

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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**February 3, 2019**

### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*People in need come first*<sup>1</sup>. This sentence was repeated several times in a book I was reading recently. This book offers a commentary on the Scriptures we hear at Mass. The author was describing an underlying rule of Jesus whenever he was being questioned by religious leaders about following the laws of the Hebrew faith. Yes, there are precepts and rules in place to maintain order and harmony BUT, *people in need come first!*

Actually, I think this is a precept all of us know instinctually. Part of what makes us human is our empathy and compassion. When we see someone struggling with something, we have an impulse to react, to help out if we can. Of course we have limitations of time, ability or finances, but when an opportunity to help someone presents itself within our realm of possibility, most of us respond generously.

Prayerful reflection leads me to wonder how I can forget, at times, that *people in need come first*? I suppose that the natural tendency is to be self-centered, focused narrowly on me and my needs. A second inclination is to be too tired or too numb to allow my compassion to be stirred. Perhaps frustration at previously futile attempts to offer aid, or too many forgotten expressions of gratitude have also contributed to a hardening of heart and a lack of empathy.

The example and words of Jesus, shared and lived out in this community of faith, call us to put our self-concern and our apathy aside and grow ever more caring of one another. May we realize and be forever grateful that our God never tires of caring for us!

Sister Lori

<sup>1</sup> Diane Bergant, PREACHING THE NEW LECTIONARY, year B, p. 266

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, February 4	8 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Tuesday, February 5	8 am	William Tuttle, by his wife Bea and family
Wednesday, February 6	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, February 7	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, February 8	8 am	Anniversary remembrance of Donald & Betty Schmidle, by the Family
Saturday, February 9	5 pm	Richard Romanowski, by the Estate
Sunday, February 10	10 am	Stephanie McCormick O'Connor, by the McCormick family

**Our next First Friday Mass will be on March 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.

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP NEXT WEEKEND!

If you can, stick around for refreshments after the Masses next weekend, **February 9-10**. *We love getting to know you better!* Sr. Lori says that we'll order more donut holes next week, since more folks are staying for a visit!

JOIN US FOR  
COFFEE  
AND  
DONUT HOLES  
AFTER MASS!



### PARENTING PERSPECTIVE

*How FREE are you and your children? Can you enjoy each other's company without spending money? Can you have fun without depending on electricity? Explore free recreation this weekend. Sing and dance—or at least talk and walk. © Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).*

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



## OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BASKET AUCTION IS **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 sold at the door.*

Come on down to the parish hall before or after Mass on Sunday and have a wonderful time visiting with old and new friends, enjoy a filling breakfast and maybe even win a **Theme Basket** or two!

*Pssst! If you volunteered to serve in the dining room or clean up, We hope that you'll honor your commitment – we need you! Thank you.*



## COLLECTION FOR OUR MISSION IN KENYA NEXT WEEKEND



Under the leadership of the late Father William Snyder, St. George parishioners financed the building of a mission in Laisamis, Kenya, which is named after St. George. This mission includes a church, school, hospital, a residence for sisters, a social hall, a rectory for priests, and a college for catechists.

*Our parish maintains its financial support to the mission in Kenya with a generous annual donation, augmented by your offerings.*

## TRAVEL BLESSINGS, FATHER JIM!



We won't be seeing much of Father Jim during this month, as he's off to do mission work in Guatemala from February 6-13 and, following a brief return to us, he'll be resting and soaking up the sun in Florida. Let's pray that he'll remain well and safe during his travels. We're grateful to Father John and the other clergy who have kindly agreed to celebrate the Masses in Father Jim's absence.

**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is February 2nd**, *forty days after the birth of Jesus*. It is also called **Candlemas** or *Candle Mass Day*, stemming from a custom of blessing candles before Mass that day and giving them to people. These blessed candles would be used in the year ahead for Masses, baptisms, weddings and in the home, too.



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**DON'T MISS THE FEBRUARY ISSUE** of the **Western New York Catholic** newspaper. It's available at the church and chapel entrances.

## MARRIAGE IN CHRIST SEMINARS OFFERED AT ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

The Church of the Annunciation in Elma invites you to its *Marriage in Christ* seminar series on **March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29** from **7:30-9:30 pm**, at 7580 Clinton St. Elma. The seminar consists of a weekly group meeting for teaching and discussion, as well as an at-home component to help spouses spend quality time with each other. Cost is \$85 per couple. For more info call **Theresa** at **937-7837** or visit [www.marriageinchrist.com](http://www.marriageinchrist.com).

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 **\$2,890.00**, and offerings for **Catholic Relief Services** were **\$532.00**.



*Your offerings for the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** now total **\$2069.00!**  
BOLO thanks each of you for your compassionate and generous support,  
enabling them to minister to our brothers and sisters in need.*



The **2019 Collection/Envelope Dates** are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience, or view it online at [stgeorgercchurch.org/schedules](http://stgeorgercchurch.org/schedules).

**FEBRUARY 2-3 is the national appeal for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.** Your donation helps restore the Church in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty.



