

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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April 14, 2019

Palm/Passion Sunday

Some people are morning folks and some are night owls. My vocation has accustomed me to earlier rising and earlier going to bed. These days of early spring show the slightest brightening of the eastern sky occurring as I bring in the paper each day. It is a marvelous sight following the pitch-blackness of our cold winter mornings. Soon enough the sun will be up long before I rise and I will miss this emerging of the new day.

A couple of songs flutter through my mind as I enjoy the hint of a new morning rising. One is a show tune from the movie *The Poseidon Adventure*—***There's Got To Be A Morning After***. In the film it communicated the hope yearned for after a nighttime disaster at sea. The other song was popular in Church music back in the 70s and I can only remember the refrain—*but then comes the morning, yesterday's sorrows behind, wake it's the day of your longing; mercy comes, it's morning.*

Each song, in its own way, reinforces the idea that with each new day come the blessings of new life, the promise of new opportunities and the chance to start over once again. As our Lenten season draws to a conclusion this week, this annual journey of self-disciple and spiritual renewal reveals a “Son rise” that never ceases. In Christ, all time is bursting with potential and newness. In Christ, all darkness is vanquished and sorrow is overcome by love, peace and joy.

Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 13	5 pm	Dennis Brueckman, by the family
Palm/Passion Sunday April 14	10 am	In remembrance of Daniel Sojka on his birthday, by Jim & Nancy Sojka and the family
Monday, April 15	8 am	♥ For the health & wellbeing of Richard Wieczorek, by his brother Bob
Tuesday, April 16	8 am	Sally Denesha, by her husband Joe
Wednesday, April 17	8 am	Communion Service & Novena
Holy Thursday April 18	7 pm	Holy Thursday Mass at the Seminary in East Aurora (No 8 am Communion Service)
Good Friday April 19	3 pm	The Passion of our Lord worship service (No 8 am Communion Service)
Holy Saturday April 20 <i>Easter Vigil</i>	8:30 pm	Richard Romanowski, by the Estate
Easter Sunday April 21	10 am	Del Holden, by the Kraus family

**Our next First Friday Mass will be on May 3rd at 8 am in the Chapel.
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 UPDATE!

This is the second weekend of Appeal Week 2019! Now is the perfect time to *help your neighbor find hope* by making a donation if you haven't already. Every day, Catholic Charities is helping those who are most in need, protecting, strengthening and empowering people. Your gift allows others to find peace, kindness, strength, and hope. Your **Catholic Charities** pledges and donations now total **\$30,052.00!** That's **48% of our \$61,800.00 goal**—*thank you!*



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



CONGRATULATIONS K-8 FAITH FORMATION!

You raised **\$313.22** total in *loose change*—enough to buy **10 water purifiers for the mission in Haiti**. Thank you so much!
Our children and our parishioners truly have *Spirit and Heart!!*

FINAL DAYS TO RSVP FOR HOLY THURSDAY DINNER AT THE SEMINARY!

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

Sign Up Today!

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

To defray the cost of the meal, a \$14 donation is requested, but not required.

Kindly make checks payable to "St. George Church" or pay online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/HolyThursdayDinner.



BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Father Jim invites any who wish to have their Easter baskets blessed at St. George to **join him in our Chapel at 10 am on Holy Saturday morning, April 20th.**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the **Holy Land**. Through this appeal, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please place your specially-marked offering envelopes in the regular offertory basket, or donate online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org/HolyLand.



AN INVITATION FOR ALL WEST FALLS LOCALS!

If there is interest and volunteer help to make it a reality, St. George Parish could be represented in the local **Memorial Day Parade in West Falls**. Paul O'Neil is willing to coordinate the effort if others are willing to take part.

Give Paul a call at **289-7371** before the end of April if you're interested.

APRIL 23RD IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. GEORGE!

To celebrate our patron saint's feast day, Sister Lori has created special bumper/window stickers for us to display our affection for St. George Parish! *Please see her if you would like to have one; supplies are limited.*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On **Sunday, April 28th**, we'll celebrate the **Easter** season with our final **Faith Fest** of the year in the parish hall at **8:55 am**.

Join us for fun, faith-filled activities, fellowship and refreshments!

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.**





YOU ENABLE OUR MISSION & OUTREACH EFFORTS

What we give to our parish in our weekly offerings is *our offering to God, an offering of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has given to us.* **Sunday** and **Holy Day** offerings last week were **\$5,396.92!** Offerings for **Maintenance & Capital Improvements** were **\$687.00**, and **Easter Flower** donations now total **\$779.00.** *Thank you!*

Give online at stgeorgercchurch.weshareonline.org.
It's simple. It's safe. And it keeps God at the top of your giving list!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

Thank you and God bless all.



EARTH DAY IS MONDAY, APRIL 22ND



"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor...everything is connected.

Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." (Pope Francis, **On Care for Our Common Home** [[Laudato Si'](#)], nos. 49, 91).

READINGS FOR

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b--8
John 20:1-9

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!



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 cannanfh.com.

REMEMBERING **MARIA DESANTO**

Maria, a former member of our parish, passed away recently at her home in Florida. Many years ago, Maria donated funds for the pews in our Chapel in memory of her late husband, Salvatore DeSanto. May she rest in eternal peace.



