

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our belief in one God is distinctive. The scriptural account of the earliest person to recognize one, true God over all things is attributed to Abraham. This insight has earned him the title *Father of Faith*. Abraham is known as this Father of Faith in all three religions which presently profess belief in one God—Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

Much study could go into why there are three different religions with knowledge of the one, true God (known as *monotheistic* religions). Most of it has to do with cultural and historical developments and differences. We humans tend to be competitive and like to think that our way is usually the best way to do things. The same has been true as humans have developed these three systems of monotheistic faith.

Our belief in the one, true God experienced as a Trinity of persons is the distinctive quality of Christianity. Belief in Jesus as the Christ who reveals God as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier (Father, Son and Spirit) is what sets our faith apart from Islam and Judaism. Christianity, too, has developed over the past two thousand years within a variety of cultural and historical realities. The multitude of Christian denominations are evidence of our human tendency to disagree, compete and, at times, fragment.

Our Roman Catholic Christianity traces its roots to Jesus, Himself, and the Apostles. It is based on belief in God as revealed by Jesus. The blessing of faith in God is what sustains the Catholic Church. In these turbulent times for Church leadership, may we find peace in the Prince of Peace and the Gospel message He proclaimed. May we be challenged to deepen our faith rather than abandon it.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 1	5 pm	Marie Daniels, by Glen & Cindy Weeks
Sunday, September 2	10 am	Bill Tanner, by Carl & Cathy DiNatale
Monday, September 3	8 am	Mary Lou Bitterman, by Norm & Donna
Tuesday, September 4	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, September 5	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 6	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 7	8 am	George M. Leland, by John & Pam Miliotto
First Friday		
Saturday, September 8	5 pm	Mary Casciano, by Louise & Frank Dolce.
Sunday, September 9	10 am	Bill Tanner, by Carol & Ron Bus

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.

Kindly keep **Greg and Sue Kranz and family** in your thoughts and prayers, too, as they mourn the passing of Greg's father, [Norval Kranz Jr.](#) We pray that all of Norval's loved ones will be comforted by their fond memories of him and the legacy of family he left behind.

NEXT WEEKEND—A SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST. GEORGE FAITH FORMATION,



100% of your donation stays in our parish and provides vital support to our Faith Formation classes for grades K-8, High School Youth formation, Sacramental preparation, all-ages Faith Festivals, Adult Faith Sharing groups, Parish Retreats and Evangelization efforts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. *Please be as generous as you are able!*

ALTAR FLOWERS The floral bouquets beautifying our altar at this weekend's Masses have been donated by **Mary Ann Pietrzak, to honor the memory of Mary Choi.** *Thank you, Mary Ann!*



Sorry WE'RE
CLOSED

The **Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd**, in observance of **Labor Day**. We wish everyone a safe and restful weekend, and a joyous return to school next week!

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.



SAVE THE DATE & TELL YOUR FRIENDS! PET BLESSING SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH



Join us for our annual **Blessing of Pets** honoring the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!** Bring your pet friends out on **Saturday, October 6th** at **12 noon** to the parish picnic shelter to celebrate the joy and love they bring to our lives, and to receive a special blessing. **All are welcome—invite your friends!**

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.



**WE'VE
MOVED**

Did you move, get a new phone number, change your email address over these summer months? Help us maintain correct information for you in the parish database, by calling **652-3153**, emailing stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, or by filling out the online update form at stgeorgercchurch.org/update.

The September 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?)

WESTERN NEW YORK
CATHOLIC

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY REMINDER We are meeting on **September 11th** at **10 am** in the **parish hall**. *We hope that everyone can be there!*



MEALS ON WHEELS
FOR WESTERN NEW YORK, INC.

MEALS ON WHEELS COLDEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Colden **Meals on Wheels** organization is in need of drivers. If you have time one or more days of the week to deliver meals between 11am-1pm, your help is needed! For details of the opportunities available, please call the **Colden Town Supervisor** at **941-5022**.

BOOKMOBILE TO VISIT BOLO TWICE MONTHLY

The **Buffalo Public Library's Bookmobile** will begin visiting the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on the **second** and **fourth Tuesday** of each month, beginning **September 11th**. Hours will be from **10 am – 2 pm**.





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 **\$2,778.00**, and offerings for **Maintenance & Capital Improvements** were **\$45.00**. *Thank you!*

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.

**READINGS FOR
September 9, 2018**

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37



The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. *What traditions do we blindly cling to?* Is it enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the *letter* of the law and miss entirely the *spirit* of the law? Interior righteousness means a *heart turned to God*. **Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others.** **As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.** *Thank you and God bless all.*

THE WATCH BOX IS GONE, but will return at a future date. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your contribution of: **30 watches, two clocks** and **a handheld TV**. These items will be repaired at the SVdP office downtown and resold. *Thank you very much for allowing those less fortunate than us to benefit by the donation of our assets.*



Reconciling Doctrine, Theology, Spirituality & Pastoralty: Vatican II and Pope Francis, presented by **Fr. John O'Malley, SJ** on **Friday, September 28 at 7 pm** at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora.

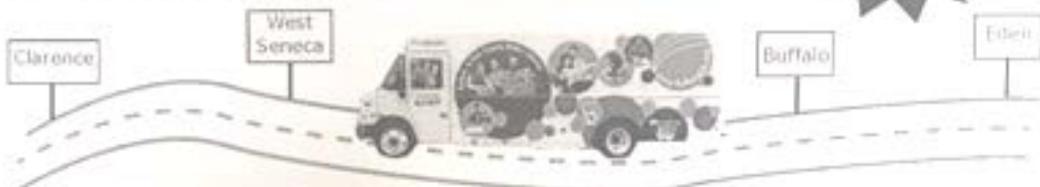
This free lecture is part of the "*Father Thomas Dailey*" lecture series. No pre-registration is necessary; a free-will offerings will be taken. For further information, please call **652-1337**.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP NEXT WEEKEND!

If you can, stick around for refreshments after the Masses next weekend (*and wish Sr. Lori a Happy Birthday!*) We love getting to know you better. **Our next weekend for coffee and doughnut holes will be October 6-7.**



HAVE YOU REQUESTED A MASS INTENTION? We thank you for remembering those dear to you and others by requesting that they be honored in the Mass. If you wish to bring up the gifts at the requested Mass, be sure to arrive before Mass begins and let the ushers know that would like to bring up the gifts at the intended Mass. Otherwise, the ushers will select two parishioners from among the general congregation for this role.



Library on Wheels

Bookmobile Schedule

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
beginning September 11th 2018
10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bread of Life Outreach Center,
8745 Supervisor Ave, Colden

Like a traditional library, the "Library on Wheels" will have free borrowing & returning of books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks, access to downloadable books & music, laptop computers, free WiFi, and the ability for updating one's library account.

Free Buffalo & Erie County Public Library cards (all ages!) will be available on the bookmobile. (A valid form of ID & proof of address is necessary.)

BOOKMOBILE REQUESTS - CALL 716-858-7157



(716) 858-8900
www.BuffaloLib.org



St. John Neumann Catholic Community

Chicken & Biscuits Dinner

Eat in/Take out

Sunday September 23, 2018

SJN Strykersville Parish Hall

11:30 am to 3:00 pm or sold out

\$11.00 Adults \$5.00 Children 10 yrs. and under



Delivery available to shut-ins---

Call the office by Friday afternoon---585-457-3222

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