

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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January 27, 2019

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the *Guidelines for Churches* developed by the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Buffalo, a beautiful phrase is repeated as the basic goal for the interior of churches. This phrase is that the church should be appointed with *noble simplicity*. Fr. Jim was instrumental in giving shape to many of the strategies within this document and he has been a marvelous shepherd for the implementation of the subtle changes we have experienced in our worship space over the past couple of years.

To be noted are the following changes: the presider's chair has moved from behind the altar to beside the altar; the ambo has moved to the opposite side of the sanctuary; the interior walls have been painted; new windows have been installed and the pews have been made parallel in the front of the aisle. Also, several changes have been made to simplify the *flow* of the Mass, including: making announcements *before* Mass begins; posting the song numbers instead of announcing them during our worship; scaling back the frequency of second collections as much as possible; and providing brief introductions to the 1st and 2nd readings as a means of giving context to the passages.

You will notice in today's bulletin that one more pew is to be removed in the front of the church to create more space at communion time, especially at funerals. Another plan in the works is to use a good bit of our *Upon This Rock* funds to improve access at the main doors of the church. We are consulting with architects for plans to build an enclosed handicap accessible ramp area with automatic doors. Hopefully we can move forward with this much-needed improvement during 2019.

Feedback from you, the parishioners, is always invited. Please contact us at the parish office, at church after Mass, or relay a message through any of the parish staff or Parish Council members.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 26	5 pm	Estelle Szymanski, by the Lell family
Sunday, January 27	10 am	Jerry Castiglia, by Barbara and family
Monday, January 28	8 am	Gerry Trendell, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Tuesday, January 29	8 am	Sally Denesha, by husband Joe
Wednesday, January 30	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, January 31	8 am	Communion Service
First Friday	8 am	The Faithful Departed
Friday, February 1		
Saturday, February 2	5 pm	Adolph & Lola Schmidle, by the family
Sunday, February 3	10 am	James A. Wall on the anniversary of his death, by his son, Father Jim

Our 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES APPEAL IS THIS WEEKEND

Funds from this appeal provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. *Please place your CRS offerings in an envelope clearly marked **CRS** into the regular offering basket, or donate online anytime at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/crs.*

HELP
Jesus
IN DISGUISE

FINAL CHANCE TO DONATE OUTERWEAR FOR OUR YOUTH "MERCY" PROJECT



Our Youth Community will gather up all of the donations for **Friends of Night People** on **Sunday, January 27th**. Be sure to place your donations of the following items in the **Youth** can in the Gathering Space of church by noon on Sunday: 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!

OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD!

Pancake
Breakfast



Join us 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.*

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.



Pssst! If you volunteered to serve in the dining room or clean up, please honor your commitment – we need you! Thank you.

WE'RE MAKING SPACE

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

We're 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.

MEDITATION & YOGA AS CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE



Taught by certified instructor **Jane Schmitt**, the classes incorporate prayer, meditation, music and weekly Scripture - complementing Christian spiritual practices by preparing the mind for direct, open and prayerful communication with God. The next class at **St. Mary of the Assumption Parish** in Lancaster will be held on **Tuesday, January 29** from **7 - 8 pm** in the Parish Center at St. Mary's Elementary School, 2 St. Mary's Hill (Aurora and St. Joseph Streets). Classes are suitable for all skill levels. Bring a yoga mat. Free-will offering. Contact **Diane Zwirecki** at **683-6445, ext. 24** or dianez@stmarysonthehill.org.

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 online at bit.ly/2MrkEqT.



Are you skeptical of that weird-looking “bit.ly/2MrkEqT” link in the previous paragraph and where it leads to if you click on it in the online version of this bulletin? When website links are really long and would take up a lot of space in the bulletin, we often use the bit.ly link shortening service to make a shorter link.



The February parish calendar is now available at the church entrances. Take a copy home with you today, or download it **online**.



Your generosity enables us to support and expand our community outreach and lifelong faith formation efforts as we journey in faith together. *In spite of low attendance last weekend* due to the treacherous and frigid weather conditions, **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings totaled **\$1,379.00**, and offerings for the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** were **\$1,564.00!** *Thank you!*



If you missed the collection last week, you can still put your **Bread of Life Outreach Center** offerings envelopes in this week's collection basket. *You can also donate online anytime at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org.*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*" **As his disciples, we show the Spirit of the Lord to the poor and suffering by our contributions to the Poor Box.** *Thank you and God bless all.*



READINGS FOR

February 3, 2019

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, 72(C)

Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13

Luke 4:21-30



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!

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>.



Sign up for Remind notifications from St. George parish, delivered directly to your phone or tablet (*free!*) by texting **@stg002** to **81010**, visit remind.com/join/stg002, or call the parish office at 652-3153.



NOW IS THE TIME TO REQUEST 2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2018 are mailed by Catholic Charities directly to you *if you donated \$250.00 or more*. You may request one by calling Catholic Charities at **(716) 218-1400**.

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

When so many suffer the scourge of human trafficking, your contribution is saving lives.



In a small village in Bihar, in northeast India, lives a boy named Triveni, 11, and his sister Premshila, 13. Shortly after Triveni was born, he and his siblings were orphaned, and their older brother became their guardian. The children, needing money, withdrew from school to work. In India, the lack of education and job opportunities puts children at particular risk for human trafficking for labor or sexual exploitation.



Your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection helped Triveni and Premshila avoid this fate and gave them hope for the future. Your generosity helped this brother and sister re-enroll in school. They now receive school uniforms and daily lunches.

Triveni has become a peer leader, warning other young people about the dangers of child migration and human trafficking. Children like Triveni and Premshila need you to continue this lifesaving work.

Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection today, and help Jesus in disguise.



The Catholic Relief Services Collection

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**Your Donations Help
Our Brothers and
Sisters . . .**



In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

"O Saint Josephine Bakhita, assist all those who are entrapped in slavery; intercede on their behalf with the God of Mercy so that the chains of their captivity will be broken."



—Pope Francis, Address to Participants in the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking, February 12, 2018



28 Days of Giving!

Help the mission of Bread of Life Outreach and
Declutter your life!

Each day, choose something from your closet to donate

or

Pick a non-perishable food from your pantry

or

Donate your loose change!

At the end of 28 days, bring your bag to BOLO!