

# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*



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**April 7, 2019**

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Have you ever slept awkwardly or sat in a breeze that resulted in a stiff neck? I assume most of us have had this experience. A stiff neck can make even simple tasks difficult. Any attempt to look to the right or left can be painful. The sufferer is limited until the muscles relax and return to their normal functioning.

In the Bible, especially in the Hebrew Scriptures, the people of God are often rebuked as being “a stiff-necked people”. It is an apt metaphor. In addition to limiting vision and awareness of their situation, the rebuke also implies an internal disconnect between their hearts and their minds. Stiff-necked people cannot open themselves to see the broader picture, to take in new insights. Stiff-necked people will not allow their hearts to influence their thoughts or their thoughts to influence their hearts. Stiff-necked people are people in pain, or at least discomfort, until they come to peace and reconcile their relationship with God.

We can, at times, become aware of ourselves as a stiff-necked people. We too are searching for peace and reconciliation: *internally*—with family and friends, *nationally*, and *globally*. The cross of Jesus can heal us of this malady! We can envision the vertical beam connecting heaven and earth, connecting our mind with our heart as well. We can envision the horizontal beam embracing the whole of creation, drawing our vision to our right and our left—expanding our perspective.

Sister Lori

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 6	5 pm	Dennis Brueckman, by Mary Alice Harrigan
Sunday, April 7	10 am	Donald Klocke, by Bonnie and the family
Monday, April 8	8 am	Joseph & Eleanor Diggins & children, by the Estate
Tuesday, April 9	8 am	Genevieve D. O'Connell, by the Estate
Wednesday, April 10	8 am	<b>Communion Service &amp; Novena</b>
Thursday, April 11	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, April 12	8 am	John & Joyce Ambrosoli, by the Estate
Saturday, April 13	5 pm	Dennis Brueckman, by the family
<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> April 14	10 am	In remembrance of Daniel Sojka on his birthday, by Jim & Nancy Sojka and the family

**Our next First Friday Mass will be on May 3rd 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, Linda Kraus, Gene Holden, Rita Kowalik, Elaine Ahles, John Nichter, Robert Brand, Joseph Grover and Marilyn Molloy.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL WEEK KICKS OFF THIS WEEKEND!

Please help us reach **our goal of \$61,800.00** by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps strengthen, protect, and empower thousands of people across Western New York—*helping your neighbor find hope*. Will you choose to help those who need it most? Your **Catholic Charities** pledges and donations now total **\$25,870.00!**



*Visit our table in the Gathering Space to make your pledge or donation for this year.*

### REST IN PEACE, ANN MARIE PRICE



Ann Marie (pictured here with her beloved husband of 64 years, Roy) passed away peacefully on **Saturday, March 30th**, and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on **Thursday, April 4th** here at St. George.

Kindly keep Ann Marie, Roy, daughter Linda and the rest of the family in your prayers. Condolences may be left at [cannanf.com](http://cannanf.com).

## 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 until April 14th.*** The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space, or call the parish office. After the Holy Thursday Mass at the Seminary, the Blessed Sacrament will be brought for reposition in our Memorare Chapel until **10 pm**.

## CONGRATULATIONS K-8 FAITH FORMATION!

You raised **\$313.22** dollars total in *loose change*—enough to buy **10 water purifiers** for the mission in Haiti.



- Kindergarten to 3rd grade students contributed **\$47.58**.
- 5th & 6th grade students contributed **\$91.31**.
- 7th & 8th grade students contributed **\$174.33**.

Parishioners emptied their pockets of a total of **\$52.83** in change, which was divided equally and incorporated into the totals here for each of the 3 grade groupings. Thank you so much! Our children and our parishioners truly have *Spirit and Heart!!*



We're thrilled to have **Elaine Wienckowski** and **Gary and Patricia Witnauer** join our faith community! May they find warmth, fellowship and happiness in our parish.

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 also available in the sacristy or [online](#).



## 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!*

Call **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 \$2237.88.** Donations for **Easter Flowers total \$675.00.** *Thank you!*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

***When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty. Thank you and God bless all.***



Parishioners throughout our area have reported receiving text messages from individuals posing as either the pastor or the pastoral administrator of their respective parishes.

***Please be assured that Sr. Lori as never texted nor will she ever text parishioners with a request for money!*** If you should receive such text messages or emails, please delete them or report them as spam/scam attempts. If you're convinced that such a message is genuinely from Sr. Lori, we encourage you to call the parish office to confirm it.

**SOMETHING NEW FOR THIS YEAR'S CHICKEN BBQ!** It won't be long before our annual Chicken BBQ, Basket Auction & Cash Raffle on July 21, 2019. New this year is the **Outdoor Adventure Raffle**, with a first prize of a kayak & accessories, and a second prize of a \$50 Cabela's gift card. The odds of winning are great, as *only 325 tickets will be sold*, for **\$2 each** or **3 for \$5**. Tickets will be available in May. Stay tuned for more information to come.



**SPRING HAS SPRUNG, now the yard work must be done!**

We invite you to pitch in to pick up fallen branches and blown in debris, rake and help with cleaning up our parish grounds whenever you have some free time and the spirit moves you!

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The Ministry Schedule for April 6 – June 2, 2019 is now available in the sacristy and **online**. Please pickup or download your copy today. **Volunteers are need for Easter weekend.** A sign-up sheet is in the sacristy or email **[mrbofing@roadrunner.com](mailto:mrbofing@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 **[mrbofing@roadrunner.com](mailto:mrbofing@roadrunner.com)**.

**READINGS FOR**  
 April 14, 2019  
*Palm/Passion Sunday*  
 Luke 19:28-40  
 Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
 Philippians 2:6-11  
 Luke 22:14-23:56