

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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The Baptism of the Lord

Words matter. This simple thought seems, at times, to have been forgotten in our present day society. We humans have developed this complex system of interpersonal communication as a means of sharing our hopes, desires and ideals. When words are used to deceive, manipulate or harm others, it is a grave matter for our consideration. Our confidence in all words is shaken when some are misused.

We are concluding our Church season celebrating *the Word of God made flesh*. As Catholic Christians, we hold that Jesus is (somehow) the very Word of God made flesh. Jesus is therefore the very expression of God's hopes, desires and ideals. This *word*, **Jesus**, is given to us out of love by the Creator of all things in order to help us, to guide us and inspire us to live as we have been created to live.

The temptation to misuse words presents itself to each of us in a myriad of ways. From the ancient temptation to simply tell a lie to the neo-modern temptation to digitally misrepresent people, places and things of every sort online, we are challenged to maintain the integrity of words. In Matthew's Gospel (5:37) Jesus reminds us to say "yes" when we mean "yes" and "no" when we mean "no", all else comes from the evil one. Honoring words and their meaning requires vigilance. We must hold *ourselves*, first and foremost, to a standard of honesty and clarity. Only then might we serve others by calling them to reconsider what we perceive as any misuse of words.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 12	5 pm	Noel Sayers, by his friends from South Davis
Sunday, January 13	10 am	John Stancavage, by the Price family
Monday, January 14	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, January 15	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, January 16	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, January 17	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, January 18	8 am	Joseph Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Saturday, January 19	5 pm	Marie Garvey, by Donald Hayes
Sunday, January 20	10 am	Mary Lou Bitterman, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

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... Doris Ellis, Don Murray, Joe Arcara, Stan Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Ann Marie Price, Linda Kraus, Gene Holden, Rita Kowalik, Elaine Ahles, John Nichter and Robert Brand.



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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEKEND!

If you can, stay and enjoy some coffee and donut holes after the Masses this weekend. *We love getting to know you better!*

JOIN US FOR
COFFEE
AND
DONUT HOLES
AFTER MASS!



REST IN PEACE, ROBERT HARDY Bob passed away on **Sunday January 6th**. Kindly keep his wife Sue, family and friends in your prayers. A Mass of Christian Burial for Bob was celebrated here at St. George on **Friday, January 11th at 10 am**. May God grant him eternal rest and comfort his loved ones. More information at buffalonews.com/2019/01/08/hardy-robert-p.

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 online** or give generously to the second collection next weekend!

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!*

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE

When your child has a problem and wants your help or input, and you are caught off guard, try saying “*Tell me more about that*” or “*What do YOU think you should do?*” Responding in these ways can buy you time and clarify the situation. © Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net



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The Altar flower bouquets this week have been donated by the Price family in loving memory of John Stancavage. Thank you Roy, Ann Marie and Linda!



NOW IS THE TIME TO REQUEST 2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you want an official contribution statement for 2018, please call the office at **652-3153**, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.



Thank you 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 **\$3,240.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** totaled **\$602.00**. *Thank you!*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

When you help those who are suffering through your donations to the Poor Box, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased". Thank you and God bless all.



Are your children having a hard time dealing with the loss of a loved one?

Death and grief are inescapable and it can be hard to discuss them with a child when you are grieving, too. The **Office of Family Life Ministries** can supply you resources that can help you talk about death with your children or teens. Call **847-2210** to request a packet or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org. Please include the ages of the affected children when you contact us.

READINGS FOR

January 20, 2018

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5, 66(C)

Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS SATURDAYS

Join other men of faith every Saturday morning from **8-9:15 am** in the parish hall to share some coffee, scripture, and fellowship.

Questions? Email **Paul** at kalinskip@gmail.com or **Matt** at his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com.



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.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL

At St. John Vianney School we are more than just a school, we are a family. SJV offers classes from Kindergarten through 8th grade, as well as partial- and full-day preschool programs. Before and after school care is also available. Visit us at our open house on **Sunday, January 27th** from **11 am - 1 pm** at 2950 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, or call **674-9232**. Learn more about us at www.saintjohnvianneyschool.com.

