

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

On March 1, 2018, as the abuse scandal was breaking here in Western New York, the following was included in our parish bulletin:

*“Acknowledging wrongs committed by Church personnel is painful. However, as we have heard throughout this past week, the Church of Buffalo has its own experience with clergy sexual abuse. To anyone affected by the pain caused by such abuse, I apologize. Integrity, trustworthiness, honesty and respect for each life should be hallmarks of Christian leadership. Healing is a long and difficult process. May we be united in prayer for those suffering as a result of the selfish and wrong behavior committed by a trusted Church leader.”*

Now we find ourselves in a national crisis and hear horrible things about how some of our Church leaders have acted. These are not easy days for faith-filled Catholics. Commentators and pundits go so far as to imply this could mean the end of the Catholic Church. For me, however, such comments only reveal a very superficial understanding of faith in Jesus Christ. Human evil and error are a sad reality of our mortal existence. Relationship with the living and creative God of heaven and earth is a matter of the heart and soul in each believer.

The institutional structure of the Church may well undergo some changes in light of this crisis in the priesthood. The institution has had dark days in the past and is likely to fall into error again in the future but, for now, we are called to humility and repentance as revelations of hypocrisy and hurtful behaviors are exposed. We continue to be called to offer our prayers for the injured, our vigilance for the safety of children, and our courageous support for our faith.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, August 27	8 am	Mary Choi, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Tuesday, August 28	8 am	Caroline Wall, by Fr. Jim
Wednesday, August 29	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, August 30	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, August 31	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, September 1	5 pm	Marie Daniels, by Glen & Cindy Weeks
Sunday, September 2	10 am	Bill Tanner, by Carl & Cathy DiNatale

**Our 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, Linda Kraus, Gene Holden, and Rita Kowalik.



### **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION DUE NEXT WEEK, PLEASE!**

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](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com).

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE** members support our parishioners through times of grief, by visiting and praying with family members at the time, by preparing food for the funeral brunch when requested, and by maintaining contact with and supporting the family in the months following the funeral.



*You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 11th** at **10 am** in the parish hall, to learn more about all that the committee does, and perhaps consider becoming a member!*



**ALTAR FLOWERS** The floral bouquets beautifying our altar at this weekend's Masses have been donated by **Kathleen & Dennis Lell**, in **celebration of their 49th Wedding Anniversary!** *Congratulations, **Kathy & Dennis**, and may your union continue to be blessed for many years to come!*

## ST. GEORGE PARISH FINANCIAL & FACILITY UPGRADE NEWS

In addition to our **Parish Council**, we have a **Finance Committee** which oversees our parish resources. The members of this committee are *Russ Deveso, Bonnie Klocke, Bob Hennng, Bob Marts and Tricia Bofinger*.

The Finance Committee recently reviewed our income and expenses for the present fiscal year (September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018) and finds that, *thanks to the ongoing generosity of our parishioners*, the parish operational needs are being adequately met. *We rely heavily on our volunteers to maintain our property and are deeply grateful for their help.*

The sale of our Colden property (Bread of Life Outreach) and the receipt of our full share of the **Upon This Rock** donation made by *Jerry Castiglia* upon his passing, has provided us with the financial reserves to undertake some more costly improvements.

Your feedback regarding the initial replacement window installed at the top of the stairwell in the Gathering Space has been valuable and *we thank you*. We have decided to go forward with the replacement of the church windows in this style. The concern that some cross-ventilation may be lost with this single-hung style is valid, but the cost-saving thermal benefits outweigh that concern for us, in light of our typically long months of cold weather. Design discussions have also been considered for the windows on the eastern side of the church, and we plan to fill in several of the existing window openings so that the number of windows on each side of the church is equal. This will also create the space needed to install a moderately sized commercial air conditioning unit outside on the parish hall roof, providing cooling airflow for the few weeks of each summer when the heat is overbearing!

On a lighter note, the window in the sanctuary area will be replaced with a double-hung window so that personnel (i.e. Sister Lori) can still go out on the roof to remove leaf buildup from the roof drains!

### FLU SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER! Beat the bug!

The **Bread of Life Outreach Center** has partnered with **Independent Nursing Care, LLC** to provide flu vaccinations this Fall. *Bring your insurance card with you to BOLO from 2:30-5 pm on Thursday, September 27th. (Bonus! This is also the scheduled Mobile Food Pantry day.)* A Registered Nurse will administer the vaccination. Full event details are on the poster in the Gathering space or call 941-3550.



### CELEBRATING 50, 60 OR 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE THIS YEAR?



The Diocese of Buffalo honors those couples with a special Mass on **Sunday, October 14th at 10:30 am at St. Joseph's Cathedral**. Afterward, each couple may have their picture taken with the Bishop, and commemorative certificates will be sent to the parish for all couples celebrating these special anniversaries, whether or not they attend the Mass.

