *6 know but do not regularly practice Catholic devotions in their homes.*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. We appreciate your feedback!

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 Good News of Jesus alive in our community. **Sunday and Holy Day offerings last week were \$2,495.00.**
Thank you!



**READINGS FOR
July 8, 2018**

Ezekiel 2:2-5 (101B)
Psalm 123:1-2, 2,3-4
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6a

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

have been donated by **Greg and Sue Kranz** in celebration of their **36th Wedding Anniversary!**

Congratulations, and may God bless you with many more happy years together!



THE WATCH BOX IS BACK!!!! *Literally...it is in the back of the Church.* If you have any old watches, clocks or rings, please drop them in the Watch Box. It will be out for several weeks. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an individual that can repair most of the donated items. They are then offered for sale in the Thrift Store. **St. George always does very well in this effort.**



Thank you and God bless all.

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

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. Our search continues for a keyboardist to play regularly for our Sunday 10 am Masses. We invite you to share this with friends or family who might be interested in this per diem paid position. Thank you!



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

MONDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING SUSPENDED FOR JULY

We'll let you know if it's going to resume for the month of August. Also, the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will not be meeting on Tuesday morning, July 3rd. *See you again soon!*

Sign up for **online giving with WeShare** and then **"set & forget"** your weekly offering!

(Scan the QR code to the right with your mobile device and sign up in minutes!)





DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 29, 2018

**OPEN LETTER TO THE PARISHIONERS OF
ST. GEORGE, WEST FALLS**

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I write this letter to inform you that the Diocese has received a complaint of abuse regarding Father Pascal Ipolito, who ministered at St. George Parish. Our diocesan policies require that the complaint be investigated and that Father Ipolito be placed on administrative leave during the pendency of the investigation. Please note that this leave is for investigation purposes only and does not imply any determination as to the truth or falsity of the complaint.

Please pray for Father Ipolito and for this investigation. Of course, we continue to pray for all victims of abuse. If you have any information that you would like to share regarding Fr. Ipolito, please contact Jackie Joy, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, who can be reached at 716-895-3010.

Know that I am praying for each of you. May God bless you and your loved ones!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

Thank you to our generous, generous parishioners!! WE DID IT!!

***Six Parishes Earn
Gold Stars this Week***

Six more Gold Stars were earned by parishes this week! Congratulations to all!

This brings the total to 85 parishes and campus ministries who exceeded your 2018 Appeal Goal.

Here are the Gold Star parishes, alphabetically by location:

- St. Andrew Church, Kenmore;



- St. Bernadette,
Orchard Park;

- St. John
Vianney Church,
Orchard Park;

- St. Patrick
Church,
Randolph;

- St. Mary Church, Swormville, and

- St. George Church, West Falls.

With much gratitude to all!
