

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

This past week many of us noted the foolishness of a woman who was injured because of her desire to post a selfie while close to a panther's cage. To her credit, she readily admitted her decision was poor and ill-considered. I believe an underlying issue to ponder is the powerful influence that technology and media connections have on behavior in our modern society.

Many of our technological opportunities are designed to captivate our attention and invite our interaction. These can be helpful and insightful, for sure, but they also can be manipulative and deceptive. My favorite phrase of caution concerning media use is: *"be sure that you own your phone and that your phone does not own you!"*

One result of this rise in media interaction is a decrease in actual, human to human, interaction. Again, there are pros and cons to this new reality. However, within a faith perspective, I favor actual, human to human, interaction because that is what our God has done for us in the person of Jesus. We all know the miscommunication that can happen when communicating from afar with another. Seeing a person's face, hearing the tone of her voice, and picking up on her body language all help to clarify meaning and our understanding of the other. Jesus does that for us in our relationship with God.

I presume we all have experienced some sort of poor or ill-considered decision in media use. One that shocked me profoundly occurred when I had the chance to view the Mona Lisa at the Louvre Museum in Paris. The hall where it is displayed holds perhaps 70-100 people at a time. The line is encouraged to keep moving because of the popularity of the painting. When my chance to enter the hall came I was dumbfounded to find almost everyone facing me, their backs to the painting as they posed for selfies. While electronically capturing their moment in the presence of a masterpiece, I wonder how many actually saw it with their own eyes.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 16	5 pm	Robert Bull, by the Lell family
Sunday, March 17	10 am	Daniel Pietrzak, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Monday, March 18	8 am	♥ For the health & wellbeing of Ann Marie Price, by Nancy Sojka
Tuesday, March 19	8 am	♥ For the wellbeing of our parishioners
Wednesday, March 20	8 am	Communion Service & Novena
Thursday, March 21	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, March 22	8 am	Loretta Ellis, by Bonnie, Barb & Gene
Saturday, March 23	5 pm	Fr. Albert Hansen, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Sunday, March 24	10 am	Elizabeth Patro, by the Sojka family

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.



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.

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES—HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR FIND HOPE



Our parish campaign for the 2019 Appeal is now underway, with the goal of raising **\$61,800.00**. Currently, your pledges and donations total **\$10,232.00**.

Visit our table in the Gathering Space and make your pledge or donation for this year. To learn more about Catholic Charities and the hope that Catholic Charities gives to our neighbors, visit ccwny.org.

WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE KATHY GREEN with the **Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker!** Kathy and other honorees were recognized with a special Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on **Saturday, March 16th at 10 am**, followed by a luncheon afterward.



Kathy serves our parish in so many ways: as a Eucharistic minister, an altar server, a collection counter, and a gardening volunteer. She's around to help out at almost every parish event and fundraiser; always willing to do whatever is needed with a smile and a positive, "can-do" attitude. ***Congratulations, Kathy, and thank you for all you do!***

FRIDAY—SOUP & BREAD SUPPER & SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS!



On **Friday, March 22nd**, our Youth welcome everyone to join them for a **soup and bread supper** in the parish hall at **6 pm**.

At **7 pm** the Youth will present the **Stations of the Cross** in silhouette, a truly moving experience. *You don't want to miss this crowd favorite!*



RIDES 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: **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.

RSVP FOR HOLY THURSDAY DINNER AT THE SEMINARY!

April 14th is the final day to let us know if you want to join us for the **April 18th** dinner.

Call the parish office, email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com, or sign-up in the Gathering Space.

Sign Up Today!

To defray the cost of the meal, a \$14 donation is requested, but not required. Kindly make checks payable to "St. George Church".

If you need a ride, or would like to carpool with others, please contact the Parish Office.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER'S second annual **SEATS FOR EATS Chair-ity Auction** will be held on **Tuesday, May 7th** from **6-9 pm** at the **Colden Fire Hall**.



Artisans & crafters donate recycled & decorated chairs or other small pieces of furniture for this entertaining and fun auction.

Get your creativity fired up—a can of spray paint, some stencils and your time is all it takes! If you'd like to help us with this vital fundraiser, we have chairs available in the basement at BOLO that are free for the taking.

READINGS FOR

March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15

Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

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 **\$3,775.00**. Offerings for **Black and Indian Missions** totaled **\$396.00** *Thank you!*

Donate online anytime at
stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Lent is a time to *give of yourself*, rather than choosing to *give something up*, as we often do. Wherever you live, there are struggling families within walking distance. When in need, they come to us for help. In effect, they are ringing *your* doorbell.

Do you know of a family that needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 652-3513 so that together we can help the suffering and poor. God bless all.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets most **Tuesday** mornings at **9 am** in the parish hall kitchen. The prayer shawls they make are crafted with love, and prayed over before given to those who are sick or need comfort. You are welcome and encouraged to join them for a cup of coffee and fellowship, *even if you don't do needlework!*

Call *Millie* at 652-0379, *Donna* at 725-3240, or *Sally* at 941-3493 if you'd like to know more.

INFORMATION & TOURS AT ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Francis is a college preparatory school for young men, administered by the Franciscan Friars Conventual and staffed by both religious and lay faculty. You're invited to its annual information session and campus tours on **Saturday, March 23, 2019** from **10 am - 1 pm**. Young men currently in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, as well as any undecided eighth graders and their parents, are invited to tour the campus and learn more about our various academic, athletic and fine arts programs. Preregister for your tour at stfrancishigh.org. For more information contact Admissions at (716) 627-1200 extension 582.

**ST. FRANCIS
HIGH SCHOOL**

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - WNYO channel 49 (MyTV) at 8:30 am



Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the *Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass* brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at HeartoftheNation.org.

DID YOU KNOW... the homily is recorded at Mass every weekend?

Visit www.stgeorgercchurch.org/homilies to listen to the homily. It's also a great way for shut-ins to feel "connected"!



Support and encouragement for your grief journey

Our weekly schedule

The care you need. Information you can trust.

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you feel alone.

Often, friends and family want to help you, but don't know how. That's the reason for GriefShare. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We understand how you feel because we've been in the same place. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.



About GriefShare

GriefShare is a network of 12,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org.

What to expect

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your GriefShare experience:

- **Video seminar**
Encouraging, information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts
- **Support group**
Small group discussion about the weekly video content
- **Workbook**
Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics



Sessions begin at 7:00pm.

For more information and meeting location, call

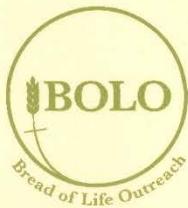
Christine Peters at 655-5108.

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare

Session Schedule – April 2019 to September 2019

Session 1	April 1
Session 2	April 15
Session 3	April 29
Session 4	May 6
Session 5	May 20
Session 6	June 3
Session 7	June 10
Session 8	June 24
Session 9	July 15
Session 10	July 29
Session 11	August 12
Session 12	August 26
Session 13	September 9



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER

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March 11, 2019

Sister Lori High
Administrator-St. George Church
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Dear Sister Lori,

On behalf of the clients, volunteers and board members of the Bread of Life Outreach Center; I wish to recognize and express our deepest appreciation to the family of St George's for their continued support and tremendous generosity.

2018 proved to be another year that posed challenges to the Bread of Life Outreach. Acquiring and caring for two properties and having a notable increase in the numbers of clients served certainly pushed our abilities to the distance. Your community's continued assistance, in all the various forms certainly provided the resolve for us in our mission of service. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Thoman", is written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Thoman
Executive Director, Bread of Life Outreach

