

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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**March 24, 2019**

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

In our Faith Fests this year, we are sharing about the Sacraments celebrated in our Roman Catholic Tradition. Thus far we have considered the *Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist* as we entered into the new Liturgical year with Advent. Then as Lent began we explored the *Sacraments of Healing for body and soul: Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation*. Coming up in the Easter Season we will conclude our study with the two *Sacraments of Service: Matrimony and Holy Orders*.

These seven rituals are scripturally based events which have developed over the centuries to help us recognize God's presence in particular ways. Our faith holds that God is present everywhere, always. So the purpose of the sacraments is not to make God present but rather to help us realize and experience God's eternal presence. When our experience of a sacrament becomes too superficial, we can miss the expression of God's presence but, thankfully, God is still there nevertheless!

In the coming months, we will celebrate sacraments with our younger members. On May 5th, the children preparing for Eucharist will receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. On June 1st, we will welcome Bishop Grosz to St. George to preside over the Confirmation of youth from our parish as well as those of St. Joseph parish in Holland. Already three young children have experienced their first Reconciliation this year and we have celebrated together the baptism of several infants and children.

The celebration of the Easter Vigil, this year at 8:30 pm on April 20th, is an extraordinary expression of Eucharist and community. Often the moment to initiate new adult members into the Catholic community, the Easter Vigil celebrates the powerful triumph of God's love through word, symbol and sacrament.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> Monday, March 25	8 am	♥ Birthday blessings & healing for Julie, by Norm & Donna
Tuesday, March 26	8 am	Thomas G. Cummiskey, by the Estate
Wednesday, March 27	8 am	<b>Communion Service &amp; Novena</b>
Thursday, March 28	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, March 29	8 am	♥ For the health & wellbeing of Ann Marie Price, by Nancy Sojka
Saturday, March 30	5 pm	Dennis Brueckman, by the family
Sunday, March 31	10 am	Genevieve D. O'Connell, by the Estate

**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.

### 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 **\$15,102.00**.

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](http://ccwny.org).



Over the past year or so, to celebrate various feasts in our Church calendar, treats have appeared at the church doorways adorned with lovely prayers or blessings. These are the spontaneous gift of one of our parishioners who, as a primary school teacher, enjoys surprising others with gifts of joy.

*Thank you to her and to her helpers!*

## WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE KATHY GREENAN

with the **Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker!** Kathy and other honorees were recognized with a special Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral last **Saturday, March 16th**, 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!***



## HELP US TO BE ATTENTIVE TO YOU!



If you or a family member are experiencing a time of illness or hospitalization and would like a visit from a priest or parish staff member, we need to be *invited* by you. Protected Health Information laws limit our ability to know when parishioners are in hospital or ill.

Please call the parish office at **652-3153**, or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com). If you're not comfortable with a visit at home or in hospital at this time, then we hope you know that you are missed and that you are in our prayers.

## PURPLE CANDLE & PRAYER FOR HEALING

On Ash Wednesday, our parish joined with the year-long initiative of the Presbyteral Council and the Vicars Forane of the diocese to light an additional purple candle in the sanctuary as a reminder to pray for the healing of those who have experienced abuse in their lives. A *Prayer for Healing* is posted near the candle, which has been placed before the Holy Oils in church.



## AN IDEA FOR A WARM LENTEN DAY



Under our picnic pavilion, mounted on each pillar, are a beautiful set of metal Stations of the Cross.

*Feel free to visit and pray anytime the outdoors feels inviting!*

## 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!*

## 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.



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 **\$2,776.50. Black & Indian Missions** offerings now total **\$421.00. Thank you!**

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box. God bless all.**

**READINGS FOR**  
 March 31, 2019  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### An Invitation to Religious Life

The Sisters of St. Mary are celebrating the 200th anniversary of our founding this year.

If you are a woman in your 20s, 30s, 40s or 50s, are single, widowed, have had your marriage annulled and do not have any dependents, you may wish to consider this life choice as a blessing for yourself and a gift to others. You may already have a career, but feel something is lacking.

We would love to meet you and answer questions you may have about religious life and the way the Sisters of St. Mary live it. This does not imply commitment. It is part of the journey!

You can come to the St. Mary Center (Buffalo) for prayer, reflection, discussion and community for an evening, a day or a weekend. God may be calling you! Let us know!

Please contact the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur:

[ssmnvocation@gmail.com](mailto:ssmnvocation@gmail.com) • (716) 861-4935 • [ssmnworld.org](http://ssmnworld.org)

If you feel this invitation isn't for you, perhaps you know a woman who might be interested.



**REST IN PEACE, Marion Habicht.** Marion passed away peacefully on **Thursday, March 21st.** A funeral Mass celebrating her life will be held at St. George Church on **Tuesday, March 26th at 10 am.** Kindly keep Marion and her loved ones in your prayers. More info at

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-seneca-ny/marion-habicht-8223113>.

**A Healing and Anointing Mass** will be celebrated at Queen of Heaven Church in West Seneca on Sunday, March 29th at 1 pm. Fr. Jim Wall will be participating in this Mass, for any of you who wish to attend and/or receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.



## TONIGHT!—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!*



### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE APRIL 6TH

The 17th annual Catholic Men's Conference is on **Saturday, April 6th** from **7:30 am – 3 pm** at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Conference Speakers are **Dr. Ray Guarendi, Rev. Ronan Murphy, and Fr. David Baker**. For more information, visit [www.cmfofwny.org](http://www.cmfofwny.org) or call **364-1010**.

**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK** will be at the [Bread of Life Outreach Center](#) on **Thursday, March 28th** from **2:30-5 pm**. Be sure to bring boxes, bags or wagons to carry the goods, and your *photo ID*. Call **941-3550** with any questions.



**Lent**  
**A Woman's Perspective**

Wed. Nights  
**Mar. 27, Apr. 3 &  
Apr. 10**  
**7-8pm**  
Immaculate Conception  
Church  
East Aurora, NY

**3 Dynamic Speakers**  
**Eileen Warner ~ Almsgiving (27th)**  
**Ann Marie Eckert ~ Fasting (3rd)**  
**Kathleen Heffern ~ Prayer (10th)**

*Lenten Retreat and  
Day of Prayer*

*The Holy Name Society of  
Fourteen Holy Helpers  
invites you to a Lenten Retreat.*



*...One Nation Under God...*

We will take this time to strengthen our bond with Jesus and pray for our country. Just as God asked St. Francis to “Rebuild my Church”, we as Americans are being asked to rebuild our country.

*Everyone is Welcome!*

Saturday, March 30th, 2019

10:30am-3:30pm

(Registration starts at 10:00am,

coffee and refreshments will be served)

Msgr. Ebner Hall on the Fourteen Holy Helpers Campus

1345 Indian Church Road, West Seneca

The program will consist of presentations, group activities and a free lunch! There is no cost for the retreat.

Please contact the Rectory by Wednesday, March 27 at 674-2374 or [rectory@14hh.org](mailto:rectory@14hh.org) so we can plan for lunch and activities.



*“If then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14*