

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once upon a time we used to tell stories; in person, with our own voices, occasionally adding our own spin to a classic tale. We may remember parents or grandparents reading to us at bedtime or telling a humorous family episode year after year at the holidays. The personal interaction involved with telling and listening to stories is not something duplicated by electronic devices and displays. These engage our attention in captivating ways but not necessarily human ways.

I imagine many who have small children still take time to tell stories but, in many ways, storytelling seems to have become a marginalized activity. In light of this, now might be a good time to remind ourselves that the Bible is an inspired compilation of stories known as our **Oral Tradition**. Before TVs, radios and electronic devices were able to relay information to the masses, elders and parents were responsible for teaching the young about their relationship with God, family and community. Some of our Old Testament texts include repetitive phrases which served the story tellers as memory aides. One of the most familiar is in the first chapter of the book of Genesis where the account of creation is measured by "*evening came and morning followed, the ____ day*".

We each have a story to tell of our life experience. It can be interesting to consider what of our personal faith story would be informative/instructive to share with others. When conversing with family and friends, we are on the verge of a gold mine of stories and insights. May we each find ways to tell and listen to life lessons and faith journeys as a way of unearthing God's presence within us.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, January 21	8 am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, January 22	8 am	Don Schmidle, by the family
Wednesday, January 23	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, January 24	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, January 25	8 am	Birthday remembrance for Rob Dubisz, with love from Mom & Dad
Saturday, January 26	5 pm	Estelle Szymanski, by the Lell family
Sunday, January 27	10 am	Jerry Castiglia, by Barbara and 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.

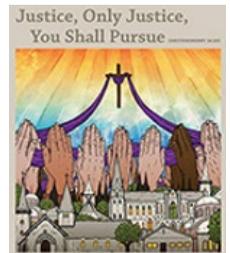
**Join us in praying the Rosary Saturdays at 4:30 pm in the Church,
and at 7 pm Mondays in the Chapel.**



LET US PRAY FOR... 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.

JANUARY 18-25 IS A WORLDWIDE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "*they may be one so that the world may believe*" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with this year's theme being "**Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue.**" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20). During this week, we hope that you will take a few moments to pray for the unity of all Christians, reflect on scripture, and share fellowship.



Learn more at www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/week-of-prayer.



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.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER'S ANNUAL APPEAL THIS WEEKEND!

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 this 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!

THEME BASKETS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BASKET AUCTION February 3rd!



Your thoughtful, generous, and creative **Theme Basket** donations contribute **immensely** to the success of this fundraiser! When yours is ready, you may leave it in the tall brown cupboard on the parish office porch at any time.

Remember to join us on 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 are available at the door.*

Volunteers are needed to serve during or clean up after the breakfast. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church. Thank you!

Do you have the perfect place for a church pew at your place?

We are planning to ease the congestion in the front of our worship space (especially for funerals) by removing one front pew on each side of the church. We already have several pews lining the walls of the parish hall, so we would like to adopt these two front pews out to a loving home.



Please call the parish office at 652-3153 or speak to Sister Lori if you would like to repurpose one of these pews for your hall, mudroom or porch area.

We are ever so grateful for your presence with us, 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 **\$3,312.00**.

Offerings for **Maintenance** and **Capital Improvements** now total **\$968.00**. *Thank you!*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Every day God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

Thank you and God bless all.

READINGS FOR

January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 69 (C)

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



SCRIPTURE SHARING ON MONDAY MORNINGS

A small, friendly group of folks gather every **Monday morning at 9 am** in the **parish office** to contemplate and discuss the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, providing Fr. Jim with valuable feedback for preparing his Sunday homily.

The coffee will be on - just show up!



THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK will be at the [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#) on **Thursday, January 24th** from **2:30-4:30 pm**. Be sure to bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods, and your *photo ID*. Call **941-3550** with any questions.

IMPORTANT NEWS

If you are currently signed up with Remind to receive text notifications from our parish, please be aware that **Verizon customers** will not be able to receive those texts as of **January 28th**. Learn more about the reason behind this service change and how you can continue receiving our text notifications here: <https://bit.ly/2QJESwo>.

If you're not yet signed up for Remind notifications from St. George parish, delivered directly to your phone or tablet (*free!*) text **@stg002** to **81010**, visit remind.com/join/stg002, or call the parish office at 652-3153.



