

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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**March 31, 2019**

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*“A tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows.”* I wonder if this pithy insight derives from an Argentine proverb. Pope Francis, an Argentine, used it recently in Ireland as he was commenting on the way the media focuses on negative issues. So often the bad news we are exposed to outweighs in our consciousness the reality of abounding goodness in our world. In faith we are a people that proclaim God has triumphed over evil, yet we can find ourselves disheartened by the constant bombardment of sensationalized negativity.

Our Lenten season is the perfect time to re-orient ourselves to *godliness*, which is to say, toward *goodness*. Any focus we may have on our faults, sins and weakness is meant to challenge us toward a change; toward godliness. Jesus is our best example of a life lived in the midst of negativity but with simplicity, trust and joy in God’s goodness. In a particularly wise teaching (*Mt. 6:25 ff*) he reminds us not to worry so much—look at the lilies and the birds, God provides for them and knows our needs—we are to set our hearts on God’s reign first.

Certainly our worlds get rocked by personal tragedies more than we would like, and national and international horrors occur much too often but, truly, more good happens each day than bad. Our Christian role is to appreciate this reality and promote goodness as much as possible. *Personally* that may call us to be more honest or more generous; *communally* we may need to have more courage to face down negative forces of exclusivity and hatred. May we be blessed as we continue our Lenten journey with deeper insights into God’s love, mercy and goodness.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday, March 30           | 5 pm        | Dennis Brueckman, by the family                    |
| Sunday, March 31             | 10 am       | Genevieve D. O'Connell, by the Estate              |
| Monday, April 1              | 8 am        | Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate |
| Tuesday, April 2             | 8 am        | John & Joyce Ambrosoli, by the Estate              |
| Wednesday, April 3           | 8 am        | <b>Communion Service &amp; Novena</b>              |
| Thursday, April 4            | 8 am        | <b>Communion Service</b>                           |
| <b>First Friday, April 5</b> | <b>8 am</b> | Richard Romanowski, by the Estate                  |
| Saturday, April 6            | 5 pm        | Dennis Brueckman, by Mary Alice Harrigan           |
| Sunday, April 7              | 10 am       | Donald Klocke, by Bonnie & family                  |

**Our 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

With Catholic Charities, your dollar goes further. No gift is too small to make an impact in the lives of thousands of Western New Yorkers in need. Will you help your neighbor find hope? Our parish appeal goal is **\$61,800.00**. Currently, your pledges and donations total **\$21,015.02!**

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).



### REST IN PEACE, MARION HABICHT

Marion passed away peacefully on Thursday, **March 21st**, and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on **Tuesday, March 26th** here at St. George. Kindly keep Marion and her family in your prayers. Condolences may be made online at [dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-seneca-ny/marion-habicht-8223113](http://dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-seneca-ny/marion-habicht-8223113).

## 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 law limits 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.



### 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!*

### CAN YOU HELP A FRIEND TO ATTEND MASS?

**Don Murray** is a disabled member of our faith family who can no longer drive, so he really appreciates the favor of a ride to **5 pm Mass on Saturday**, especially on the remaining dates: **4/6**, and **4/13**. If you can help our brother in need, please call the parish office at **652-3153** or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com). *Thanks!*

**CAN  
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HELP?**

### 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 add your change to theirs in the container in the Faith Formation area, as they strive to raise enough money for at least 2 purifiers.***

### 2018 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like an official contribution statement for 2018, please call the parish office at **652-3153**, or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com).



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 \$2,353.00. Thank you!**

**Give online with WeShare!** Visit [stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org](http://stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org) today.

The recent **Fish Fry** for the mission in Haiti that was held at **Nativity of Our Lord Church** raised **\$2,135.00** for the Medical Clinic! **Thank you!**

*Thank  
you*



A **Healing and Anointing Mass** will be celebrated at **Queen of Heaven Church** in West Seneca **Sunday, March 31st at 1 pm**. Father Jim will be participating in this Mass, for any of you who would like to attend and/or receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

## READINGS FOR

April 7, 2019

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

### ***Do you know of a family who needs assistance?***

Please contact the parish office, so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

*Thank you and God bless all.*

## CANA RETREATS OFFERS A CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT VACATION

A Catholic Family Retreat is a time to gather as a family with other Catholic families to rest, play, and share our common Catholic experience.

Join us in the somewhat rustic setting of the scenic **Watson Homestead** in **Painted Post, NY** from **July 14 – 20, 2019**. Learn more at

[www.canadced.com](http://www.canadced.com), call **607-754-0289**, or email [DcnEdB@aol.com](mailto:DcnEdB@aol.com).



**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**.

### **Our UPON THIS ROCK funds at work!**

The Parish Council and Sister Lori have been considering how to best utilize our **UPON THIS ROCK** disbursements to improve access to the main entrance of the church. We believe that a covered area with an accessible ramp and automatic doors are required to improve access for all.



Several architectural renderings have been drawn and our hope is to move forward with this project soon, so that it might be completed this year. The design includes a concrete footing and a stick-built enclosure. We anticipate that we can use the heat from the church's existing boiler system to allow for radiant floor heating, providing some warmth for the entrance enclosure.

***If you have expertise in any of this type of work, please consider volunteering!***

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**The Parish calendar for April is now available** at the church entrances and online. Pick up or **download** your copy today.

The **Ministry Schedule for April 6 – June 2, 2019** is now available in the sacristy and **online**. Please pick up or **download** your copy today.

**Volunteers are need for Easter weekend.** A sign-up sheet is in the sacristy or email [mrbofinger@roadrunner.com](mailto:mrbofinger@roadrunner.com).



A Lector and one more Altar Server are needed for **Ascension Thursday (May 30th at 7 pm)**. If you can serve at this Mass, please email [mrbofinger@roadrunner.com](mailto:mrbofinger@roadrunner.com).