*Please call the parish office at 652-3153 or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com), by the end of August so that we can register you for this special celebration!*

**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 **\$2,206.00**, and offerings for the **Feast of the Assumption** were **\$354.00**. *Thank you!*

"For it is  
in  
giving  
that  
we  
receive."  
- St. Francis of Assisi

## 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 [kalinski@gmail.com](mailto:kalinski@gmail.com) or **Matt** at [his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com](mailto:his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com).

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets most **Tuesday** mornings at **9 am** in the parish hall kitchen. The prayer shawls they make are crafted with love, and prayed over before given to those who are sick or need comfort. You are welcome and encouraged to join them for a cup of coffee and fellowship, *even if you don't do needlework!* Call **Donna LaValley** 725-3240, **Millie Puff** 652-0379, or **Sally Rutkowski** 941-3493, if you'd like to know more.

## READINGS FOR September 2, 2018

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5  
James 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**THE SEPTEMBER PARISH CALENDAR** is now available at the church entrances. The online version of our calendar is available to view/download at [stgeorgercchurch.org/calendar](http://stgeorgercchurch.org/calendar).

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "**Do you also want to leave?**"

We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us, and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

**Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to answer those cries by providing Communion to approximately 500 nursing home residents.**

Please consider donating used clothing to the Society of SVdP using the **blue bin** in our lower parking lot. *Clothing only, please. The **Watch Box** will remain at the back of the church for another week.*



"I BELIEVE IN THE SUN EVEN  
WHEN IT IS NOT SHINING.  
I BELIEVE IN LOVE EVEN  
WHEN I CANNOT FEEL IT.  
I BELIEVE IN GOD EVEN  
WHEN HE IS SILENT."

In a dark and damp cellar in Cologne, Germany, where thousands of Jews once hid from Nazi torment, an inscription was discovered not long after the end of World War II. **These words were found scrawled across a stone wall by an anonymous author who was likely killed.**

*Many thanks to Father Jim for sharing this example of faith in the face of unspeakable evil.*



#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 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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  
[stgeorgeyouthcommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeorgeyouthcommunity@yahoo.com)



## 2018 Flu Immunization Program

### **Flu season is right around the corner!**

Beat the bug! The Bread of Life Outreach Center would like to help you and your family stay healthy this coming flu season by announcing the *2018 Flu Immunization Program!* We have partnered with Independent Nursing Care, LLC to provide flu vaccinations this Fall.

- *All vaccinations will be administered by a Registered Nurse!*
- We offer the Quadrivalent vaccine.
- Vaccinations available for those 4 years of age and up.



### **Get your flu shot and beat the bug!**

- Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018
- Time: 2:30pm – 5:00pm
- Location: Bread of Life Outreach Center

### **Bring your insurance card!**

- Most insurance plans accepted as payment (BC/BS, IHA, Univera, Cigna, MVP, Medicare, Excellus and Aetna).
- For those without insurance the cost will be \$30.00 per injection.

**For additional information please contact  
Independent Nursing Care, LLC  
info@incnursing.com  
716-655-8776**

# Pack a Backpack Fundraiser

Sponsored by the Bread of Life Outreach Center  
and the Rural Outreach Center



*Make a difference in the life  
of a child!*  
Please help us in providing school  
supplies to children from Colden  
Elementary School and BOLO's client  
base by donating essential materials  
needed.

Items that are needed are:

- Backpacks (New only please)
- Scissors
- 3 Ring Binders (all sizes)
- Dividers
- Mechanical Pencils
- Folders with Pockets
- Tape
- Boxes of Tissues
- Stapler, staples
- Spiral Notebooks
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencil Box/Pouch
- Loose leaf paper
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Glue/Glue Sticks
- Composition Notebooks
- Dry Erase Markers

For more information please call Bread of Life Outreach Center at 941-3550  
or Carrie DePasquale at 474-2532

Please drop off any donations to the  
**Bread of Life Outreach Center**  
8745 Supervisor Ave.

**Colden Elementary School**  
8263 Boston Colden Road

**Colden Town Hall**  
8812 State Rd.

Please have all donations dropped  
off by

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank you for your support!**

**8/14/18:**

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

*We would greatly appreciate your publishing this information in your church bulletin as space permits. Thank you for your ongoing support and enjoy the rest of your summer!*

*- Diane Zwirecki, APR, Communications Coordinator, St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster*

The next *Meditation & Yoga as Christian Spiritual Practice* class at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Lancaster will be held on **Tuesday, August 28 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: 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 Communications Coordinator Diane Zwirecki at (716) 683-6445, extension 24 or [dianez@stmarysonthehill.org](mailto:dianez@stmarysonthehill.org).