

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This past week, in the Scripture readings for daily mass, we heard the first Creation story presented in chapter one of Genesis. It is a marvelously creative account that highlights God's powerful word. God speaks and so it happens! While human nature and history lessons tend to focus on the flaws, errors and sins we experience, this first chapter of the Bible reveals a creation that God calls *good* and humanity that is *very good*! Often this account of original blessing is overshadowed by our burden of original sin but it is helpful for us to remember that God is our Creator and, as a Home Missions poster once put it, *God don't make junk!*

Thinking of creation also prompted me to reflect on how easily our perceptions of reality can be limited and occasionally mistaken. Everything that we experience in a day—from the rising of the sun until its setting—would have us make the logical conclusion that the sun has moved throughout the day. It is, however, a false conclusion. We know that now, after centuries of discoveries capped off with space travel, and a look back on ourselves from a new point of view.

What a good lesson for us to ponder. A change of perspective can offer us insights into wholly new aspects of reality. The challenge, I think, is to find that new vantage point. To quote from Star Trek: *to boldly go* where we have not gone before. It can be a personal daily challenge to consider other points of view. We may not like them, we may discover they are completely wrong, we might learn a thing or two we never knew before but, the wider our view, the more we can see. And with clearer, truer vision we can hopefully see more as God sees.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 16	5 pm	John & Joyce Ambrosoli, by the Estate
Sunday, February 17	10 am	Richard Van Oort, by Father Jim
Monday, February 18	8 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Tuesday, February 19	8 am	Thomas Cumiskey, by the Estate
Wednesday, February 20	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, February 21	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, February 22	8 am	Genevieve D. O'Connell, by the Estate
Saturday, February 23	5 pm	Richard Romanowski, by the Estate
Sunday, February 24	10 am	Daniel Sojka, by his 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next **Faith Fest** will be **Sunday, March 3rd** from **8:55-9:50 am**, to help prepare for the season of Lent.

Join us in the parish hall for the fun!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 1ST

Women, men, and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1st. This year, the women of the *WDP Committee of Slovenia* call us to worship considering the words "**Come—Everything Is Ready.**" Learn more at wdp-usa.org.

This year's service will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church in East Aurora on Friday, March 1st at 10 am.



ANNOUNCING OUR CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2019 APPEAL CHAIRPERSON!

Kathleen Lell has graciously agreed to be the Catholic Charities Chairperson for our parish this year. Volunteers are welcome—please call the parish office at **652-3153** if you wish to assist with the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal effort for St. George parish.

Welcome to our Faith Family!

We are pleased to have **Sharon Harezga, and the Kraft family—Tim, Julie and Forrest**—as new parishioners of our St. George faith community! May you find belonging and happiness here.

MEDICINE COLLECTION FOR HAITI

We're collecting over-the-counter medicines for our twin Haitian parish of **St. Michael the Archangel** on the weekends of **February 16-17, 23-24** and **March 2-3**. We need **pain relievers, antacids, vitamins, cold/cough medicines, eye/ear drops, antifungal/antibiotic/hydrocortisone creams** and any other *new* and *unopened* medicines. **Toothbrushes & paste** are also needed. Please place your donations in the box in the back of the church during the above weekends, and the collected items will be sent to Haiti on the sea container in April.



FIRST RECONCILIATION



Congratulations to **Gabrielle Robertson** and **Natalia Kalinski** for making their First Reconciliation this month. May you always feel the loving presence of Jesus in this grace-filled sacrament.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – Wednesday, March 6th 8 am MASS and 7 pm COMMUNION SERVICE

Lenten Guide: Fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.
Abstinence from meat on all Fridays during Lent.



HOLY THURSDAY MASS & DINNER AT THE SEMINARY



We invite all parishioners to attend the **7 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*** on **Holy Thursday, April 18th** at **Christ the King Seminary**. (*No Mass at St. George Church.*)

The Seminary community will gather for supper at **5:45 pm in the Dining Hall**, and anyone wishing to do so may sign up to join them for this meal prior to the Mass. To defray the cost of the meal, a **\$14 donation is requested**, but not required.

We're taking reservations in our parish office until April 14th. This will allow us to give an accurate head count to the Seminary's food service folks as they prepare. After the Holy Thursday Mass at the Seminary, the Blessed Sacrament will be brought for reposition in our Memorare Chapel until **10 pm**.

FISH FRY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HAITI MEDICAL CLINIC

at ***Nativity of Our Lord Church*** on **Friday, March 15th** from **4-6:30 pm**. (***Take-out only, prepared by Krolick's BBQ.***)

Purchase **\$12.00 Pre-sale tickets** here in our Gathering Space on **Feb. 23-24** and **March 2-3**. Tickets are **\$13 at the door** on March 15th.





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 **\$2,198.72**.

Thank you for your generous contributions last week for **our Mission in Kenya!** As a parish we collected **\$887.00**. If you missed this opportunity, you can donate online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/kenya.

READINGS FOR
February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
- Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
- 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
- Luke 6:27-38

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, the hungry and the weeping people. **Through your donations to the Poor Box, you help us to help those who are suffering.**



Thank you, and may your generous hearts be filled with the blessings of Jesus.

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 kalinski@gmail.com or **Matt** at his.t.his.victory15@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all of you who have honored your *Upon This Rock* pledges throughout 2018. Our parish recently received the first disbursement of funds for **2019—\$3,149.46!** UTR funds are distributed twice yearly in January and in July.



Mass Offerings Praying for relatives and friends is an act of faith, hope and charity. One way you can honor your loved one is to have a Mass offered for them. To schedule a Mass, please call the parish office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER needs canned soups, canned pasta and spaghetti sauce for the Food Pantry. You may place your donations in the baskets in the Gathering space at church, or bring them to BOLO during regular hours. Thank you for your support of their outreach mission!

Food Pantry: Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 9 am–12 pm.

Gabriel's Closet: Tues. & Wed. 10 am–2 pm, Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 9 am–12 pm.



 **PARISH COUNCIL IS MEETING THURSDAY** in the Parish Office at **7 pm**.

The parish office will be closing early at 11:30 am on Tuesday, February 19th. Our apologies for any inconvenience.