

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the practices that was encouraged in my formation as a Sister of St. Mary was called a *portrait of Jesus*. To familiarize us with the Gospels, we were to read all four of the Gospels with a focus on one particular item. Each time this focus item appeared, we were to copy out the word or passage in a journal. Once we had completed all four Gospel accounts, our journal presented a unique *portrait of Jesus* in light of that focus item.

I remember doing portraits titled: *Jesus when angry*, *Jesus with friends*, *Jesus as teacher*, and one of my favorites: *Jesus and questions*. These weeks spent with the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel are rich with questions and I am sure that is why the portrait exercise has come to mind. A portrait from this chapter looks like this:

Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?
What good are these for so many?
Rabbi, when did you get here?
What can we do to accomplish the works of God?
What sign can you do? What can you do?
Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?
Do we not know his father and mother?
How can this man give us his flesh to eat?
This saying is hard, who can accept it?
Does this shock you?
What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?
Do you also want to leave?
Master, to whom shall we go?

Isolating a specific item to examine would often lead me to new avenues of prayer and relationship with Jesus. Perhaps you have found similar results!

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 4	5 pm	Sr. Anne Marie Jablonicky, by the Weeks family
Sunday, August 5	10 am	Rob Dubisz, with love, from Mom and Dad
Monday, August 6	8 am	Thomas G. Cummiskey, by the Estate
Tuesday, August 7	8 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Wednesday, August 8	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, August 9	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, August 10	8 am	Jean & Bill Murray, by the Murray family
Saturday, August 11	5 pm	Jerome Murray, by Carol & Dennis Engasser
Sunday, August 12	10 am	Elizabeth Sypniewski, by Clarence & Margaret Sypniewski

Our next First Friday Mass will be on September 7th 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Ann Marie Price, Bob Hardy, Joyce Wohlfeil, and Linda Kraus.



A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY



We know, Lord, that you yourself are a migrant. You experienced the trials of the refugee, having fled as a child with your parents, Joseph and Mary, to Egypt. We know your special love for those with no other possession but one another and you. Move our hearts, Lord, and the hearts of our leaders to love them as you do, to love them with your love, to be your love for migrants at the doorway of our country. Amen.

RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS' MEDICAL BENEFIT FUND APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Your offerings for the fund are most welcome—simply place an envelope labeled with your envelope number and 'Priest Fund', into the regular offering basket. Or, **donate online** at <https://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/RDPMBF>.

PLAYERS ONLY! Our 2018-19 Youth Faith Formation kick-off event, for youth in grades 9 - 12 and their parents or guardians, will be on

Saturday, September 15th. We'll celebrate the Eucharist together at the 5 pm Mass, followed by a **Bring a dish to share** picnic dinner. After dinner we'll give everyone an overview of the year and information on Confirmation preparation. If you didn't receive an invitation in the mail, or if you have questions, please call Elaine Ahles at 942-3403 or email stgeorgeyouthcommunity@yahoo.com.



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW WINDOW?

A new window has been installed in the Gathering Space at the top of the staircase. This thermal window is much more energy efficient than our existing church windows. Please have a look at the new window and we encourage you to share any comments or suggestions that might help us move forward with this project. We hope to replace all of the windows of the Church as quickly as our volunteers' time and our parish finances will allow.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT BOLO AUGUST 16TH!



You're all invited to celebrate the successful completion of **Bread of Life Outreach Center's** purchase of its campus from St. George Parish! On **Thursday, August 16th at 6 pm**, all are welcome to come out for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrate BOLO's newly acquired autonomy, and enjoy light refreshments. Sister Lori, Father Jim and our St. George faith family wish BOLO continued success in all of its ecumenical Outreach endeavors for the residents of Colden and surrounding areas.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION CLASSES – AWAITING YOUR RESPONSES!

Parents and guardians of registered children who will be in Grades K-8 in September have been contacted by mail, and *we await your commitment responses!* Please let us know your plans as soon as possible. *If you're new to the parish and would like to register your family/child*, please call the office at **652-3153**, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.



PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH AND THEIR LEADERS THIS WEEKEND...

as they share their journey in faith with each other and enjoy an awesome two-night stay at **Camp Turner** in Alleghany State Park that includes horseback riding, hikes, and other amazing activities. We all wish you safe travels on your journey, and pray that you return to us on fire with the Spirit!

