

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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September 23, 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As any of our marvelous music ministers will tell you, I am not very musically oriented. I am indebted to them for their willingness to share their giftedness with our faith community and so wonderfully enhance our times of worship. And while I find singing somewhat of a challenge, it is obvious that for many others it is a joy which springs from their hearts.

I have, however, come to prize the ingenuity of liturgical songwriters. Capturing spiritual concepts in concise rhythmic lyrics is a gift that awes me. When paired with melodies that complement the concepts, our liturgical music can lift us up, mellow us out or stir us to action. The scriptures come alive in memorable musical refrains that can act as mantras in our busy lives.

Considering this reality, two of my favorite “church” songs come to mind. The *Servant Song* (BB377), begins with the question: *What do you want of me, Lord?* The ensuing verses investigate the mysterious, intertwined experience we have with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The other favorite is one I chose for use at the Mass when I made my final profession as a Sister of St. Mary. It is *How Can I keep From Singing?* (BB442) For me, it is a mantra filled with hope and confidence in God’s triumphant love.

Perhaps you, also, have a “church” song or two that are a source of comfort and spiritual strength. It can be a fun way to share your faith with others!

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, September 24	8 am	Marie Schwagler, by Fr. Jim
Tuesday, September 25	8 am	Carl Grover, by Lucille & family
Wednesday, September 26	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 27	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 28	8 am	John & Joyce Ambrosoli, by the Estate
Saturday, September 29	5 pm	Norman C. Kisker, by Fr. Jim
Sunday, September 30	10 am	The Hauser & Danheiser families, by Joseph Hauser

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, and Rita Kowalik.

REMEMBERING SHIRLEY BAKER Please pray for the loved ones who mourn the passing of Shirley Baker on **Tuesday, September 18th**, after a brief illness. If you wish to write to the family, the address for Shirley's daughter Lori Spisak is 7720 Briarwood Drive, N. Richland Hills, TX 76182-3411. Shirley's positive attitude and bright smile will be missed!



COLLECTION FOR CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY THIS WEEKEND

Christ the King Seminary provides exceptional theological education, pastoral field experience, and spiritual formation and enrichment for priests, deacons and lay people. There are many people ready to answer the call to ministry to meet the needs of today's church in our diocese. *You help them to do so by giving generously and remembering Christ the King in your prayers.*

To learn more about our seminary's mission or programs, or to give online, visit cks.edu.

ALTAR FLOWERS The floral bouquets beautifying our altar at this weekend's Masses have been donated by **Bill & Kathy Kita, in loving memory of their fathers, Anthony Kita & Joseph Carty.** *Thank you, Bill & Kathy!*



Don't miss this! 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!)*

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!*



COMMUNITY SHRED IT EVENT—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 10-11AM



*Tired of overflowing file cabinets and storage boxes? Now's the time to start collecting your unwanted confidential documents into boxes and bags, then bring them to the Parish parking lot at **10 am on October 20th**. We've contracted with **Shred-it Buffalo** to provide this event to our community free of charge—free will offerings are gratefully accepted. ☺*

WE WELCOME KATHY NUWER-PARKHILL back to our St. George music ministry this weekend. **Kathy was our organist from 1966-1992** and, now that she's retired, she finds herself with some time to help us out with keyboard accompaniment for several Sunday Masses each month.

Alternating Sundays with **Anna Kalinski**, she and our faithful volunteer singers and percussionist strive to enrich our worship at the *10 am Mass. Welcome back, Kathy!*



COMING NOVEMBER 10TH—POUND AUCTION & POTLUCK SUPPER!

Each guest donates a carefully disguised gift weighing **about 1 pound** to the auction. The excitement is contagious as each gift is offered up for bidding, usually starting out at \$1 or \$2. The highest bidder wins the gift, but the gift is sometimes a gag, which provides plenty of chuckles for everyone.

Make plans to join us for this fun-filled night on Saturday, November 10th in the parish hall after the 5 pm Mass. Proceeds will be donated to cancer research at Roswell Park.