*Please place your CCEE offerings in an envelope clearly marked **CCEE** into the regular offering basket, or donate online anytime at [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/ccee](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/ccee).  
Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

***Is God is calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Call us at the parish office 652-3153. Thank you and God bless all.***

### READINGS FOR

February 10, 2019

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8, 75(C)

Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Luke 5:1-11

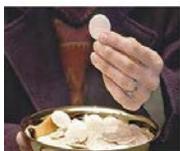
### CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS SATURDAYS

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



Email **Paul** at [kalinski@gmail.com](mailto:kalinski@gmail.com) or **Matt** at [his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com](mailto: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 these **Saturdays: February 9, March 9, April 6, and May 5** from **9:30 am - 2 pm**. Speak with Sister Lori or call the parish office at 652-3153 if you would like to serve in this role. The full list of training sessions is at [buffalodiocese.org/minister-of-holy-communion-training-schedule](http://buffalodiocese.org/minister-of-holy-communion-training-schedule).



# SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



## RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

In Eastern Europe, in the Caucasus region, the small country of Georgia nestles between Armenia and Russia. In 1921 Georgia was taken over by the Red Army and became one of the first countries to be incorporated into the Soviet Union. After 70 years of oppression under the Soviet regime, the Georgian people declared independence in 1991, and the Church entered a new era of freedom.

No longer ruled by a repressive regime, the Georgian people are rebuilding the Church and society after decades of persecution. They have made strides to heal their wounds, but work remains to be done. Catholics in Georgia live primarily in rural villages, where it is all but impossible to find medical care. Vulnerable populations like the elderly, disabled, children, and expectant mothers suffer the most.

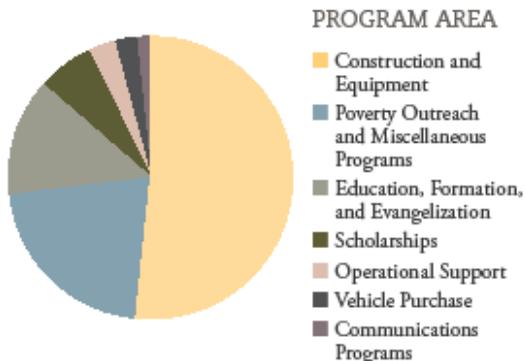
But because of you, this suffering is being alleviated by the love of Christ. With your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE), the Church in Georgia has worked through the network of parishes to expand medical services to respond to the needs of these remote villages. Many of our brothers and sisters who live in these villages now have access to qualified nursing services, doctors, and medication. Your generosity is balm for the wounds of an abandoned people. You are bringing the light of Christ and strength of his healing so they know that they are not forgotten.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE  
PEOPLE OF GEORGIA. SUPPORT THE  
COLLECTION TODAY.

More information about the CCEE and the projects it supports can be found at [www.usccb.org/cee](http://www.usccb.org/cee).

### 2017 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 317  
Total Amount Approved: \$9,182,320.00



#### Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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Celebrate!

# February

## Feb. 2 — Presentation of the Lord

This feast recognizes Jesus' first visit to the Temple, as a baby, and he is welcomed by Simeon and Anna (see Lk 2:22-38). Say hi to a family who has a baby the next time you go to Mass.

## Feb. 5 — St. Agatha

This virgin martyr was sent to prison and tortured when she would not stop proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior. Pray for strength to be like Jesus to others.

## Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day

Candy and sweetheart notes are often the focus of Valentine's Day. This year, send a card with a note to a loved one who you may not visit much, such as an aunt or uncle, or a grandparent who lives far away.

## Feb. 22 — Chair of St. Peter

This feast day focuses on the person who was given the chair, not the furniture. In the New Testament, on several occasions Jesus talked to Peter (the first pope) about things that would happen. In Luke 22:32, he was told "you must strengthen your brothers." In John 21:18, Peter is told of his last witness: "When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." The chair also represents all the popes, who do what the Lord asks them to do. Listen to the Lord, who also is asking you to do things in this life.

## Feb. 24 — Academy Awards ceremony

Watch a favorite family movie today.



## Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation is also called Candlemas or Candle Mass Day. Since the seventh century, there has been a tradition of blessing candles before Mass that day and giving them to people. These blessed candles would be used in the year ahead, for Masses, baptisms, weddings, and in the home, too. This feast day was probably chosen for this tradition because it symbolizes that Christ is the Light of the World. In some parishes, people carry lighted candles around the church and out into the nearby streets, to show that we carry the Light of Christ to everyone in the world.



**Jesus, you are the Light of the World. We know that you are the Good News of love and hope in our lives. We know that your light and love will get us through any difficult and dark times. Be with us. In your name we pray. Amen.**

## Kid-friendly Candles

Make paper candles with your children as a reminder of this special day. Cover toilet tissue tubes with colored paper or aluminum foil. Glue a paper flame to the top of the tube or use an LED tea light. Cut out a picture of baby Jesus from a used Christmas card picture (or use a sticker) and glue it to the center of the candle.



## **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!**