HELP US TO MAINTAIN ACCURATE PARISHIONER RECORDS

Do you have a **name, address, email address** or **phone number change** we should know about? Let us know! Visit stgeorgercchurch.org/update and fill out the online form. *If you're not yet registered with our parish, please call the office at 652-3153, stop in during office hours, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.*



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, visit www.ccwny.org/encompass_health_home or call **218-1400**, ext. 2012.

May God bless you abundantly, good stewards of our parish!

Your offerings enable our parish to keep the Good News of Jesus alive in our community. **Sunday and Holy Day offerings last week were \$2,345.00.**



Fr. Edmund Aku thoroughly enjoyed his time with us last weekend, and has called to say his trip home was smooth. He is grateful for the hospitality and generosity he received from the parishioners at St. George! **Your offerings for Mission Co-Op total \$1,711.00.**

**READINGS FOR
August 12, 2018**

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP NEXT WEEKEND!

JOIN US FOR
COFFEE
AND
DONUT HOLES
AFTER MASS!

If you can, stick around for coffee and doughnut holes after Mass next weekend. We love getting to know you better!

ALTAR FLOWERS The floral bouquets beautifying our altar at this weekend's Masses have been donated by **Norm & Donna**, in **celebration of the Brueckman and LaValley families**. *Thank you!*
Three weekends are still available; please sign up on the list in the Gathering Space.



The Gospel tells us *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."* If Jesus is the bread from heaven given for us and we are the body of Christ, then we must conclude that we ourselves are to be bread from heaven that fosters eternal life for others. **Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you enable the members of the Society to be bread from heaven for the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.** *Thank you and God bless all.*

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS SATURDAYS

Join other men of faith **every Saturday morning** from **8:30-9:45 am** in the parish hall to share some coffee, scripture, and fellowship. *Questions?* Email **Paul** at kalinskip@gmail.com or **Matt** at his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com.



The August 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?)

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE As older children begin post-secondary schooling this fall, it's tempting to want to pour all your protective wisdom into them, especially around issues of faith. As they age, however, share your faith *struggles*, not just your *certainty*.





#teamJesus #withmywholeheart #neverquit

“All good athletes train hard just to win a Blue Ribbon or a Gold Medal, but we do it for a heavenly reward that will never disappear.” 1 Corinthians 9:25

Saturday, September 15th

An Event for High School Youth and Parents

Schedule

5:00 p.m. Mass – Celebrate the Eucharist Together

6:00 p.m. – “Bring a dish to share” Picnic Dinner

Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Beverages will be supplied

7:00-9:30 p.m. - Session for Youth and Parents

Includes an overview of the year and information on Confirmation preparation

9:30-10:00 p.m. –Bonfire

Everyone is encouraged to wear a Sports Jersey or T-Shirt

RSVP to Elaine at 942-3403 or

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WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



Help us to celebrate the official purchase of the

Bread of Life Outreach Center
8745 Supervisor Avenue
Colden, NY 14033

Enjoy some light refreshments with us!

Thursday August 16th 2018
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
At the Outreach Center

RSVP by August 9th
716 462-2930

Breadoflifeoutreach@gmail.com

St. Mary's Offers *Meditation & Yoga as Christian Spiritual Practice* Classes

The next *Meditation & Yoga as Christian Spiritual Practice* class at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Lancaster will be held on **Tuesday, August 14 from 7 to 8 p.m.** in the Parish Center at St. Mary's Elementary School, 2 St. Mary's Hill (Aurora and St. Joseph Streets). **Additional upcoming classes will be held on the following Tuesdays: August 28, September 11 and 25, and October 9 and 23.**

Taught by certified instructor **Jane Schmitt**, the classes incorporate prayer, meditation, music and weekly Scripture - complementing Christian spiritual practices by preparing the mind for direct, open and prayerful communication with God.

Classes are free of charge; however, donations are accepted, with all proceeds going to St. Mary's Parish. Classes are multi-level, so they are geared towards everyone from beginners to more experienced yoga students. Please bring your own yoga mat.

- The classes are considered moving prayer, as participants honor God and offer themselves to Him through their practice, ending with relaxation and meditation, with the opportunity to rest in God's presence.
- The goal is to achieve tranquility. This is achieved through breath work, which helps participants to focus on the present and tap into their inner place, where God dwells. Yoga teaches participants to listen to God's word, surrender to His will, and give silent thanks for His blessings.

For more information, please contact Diane Zwirecki at (716) 683-6445, extension 24 or dianez@stmarysonthehill.org.