A RETREAT DAY OPPORTUNITY Sister Ann Marie Grasso, SSMN, will bring some of her parishioners to our parish on **Thursday, October 25th, from 10 am - 2:30 pm** for a day of retreat entitled **Jesus: our Way, our Truth, our Life**. All St. George parishioners are invited to attend. **Bring a bag lunch**. Coffee, water and pastries will be provided. A **\$5 donation** is asked to help defray expenses. **Register by October 7th, by calling the parish office at 652-3153.**

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 **\$3,002.23**. Donate online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org.



In today's Gospel, Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "*If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.*" Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.*"

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them. Thank you and God bless all.

Join us for the Rosary in our beautiful Chapel on Mondays at 7 pm.

READINGS FOR September 30, 2018

Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Kindly keep the family and friends of **Lynn Murray**, sister of **Don Murray** and **Jeannette Hernandez**, in your prayers as they mourn her loss and honor her memory in a Memorial Mass next **Saturday, September 29th** at **10 am** in the Memorare Chapel. May God grant Lynn eternal rest and peace.



THURSDAY MORNING YOGA

A small group of our parishioners gather most Thursday mornings at **9 am** for yoga with experienced instructor **Jane Schmitt** for a small fee. If you're interested in participating, drop by or email Jane at janeschmitt@hotmail.com.

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.



SAVE THE DATE! YOUTH FALL BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION



Sunday, October 21st from 9 am - 1 pm in the parish hall. Plan to come enjoy a hearty breakfast and try your luck at the theme basket auction!

Start preparing your creative and generous **theme basket donations**, too! Basket and gift donations may be dropped off at church or on the porch of the parish office. *Thanks in advance for your support of our St. George Youth activities!*

These thoughts were penned by Fr. Jim in 2004, following the scandal in Boston. He finds them to be still sorely true and has asked that they be shared once again. Thank-you Fr. Jim!

The Restoration of Trust

So much has been written about Catholic bishops and priests of late, and most of it has been negative. I cannot say that I am surprised. There has been much to write about.

We are all embarrassed by what has been happening—bishops, priests and laity alike. We are all experiencing sadness and deep concern for the victims of sexual abuse.

It will take a long time to restore the trust that makes priestly ministry so important in the lives of faithful people who call upon their priest in times of crisis and joy to bring sacraments of comfort. Only greater fidelity to the message of the gospels and a deeper spirituality in the lives of priests and bishops can help to restore trust. For it is trust that has been destroyed.

It is already beginning. I have noticed it. I hope that you are at least beginning to notice it too. Certainly I witness more priests spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in parishes that are offering perpetual adoration. They speak to me of their need for a deeper relationship with Christ. It is consoling to me. It must also be consoling to the people in those parishes who are witnessing their priests in prayer before and after the sacrifice of the Mass and at other times throughout the day.

Priests have mentioned to me how the present crisis has made them look more deeply into their own lives. They have been asking themselves some tough questions like: "How can I become a better priest, more dedicated to my vocation, more concerned for my relationship with Jesus Christ?" Each one in his own way is seeking to answer those questions in the best way possible.

I have often said that I cannot be an effective priest without my own personal prayer life and prayer support from the many people who pray for me each day. I know of many who do pray for me, and I am sure that there are many more whom I



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do not know. I am humbly grateful. Yes, it is true that first of all the priest must be a prayer himself, but his priesthood cannot be lived well without the prayer support of the people he serves. We are a community of believers. We believe that Christ wants his Church to best reflect the living, breathing Body of Christ. The strength of a Catholic Christian community calls for faith-filled bishops, priests, deacons, religious and laity.

I don't know how long it will take to restore trust, but I pray that we are beginning to take the right steps in that direction. In this season when we reflect on the Resurrection of Christ, I find myself filled with hope for the future of the Church made stronger for its admission of guilt for sins of the past, a firm purpose of amendment, and a knowledge that the resurrected Christ will not abandon us.

James E. Wall



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

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they serve with
compassion, wisdom
& love

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