

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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September 16, 2018

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our sense of identity develops over time. Our self-knowledge is often molded by the insights we receive from others until we reach a level of maturity where we *own* or become comfortable with who we are. With a healthy amount of self-possession, we can live from a certainty of purpose.

A line from the **Desiderata**, a poem by Max Ehrmann, declares to each of us that we are *a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; **you have a right to be here.*** What a wonderful affirmation to hear and to receive. Belief in our individual worth is indeed a necessity for balanced living. What can be life-altering is expanding this understanding of intrinsic human value to each and every person in the world!

In the gospel today, Jesus is asking others about his identity. I do not think it was because he was unsure of himself. Rather, I think he was hoping to help his disciples grow in understanding of what it means to be the Christ. The lesson of hardship and suffering was not quite grasped by Peter and the others. Even today, we modern disciples of Jesus often question why things are so hard when our God is so good.

Jesus was surely self-possessed and lived from a certainty of purpose. He came to do the Father's will, not his own. We are blessed to have him as an example of a courageous, faith-filled life.

Sister Lori

P.S. Thank you for the birthday wishes and gifts!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 15	5 pm	Mary Jane Virginia, by her husband Tom
Sunday, September 16	10 am	Daniel Sojka, by Julie Stumpf
Monday, September 17	8 am	Genevieve D. O'Connell, by the Estate
Tuesday, September 18	8 am	Daniel Sojka, by Tony & Kathy Sojka
Wednesday, September 19	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 20	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 21	8 am	Arthur Malek, by Glen & Cindy Weeks
Saturday, September 22	5 pm	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Sunday, September 23	10 am	In remembrance of Jerry Castiglia's passing, and honoring his and Barbara's Wedding Anniversary, by Barbara and the family

Our next First Friday Mass will be on October 5th 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, Rita Kowalik and Shirley Baker.



COLLECTION FOR CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY NEXT WEEKEND

Through the generous support of people like you, **Christ the King Seminary** provides exceptional theological education, pastoral field experience, and spiritual formation and enrichment for priests, deacons and lay people.

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ALTAR FLOWERS The floral bouquets beautifying our altar at this weekend's Masses have been donated by **the Klaja family, in celebration of Gary & Mary Ellen's 50th Wedding Anniversary.** *Congratulations, Gary & Mary Ellen, and we wish you many more years of happiness together!*



SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

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.



GET READY FOR K-8 FAITH FORMATION!

All parents or guardians of children who are registered for Faith Formation classes in grades K through 8 are asked to **attend our PARENT and GUARDIAN MEETING on Sunday, September 30th at 8:55 am** in the parish hall. Classes begin on **October 14th at 8:55 am** in the parish hall.

*(Psssst! If you haven't submitted your completed **Faith Formation registration forms** to us yet, then your children aren't registered—please get the form into the parish office ASAP!)*

K-8 Catechists & Aides Reminder: We'll prepare for **2018-19 Faith Formation classes on September 23rd at 8:55 am** in the parish hall.

*As we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** this weekend, we ask for God's blessing upon all of our catechists and, with grateful hearts, we thank them for answering the call to share their faith, time and talent with our parish families!*

RUMMAGE SALE AT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH



September 28th (4-7 pm), September 29th (9am-3pm), September 30th (9am-3pm)! Three days, three buildings full of gently used household items, tools, furniture and clothing. Only \$1 for entry on Friday, free entry on Saturday and Sunday. *Sunday is a bag sale, only \$1 per bag!*

DON MURRAY NEEDS A RIDE TO/FROM SATURDAY MASS

Don is a disabled parishioner who can no longer drive, so he needs some help with a ride to and from 5 pm Mass here each Saturday. *Might you be able to drive Don to or from Mass (or both ways!), whether it's once in a while or regularly?* Don lives next door to the **Colden Country Kitchen**, and he really looks forward to Mass, so he's always waiting and ready to be picked up.



If this is something you might be able to do, please call the parish office at 652-3153.

Kindly consider providing this greatly appreciated help to our brother in need.



PARDON OUR MESS As you've noticed, a tremendous amount of **work is being done to replace our windows and prepare space for installation of some air conditioning units.** Regrettably, this work generates some dust that lingers even over the weekends.

As with any project in an unfinished state, things are not as neat as we would like them to be. *Your patience is appreciated!*

PET BLESSING SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH AT NOON

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!**



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY meets **Tuesday, September 18th at 11 am** in the parish hall. Bring your lunch and your rosary. Hostesses **Ann Tara and Barbara Pusztay** will provide desserts. *All are welcome!*



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 **\$3,022.00**, and offerings for **Maintenance & Capital Improvements** now total **\$697.00**. Offerings for the **St. George Faith Formation Collection** last week totaled **\$996.00!** Thank you for supporting Lifelong Faith Formation here and in our community! Donate online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/FaithFormation.

HEALING MASSES in honor of **St. Peregrine** will be held on **Monday, September 17th** at **7 pm** at **Immaculate Conception Church**, 520 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora and on **Monday, September 24th** at **7 pm** at **St. Martin of Tours Church**, 1140 Abbott Rd., Buffalo. **Fr. David Bellitiere** and the *Friends of St. Peregrine* invite anyone afflicted with cancer or in need of special healing to attend and receive the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**. Call 283-0011 or visit www.stperry.org.



CHURCH LOCKS RE-KEYED During a recent internal Security audit, we recognized that it was impossible to know how many church door keys were in circulation and exactly who was in possession of them! It was recommended that the locks be changed, and the Finance Committee agreed with this recommendation at its August meeting. **The exterior door locks of the church were changed on September 4th.** Those who need access to the church, the parish hall or the kitchen may *request a key at the parish office*, where keys are available to sign out when needed.



In today's Gospel Jesus says "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**" The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love. *Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? We want to help! Leave a message for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at 652-3153.*

**READINGS FOR
September 23, 2018**

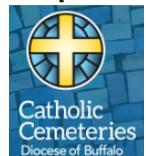
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8
James 3:16 - 4:3
Mark 9:30-37



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER Be sure to mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 20th** at **7 pm** in the parish office.

MT. OLIVET CEMETERY OPEN HOUSE Saturday, September 22nd from **9 am - 2 pm**.

This is a great opportunity to visit [Mt. Olivet Cemetery](#), talk with one of our Family Service Counselors, and understand the benefits associated with planning ahead. Receive a 10% discount on burial options along with 0% interest through 2023, plus a \$50 Gift Card if you purchase before October 31. Mt. Olivet is located at 4000 Elmwood Ave. in Kenmore.





TOGETHER
we gather around
Christ

“And He appointed
Twelve whom He also
named Apostles,
and they were to be
His companions...”

(Mark 3:14a)

JOIN US

in helping our students prepare to serve

New students
come to learn about
Christ & His
teachings

Each year,
they grow faithfully
in mind, heart
& spirit

As graduates,
they serve with
compassion, wisdom
& love

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seminarians, plus
deacon candidates &
lay students, are
now enrolled

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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



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

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