

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

We are grateful for the priests who have assisted our St. George community while Fr. Jim was away on the dental mission to Guatemala and for some days of vacation. Fr. Paul Varuvel, Fr. John Staak, OMI, Fr. Xavier Seubert, OFM, Fr. John Adams (all from Christ the King Seminary), Msgr. Fred Leising, retired and Fr. Eugene Ulrich, pastor at Annunciation, Elma have all shared their ministry with us during recent weeks. Today we joyously welcome back our designated Sacramental Minister, Fr. Jim Wall.

The close call we experienced last weekend when we were almost unsuccessful in finding a priest to serve at the 10am Sunday Mass brought into focus some of the realities we face in the U.S. Catholic Church at this time in history. We truly have a shortage of priests available on any given Sunday morning to fill in for a sick or absent priest. All the priests who are able to serve tend to have regular commitments, especially on Sunday mornings. This is one of the motivations for the change in the number of Masses offered on Sundays in several local parishes, including ours!

On a more spiritual note, I was confronted with the challenge of explaining the difference between a Sunday Mass and a Sunday celebration in the absence of a priest. If no priest had been present by 9:59 am on Sunday, I was prepared to use the Rite prepared by the Church for such a celebration. That this text exists is, in itself, an acknowledgement by the Church that these occasions will occur. Our celebration in the absence of a priest would include a penitential rite, the Liturgy of the Word, the communion rite and the dismissal. What would be absent is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This includes the events from the *Holy, Holy, Holy* to the *Great Amen*. It is the time when we, the faithful, kneel and pray along with the priest as the story of Jesus' sacrifice and gift of presence is recounted.

Today, and at each Mass we are privileged to attend, may we cherish this priestly ministry and especially enter into the Eucharistic Prayer as our ordained minister leads us in worship of God the Almighty.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 9	5 pm	Everett J. Coakley, by Sally Lennertz
Sunday, March 10	10 am	Donald Schmidle on the anniversary of his birthday, by the family
Monday, March 11	8 am	♥ For the health & wellbeing of Richard Wieczorek, by Bob Wieczorek
Tuesday, March 12	8 am	Sally Denesha, by husband Joe
Wednesday, March 13	8 am	Communion Service & Novena
Thursday, March 14	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, March 15	8 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Saturday, March 16	5 pm	Robert Bull, by the Lell family
Sunday, March 17	10 am	Daniel Pietrzak, by Mary Ann Pietrzak

Our next First Friday Mass will be on April 5th 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.

BLACK AND NATIVE MISSIONS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Your support of this appeal helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

Visit blackandindianmission.org for more information. *Please place your specially marked offering envelopes in the regular offering basket, or donate online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/BNAM.*



K-8 FAITH FORMATION GIVING UP LOOSE CHANGE FOR LENT



As we enter the desert with Jesus, the children in grades K-8 will be donating their loose change during Lent with the goal of purchasing water purifiers for the people of Haiti. Please join them in their efforts as they strive to raise enough money for at least 2 purifiers.

A collection container will be placed inside the *lower* entrance to the parish hall. *Thank you!*

BLESSINGS
on the
Anniversary
of your
Ordination

CONGRATULATIONS to Father Jim as he marks the
56th Anniversary of his Ordination on Saturday, March 10th!

Let us pray that he will continue to be blessed with
spiritual and temporal wellbeing!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES—HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR FIND HOPE

Our parish campaign for the 2019 Appeal is now underway, with our parish goal set at **\$61,800.00**. We welcome everyone to visit our table in the Gathering Space and make your pledge or donation for this year. To learn more about this year's appeal, and the hope that Catholic Charities gives to our neighbors, please read the insert included with this week's bulletin.



IMPORTANT CHANGE TO STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

On Friday, March 15th, at 7 pm the Parish Council will lead us in the Stations of the Cross in the church, *not* our Youth, as previously published.



On Friday, March 22nd, our Youth will present the **Stations of the Cross** in silhouette—it's a unique and moving experience. Join us in the parish hall at **6 pm** for a **soup and bread supper** hosted by our **St. George Youth**, with Stations to follow at **7 pm** in church. *You don't to miss this crowd favorite!*

Our apologies for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.

