

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Revelation, insight, epiphany... today is our feast of recognition that God is with us! The Magi are models for us of pilgrims on a journey seeking meaning and understanding. As we embark in this new calendar year of 2019, we continue our life-trek toward wholeness and growth in body, mind and spirit. We find ourselves in the midst of generations of faith-filled souls yearning to discover the redeeming presence of Christ.

A friend of mine recently travelled to Israel and gifted me this Christmas with a small ceramic plaque, about the size of a Hershey's bar. The Hebrew lettering for PEACE is beautifully painted on the piece. She almost didn't give it to me because it had been broken cleanly in half in travel. With the wonders of superglue, she repaired it almost perfectly! Now, as I gaze upon it in my room, it has become a parable for me to reflect upon. This beautiful PEACE was broken but, with effort, was repaired and made whole enough to be gifted.

Throughout history peace has been badly broken and painstakingly repaired time and time again. Some generations have been recipients of the peace won by others' hardship, some have successfully maintained the peace inherited and, of course, some have lost the peace that once was. I suppose this is true in our personal lives as well. Even in daily reality we know all too well the ebb and flow of peace in our hearts. Superglue cannot remedy these situations. The Prince of Peace, though, can serve us well as a healer of peace. May we grow in recognition of the gift of Christ in our lives each day of this new year.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 5	5 pm	Estelle Szymanski, by Terry & Sue Courtney
Sunday, January 6	10 am	Norval Kranz, by Tom & Alice Dziulko
Monday, January 7	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, January 8	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, January 9	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, January 10	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, January 11	8 am	Marie Baker, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Saturday, January 12	5 pm	Noel Sayers, by his friends from South Davis
Sunday, January 13	10 am	John Stancavage, by the Price family

Our next First Friday Mass will be on February 1st 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...*

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 Elaine Ahles.

OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST & THEME BASKET AUCTION IS FEBRUARY 3RD!

Plan to join us on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd**, from **9 am – 12:30 pm** for a hearty and delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage and beverage for **\$6 per adult, \$4 per child (under 10)**. *Tickets available at the door.*

Bring your family and friends, too!



We need theme baskets, please! Your basket donations may be left at the back of church, or in the tall brown cupboard on the porch of the parish office at any time.

JOIN US FOR
COFFEE
AND
DONUT HOLES
AFTER MASS!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP NEXT WEEKEND!

If you can, stay for refreshments after the Masses next weekend.
We love getting to know you better!

SPRING CLASSES OFFERED AT CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY

It may seem like spring is far away, but **Spring 2019 Classes** will soon be underway at the Seminary. You can browse the course brochure at <https://preview.tinyurl.com/yclglsvx>.



YOUTH “MERCY” PROJECT

Our Youth Community is collecting various items for **Friends of Night People** until **January 27th**. There is a “Youth” can in the Gathering space where you can donate coats and outerwear, socks, *new* underwear, thermal wear, feminine hygiene products, personal care items (razors, soap, shampoo), gloves, hats, scarves, boots, blankets, sleeping bags, yoga mats and backpacks. *In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Thank you so much!*



HEALTHY EATING AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

Get your diet back on track after the holiday treats and feasts! Nutrition plays a huge role in our overall health. Join Catholic Health dietician, **Jackie McIntyre, MS, ED, CDN**, on **Wednesday, January 9** from **10:30 am - 12 pm** at St. Francis Park, 5229 South Park Ave., Hamburg. Jackie will share simple changes you can make to help you feel your best, as well as the benefits of superfoods. This public event is free, but reservations are required—call **649-1205**. Light refreshments will be served.

MARRIAGE MOMENT *“When you work with people, it is a lot like mining for gold. You do not look for the dirt. You look for the gold.”* (Andrew Carnegie) What affirming nugget can you say to your spouse today? It helps if it’s specific. It’s important that it’s true. (By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net)



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER’S ANNUAL APPEAL IS JANUARY 19-20



The BOLO Food Pantry currently serves more than 130 families in need—a 300% increase over 3 years ago. It gets the bulk of its food from the Food Bank of WNY at low or no cost, but that supply is dwindling, so it purchases additional food from other, more costly sources in order to meet the need. The organization is self-funded through fundraising events, clothing sales from Gabriel's Closet and donations. It is an all-volunteer organization, and a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

How can you help?