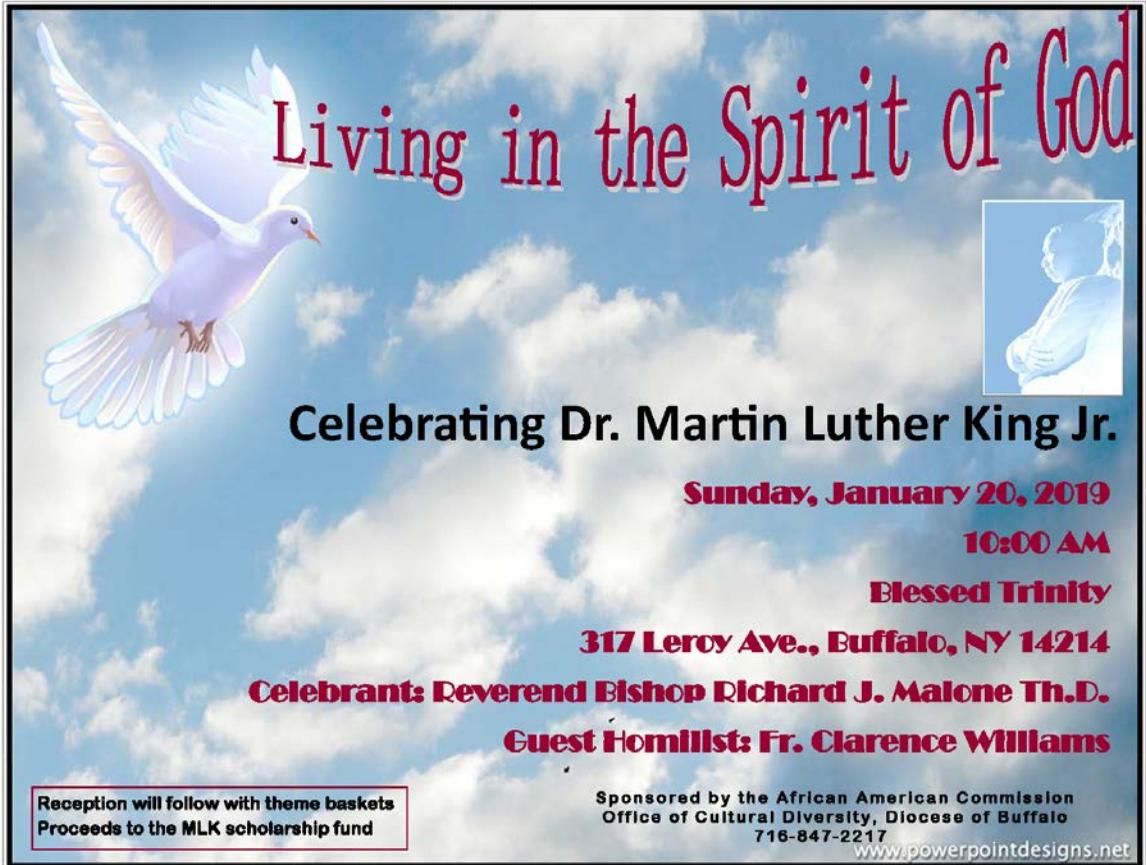
THANKS TO OUR DECORATORS!

The lovely ambiance of our church throughout the recent holiday season was carefully tended by a group of generous volunteers. The main characters of this group are **Dianne Emerling, Kathleen Lell, Alice (& Tom) Dziulko** and **Kathy Kita**. *Thank you for enhancing our worship experiences!*

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, our parish will receive your offerings for the **Catholic Relief Services** appeal. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and *help Jesus in disguise*. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Donate online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/crs.

HELP
Jesus
IN DISGUISE



Living in the Spirit of God

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Sunday, January 20, 2019

10:00 AM

Blessed Trinity

317 Leroy Ave., Buffalo, NY 14214

Celebrant: Reverend Bishop Richard J. Malone Th.D.

Guest Homilist: Fr. Clarence Williams

Reception will follow with theme baskets
Proceeds to the MLK scholarship fund

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

COMEDY NIGHT

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8651 BOSTON STATE ROAD, BOSTON, NY**

-CHRISTIAN COMEDIANS-

DAN VIOLA | PASTOR DAN

**DOORS OPEN 6:00PM / SHOW TIME 6:30PM / TICKETS \$10
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-Proceeds to benefit the Ronald McDonald House-

A Fun Night For The WHOLE Family!