Thank you to everyone who recently donated medicines, medical supplies, toothpaste and toothbrushes for our twin parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Coq Chante, Haiti. **Thanks to your generosity, the medical clinic at our twin parish will be supplied with many important medicines and supplies.**



RIDES NEEDED FOR DON MURRAY

**CAN
YOU
HELP?**

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: **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 so much for considering this help for our brother in need.*

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MARCH MEETING POSTPONED TO APRIL

We will *not* meet on **March 19th** as planned. We *will* gather on **April 16th** instead, for our first business meeting of 2019. Join us at 11 am in the parish hall, bring your rosary and lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.





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 \$3,204.00. Thank you!

FISH FRY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HAITI MEDICAL CLINIC

It will be 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** by calling **Donna** at **713-3563.**
 Tickets are **\$13 at the door** on March 15th.



IT'S TIME TO SPRING FORWARD!! Remember to **turn your clocks ahead one hour on SATURDAY, March 9th,** before bedtime.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES for parishes in our area will be offered on **Monday, April 15th** at **3 pm & 7 pm** at **Annunciation Church** in **Elma.**



St. Vincent de Paul POOR BOX In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the **St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box** will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. *Thank you and God bless all.*

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



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.

READINGS FOR
 March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

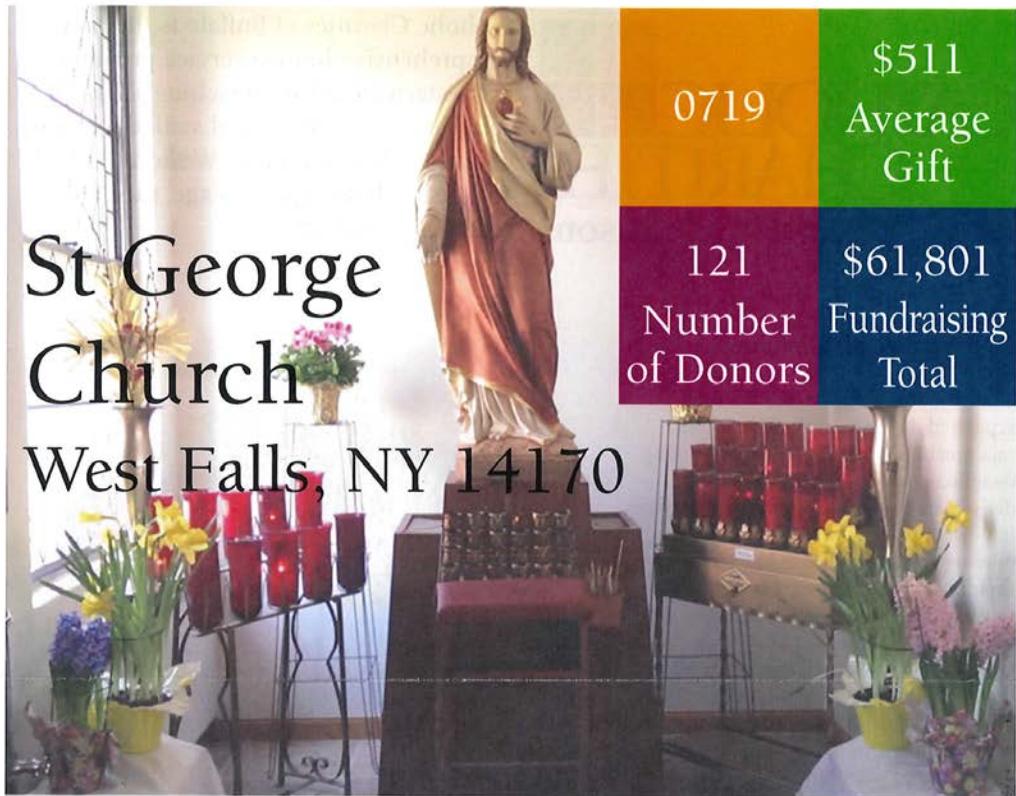
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
 Luke 9:28B-36

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!





St George Church

West Falls, NY 14170

With your support in 2018  impacted 2,453 individuals and family members. 891 of these lives were children under 18. We hope to continue making this change for West Falls, NY 14170.

These services include:

In 2018 St George Church contribution to Catholic Charities helped provide many essential services to the needier members of the West Falls community.

- Children's Services
- Food Pantries
- Senior Services
- Ladies of Charity
- Monsignor Carr Institute
- Education and Job Readiness
- Basic/Emergency Assistance
- Immigration and Refugee Assistance
- WIC Nutrition for Children and New Mothers