- *Donate non-perishable food products such as cereal, pasta sauce, soups, & tuna.*
- *Keep us in your prayers!*
- **Donate** generously to our annual appeal at St. George on January 19-20!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement Team members support our parishioners through times of grief. Volunteers serve in several ways—preparing food for the brunch after a funeral; setting up prior to and cleaning up following a brunch; visiting and praying with family members at the time; and keeping in touch months down the road to continue the support. If any of these volunteer roles interests you, please contact the parish office at 652-3153.





We are so grateful for you, our St. George parish family, and for the gifts which you share with us. Your generosity enables us to support and expand our community outreach and lifelong faith formation efforts as we journey in faith together. **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings last week were **\$3,942.00**, and **Christmas** offerings totaled **\$3,146.00**. *Thank you!*

RESOLVE TO GIVE GREENER! Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the offering check that you write for our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? Make your giving greener by using our online giving service. Visit our secure website at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org and sign up in minutes. You decide the amount that you would like to give, one-time or recurring, and whether the donation is drawn from your bank account or your credit card. If you're at all unsure about the service or set up, our parish secretary is happy to answer any questions, and will help you get it set up if you wish. Call **652-3153** today.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child. *Thank you and God bless all.*

READINGS FOR

January 13, 2018

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 21(C)

Psalms 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

FEELING DOWN OR DISCOURAGED?

The Office of Family Life Ministries offers a free **Spiritual Uplift**

packet full of practical, easy to use resources, prayers and ideas for help.

To learn more or to receive the free packet, call **847-2210** or email

familylife@buffalodiocese.org today.



BECOME A MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Free training sessions are scheduled at **Christ the King Seminary** in East Aurora on **Saturday, January 19**, and **Saturday, February 9** from **9:30 am - 2 pm**. See Sister Lori or call the parish office if you're willing to serve our parish and others in this role. View the full list of trainings at buffalodiocese.org/minister-of-holy-communion-training-schedule.



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!*



ST. GEORGE CHURCH

Pancake & Breakfast

THEME BASKET AUCTION

SUNDAY, February 3, 2019

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

ADULTS: \$6.00 CHILDREN (10 yrs. and under): \$4.00

Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage & beverage

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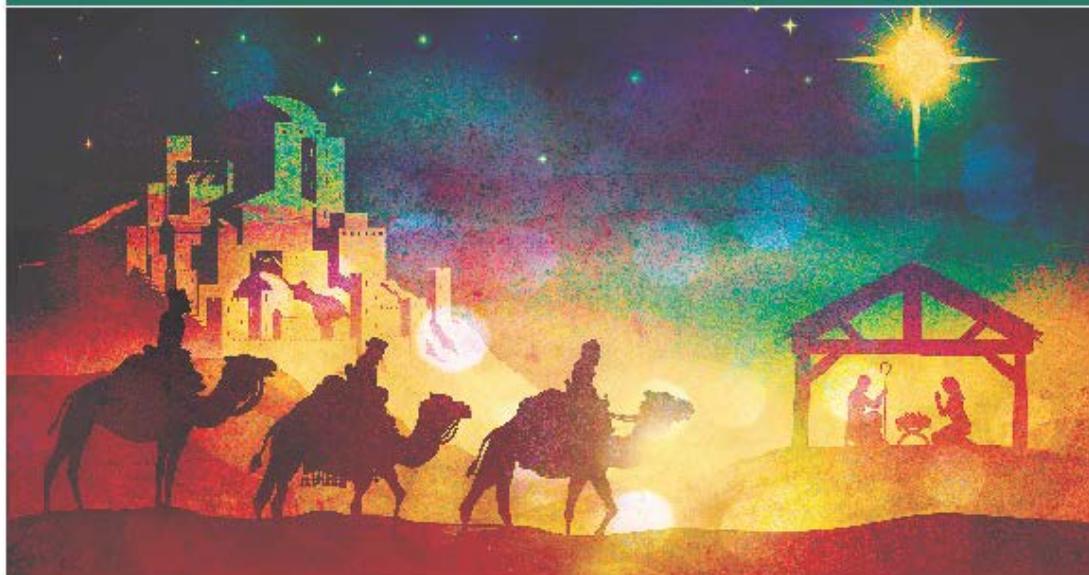
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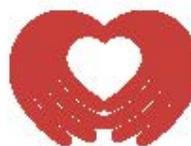
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