

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently a parishioner asked me why I have not written about abortion in this space. With the passage of recent legislation in New York State, her concern was that our Church is not speaking out clearly enough against abortion. Each of us who believe in God as the Giver of Life has a fundamental responsibility to promote life. Human life has intrinsic dignity from conception to natural death. If and when human life is ended by callous indifference or by malicious intent it is an affront to God and to all of us.

Having said this, I am reluctant to focus exclusively on the life issue of legalized abortion. I have met people who are strongly against abortion and strongly for the death penalty. To me, that indicates something is out of balance. As with so many issues in our modern society, polarization of opposing opinions and the vilification of those with a contrary opinion have infected this life issue. In the 70s while I was attending an all girls' Catholic high school, the initial court battle to legalize abortion in the U.S. took place. I am sure many of you can remember the tumult of those days.

Our Catholic Church has stood clearly and strongly for life from conception to natural death as a basic human right. There are, however, countless ways that life is destroyed or diminished in our society and world. Each of these are an affront to God's plan. We are called to be educated about and actively oppose as many of these as we are able. The lives of those starving to death in Yemen and South Sudan; the lives taken by diseases of tainted water supplies; the lives of those held for years in isolated captivity; the lives of children denied their basic necessities to thrive; are all life issues—as are affordable child care, pre-natal care, family violence prevention and the need to receive a living wage; all of which could help reduce the pressures in our nation that influence abortion decisions.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 23	5 pm	Richard Romanowski, by the Estate
Sunday, February 24	10 am	Daniel Sojka, by his family
Monday, February 25	8 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Tuesday, February 26	8 am	William Tuttle, by his wife Bea and family
Wednesday, February 27	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, February 28	8 am	Communion Service
First Friday, March 1	8 am	William & Lillian Schmidle, by the family
Saturday, March 2	5 pm	Genevieve D. O'Connell, by the Estate
Sunday, March 3	10 am	Kathy Tullar, by the family

Our 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 & Ellen Kociszewski, Jeanne McIntyre, Ann Marie Price, Linda Kraus, Gene Holden, Rita Kowalik, Elaine Ahles, John Nichter, Robert Brand, and Joseph Grover.

FAITH FEST NEXT SUNDAY! Our next Faith Fest will be **Sunday, March 3rd** from **8:55-9:50 am**, to help prepare for the season of Lent. **Sister Lori** will teach and share insights about the two **Sacraments of Healing!** *Join us in the parish hall for fellowship and fun!*



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION NEXT WEEKEND!

*Please keep our Youth and their leaders close to your heart and in your prayers next weekend, as they explore what it means to be connected to God and the ways he can help us **POWER UP** for our mission as disciples in the world!*

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 through this grace-filled sacrament.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SISTER LORI

With Father Jim away, and Father John now serving on Sundays at Resurrection Parish, and the clergy at Christ the King Seminary on Winter Break, we are likely to be unable to provide Mass on the following dates: **8 am Tuesday, February 26; 10 am Sunday, March 3; 8 am Monday, March 4 and 8 am Tuesday, March 5.**

In the event that no priest is available to preside at Mass on these dates, a *Communion Service* will be provided for those present.

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.

OTC MEDICINE COLLECTION FOR HAITI

We're collecting over-the-counter medicines for our twin Haitian parish of **St. Michael the Archangel this weekend and next, 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.



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.**

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Text @stg002 to 81010, or visit remind.com/join/stg002.

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 **\$2,028.97**. Offerings for our **Mission in Kenya** now total **\$1,140.00**. *Thank you!*



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.

READINGS FOR
March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:4-7
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

TRANSPORT NEEDED FOR DON MURRAY



Don is a moderately disabled parishioner who can no longer drive, so he needs some help getting to and from **5 pm Saturday Mass** at St. George, especially on the following dates: **2/23, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13**. An easily warmed up meal for his Saturday dinner is also a great help to Don. *If you can help out with a ride for Don to/from his home in Colden (next door to the Colden Kitchen) to the church on one or more of these dates, please call the parish office at 652-3153.* Thanks for considering this help for our brother in need.

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to: *"Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."* **Through your Poor Box donations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist families in need with their food, utilities, rent and other bills.** *Thank you and God bless all.*



You're Invited!

Saint John Vianney Church invites you to its annual **St. Joseph's Table** ceremony on **Sunday, March 24, 2019**. Doors open at **2 pm**, followed by a statue procession and religious ceremony honoring St. Joseph, a dinner catered by **Frankie Primo's +39**, and a **basket raffle**. Tickets are **\$25 for adults** and **\$15 for children** 12 and under. Call **674-9133** for tickets or visit www.saintjohnvianney.com for more information.

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



THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK will be at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** on **Thursday, February 28th** 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.