

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Apostasy, from Greek roots, is a concept defining the renunciation or abandonment of faith. Many years ago, I had the opportunity to attend a retreat preached by Daniel Berrigan, SJ. His name would be familiar to anyone with memories of the Vietnam conflict era. As a Catholic priest, he was outspoken and often jailed for his protests of the war. Like him or not, he was a man convinced that God is the good and loving Creator of heaven and earth. The reason he comes to mind is that he preached using the concept of apostasy on the retreat I attended.

The phrase that sticks most clearly in my mind is that *it is apostasy to think that the problems of our world are beyond God's ability to repair*. So much in our daily lives, what we hear and are exposed to, can seem hopeless. Yielding to hopelessness is a temptation we Christians must resist. Jesus has conquered evil and broken death. Fundamental to our faith is *trust in God* as Creator, Sustainer and Savior of the world.

Each time we seek out the good, encourage the positive, labor to unite rather than to divide we are putting our faith into practice. Our faith offers us pathways to avoid apathy and inertia of spirit. We are called to shout from rooftops, find the narrow way, courageously preach the Truth. Jesus as our leader in faith also teaches us by His life that resisting evil and promoting good may bring us discomfort and even pain. The cross itself did not dissuade Him from His trust in God's design. May we find in our faith the source of hope and the confidence to share the Good News in our words and deeds.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 18	5 pm	Randy DeWitt, by Debbie & Tony Stellrecht
Sunday, August 19	10 am	The Hauser & Danheiser families, by Joseph Hauser
Monday, August 20	8 am	Frank Kopfer, by Norm and Donna
Tuesday, August 21	8 am	Sally Denesha, by her husband Joe
Wednesday, August 22	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, August 23	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, August 24	8 am	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Head, by Glen & Cindy Weeks
Saturday, August 25	5 pm	♥ For the well-being of Sr. Marian Baumler, by the Weeks family
Sunday, August 26	10 am	Daniel Sojka, by the Tara family

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,
and at 7 pm Mondays in the Chapel.**

**Let us
pray for...**

Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Ann Marie Price, Bob Hardy, Joyce Wohlfeil, Linda Kraus, Gene Holden, Kathy Grover and Rita Kowalik.

UPON THIS ROCK UPDATE

Disbursement of **Upon This Rock** funds to contributing parishes takes place *twice a year* on **January 31** and **July 31**.

St. George parish has just received the second payment of our portion of the proceeds of the UTR campaign; **\$83,597.64**, a much larger sum than we expected! We've since discovered the primary source of this incredible sum.

*We are beyond grateful to our benefactor, the late **Jerry Castiglia**, who gave his contribution to UTR with the assurance that a portion of the funds would be distributed to our parish. Kindly pray with grateful thanks to God for blessing us abundantly with Jerry, and for the gift of Jerry's graceful stewardship of our parish for many years.*

UTR funds are designated for accessibility and climate control improvements to the Church.

We are grateful to each of you who have pledged and contributed to Upon This Rock.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The monthly meeting will be held at **11 am** on **Tuesday, August 21st** in the parish hall. Bring your rosary and lunch; hostesses **Bonnie Klocke** and **Donna LaValley** will provide desserts. All are welcome!

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS UNDER WAY!

Parents and guardians of children who will be in Grades K-12 in September should by now have received Faith Formation registration forms by mail.

Please return your forms and registration fee to us by August 31st. If your family is not on file with the parish, registration forms may be picked up in the Gathering Space and **online**. Questions? Please call the office at **652-3153**, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.



The PLAYERS ONLY! Youth kick-off event, for High School Youth 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS The floral bouquets beautifying our altar at this weekend's Masses have been donated by **Jim & Nancy Sojka, to honor all Priests and Religious.** *Our sincere thanks to all who have generously sponsored our Altar Flowers during this season, and to **Lilies of the Field** for the gorgeous weekly bouquets!*



ARE YOU CELEBRATING 50, 60 OR 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2018?

The Diocese of Buffalo wants to honor you with a special Diocesan ceremony on **Sunday, October 14th at 10:30 am at St. Joseph's Cathedral.** Please call the office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, as soon as possible so we can register you for this special celebration!

Sister Margaret Donner, SSMN, has arrived safely at her new home in South Carolina! She welcomes you to stay in touch with her at her new address: 3100 Ashley Town Center Dr., Apt. 311, Charleston, SC 29414. Email: mdonnerssmn@gmail.com. *Peace and blessings in your new home!*



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.



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!*



Your offerings enable our parish to keep the Good News of Jesus alive in our community. May God bless you abundantly, good stewards of our parish! Last week's **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings totaled **\$3,802.00**. **Maintenance & Capital Improvement** offerings now total **\$707.00**. Your offerings for the **RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS' MEDICAL BENEFIT FUND** now total **\$1,351.00**. *Thank you!*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER!

Our St. George faith family wishes BOLO continued success in all of its ecumenical Outreach endeavors for the residents of Colden and surrounding areas. At the ribbon cutting ceremony this past Thursday evening, the following prayer was given as a blessing:

*Spirit of God, fill this place with
strength for the weary,
courage for the frightened,
and blessing for the generous.
Guard, guide and protect all who enter these doors.
May each encounter here make your Presence
more clearly known and give glory to God;
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ
forever and ever. Amen.*

READINGS FOR August 26, 2018

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b
Psalm 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21
Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
John 6:60-69

ARE YOU A MILITARY VETERAN?

The **WNY Catholic** is looking for military veterans to interview for the upcoming **Veterans Section** in November. If you are a vet or know of a vet and would like to share your story, contact the WNY Catholic Managing Editor, **Patrick McPartland**, at pmcpartland@buffalodiocese.org.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*" As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Kindly remember that the **blue bin in the lower parking lot** is there for **unwanted or used clothing, please**. *The Watch Box will remain at the back of the church for a couple more weeks.*



Healing Masses are offered throughout the year at many parishes of the Diocese. If you or a loved one would like to attend a Healing Mass, see the 2018 Schedule posted in the Gathering Space or download the schedule **online** at <https://goo.gl/RwYJo9>.

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. The readings and reflection questions

for the gathering on **Saturday, August 18th** are [here](#).

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK will be at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Thursday, August 23rd**, from **2:30-5 pm**, distributing perishable foods on a *first come first serve* basis to ANYONE in the community. *You don't have to be a member of the food pantry to participate.* Bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods, and be sure to bring your *picture ID*.



HELP PACK A BACKPACK—Make a difference in the life of a child!

Bread of Life Outreach Center (BOLO) needs your help to provide school supplies to children at Colden Elementary School and their clients by donating essential materials! See the event flyer in our Gathering Space for a full list of needed supplies and drop-off locations. *Please have all donations in by August 26th*, and thank you for your generosity.



For more information, call the Bread of Life Outreach Center at **941-3550**.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR E-GIVERS! We thank the many families who are now **giving electronically**. You may not see these folks place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you like would to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact **Debbie** at the Parish Office, **652-3153**, or check out our online giving website at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org.