CLOSE TO HOME, THE FAMILY, THE BRAIN AND ADDICTION

Addiction Information Panel
Church of the Annunciation
7580 Clinton Street Elma, New York 14059
716 683 5254 • annunciation.cc

Wednesday, May 8 6:30-8:30
Selbert Hall

All are welcome!

Speaker Bio's.



Dr. Blondell

Professor in Department of Family Medicine at Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Dr. Blondell specializes in work with withdrawal and stabilization from drug and/or alcohol addiction. He also works with patients addicted to prescription opiate medications, heroin, and prescription drugs used to treat chronic pain syndromes. He is the medical director of the DART methadone maintenance program.

Dr. Blondell holds extensive research expertise in Addiction Medicine, Health Workforce Development, and Medical Education. He teaches medical students, family medicine residents and psychiatry and addiction medicine fellows. Dr. Blondell also mentors medical students conducting clinical research, and is an active force in the development of addiction medicine fellowship programs.

Avi Israel

Co-Founder and President of Save the Michaels of the World, Inc.

Avi Israel is the father of Michael David Israel, and with his wife is the co-founder and President of Save the Michaels of the World, Inc. Avi Israel is the recipient of multiple recognitions for his activism, including the 2012 WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium Community Award, the 2014 Public Citizen of the Year Award, the 2016 Community Crusaders Award from the Foundation for a Drug Free World, and the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services Commissioner's Award in 2017. Israel's greatest accomplishment is the creation and assistance in passing the 2013 I-STOP Legislation and the Michael David Israel Laws.



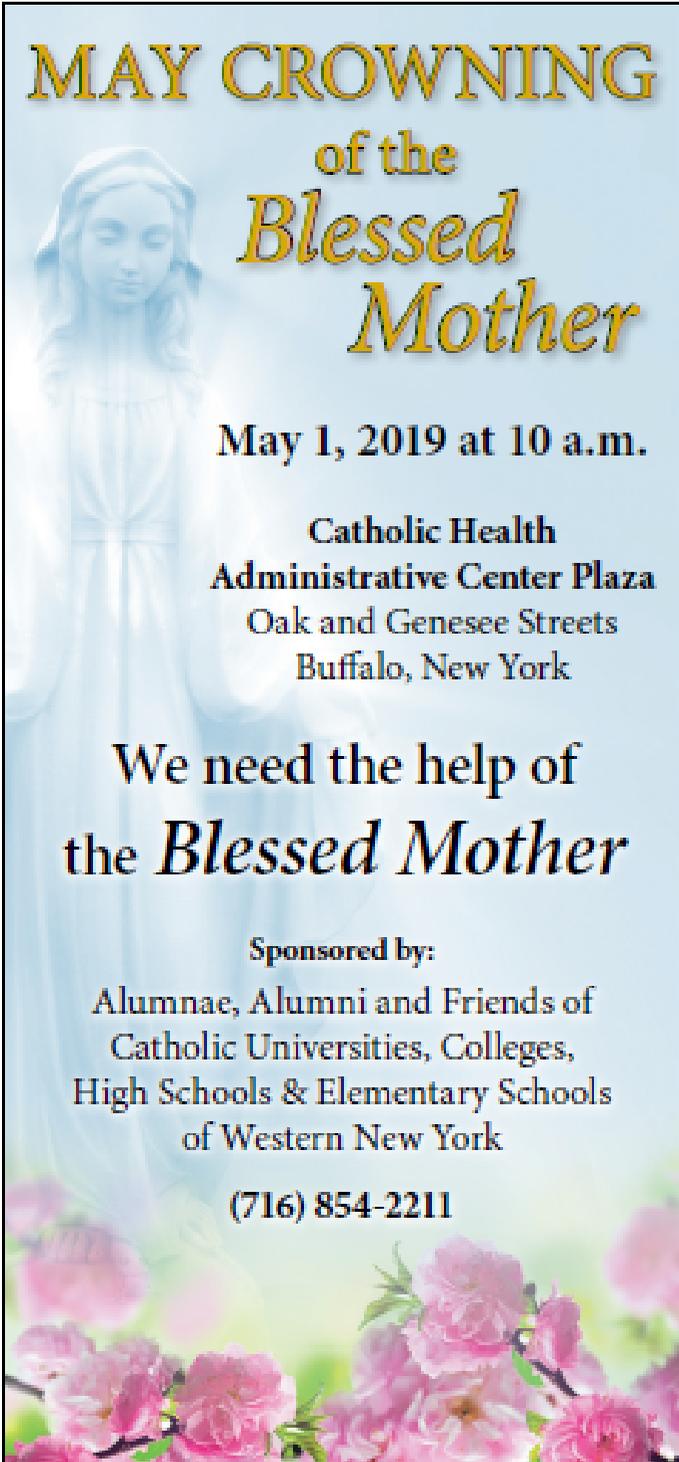
Israel founded the Save the Michaels House of Hope and Community Resources in January 2017. The House of Hope provides training for Peer Recovery Coaches and sends them out into the community to work with family members of addicted individuals. The House of Hope also provides free classes on understanding the complexities of addiction, as well as assistance in placing addicted individuals into treatment facilities all over New York State.

Suzanne Mix

Director of Family Support Services

Sue Mix teaches in the Orchard Park school system and came to Save the Michaels as a passion project after assisting a loved one struggling with Substance Use Disorder. She is responsible for organizing recovery coaches, scheduling trainings, and linking families with appropriate coaches. Mix also oversees the Peer Advocate program where she pairs newly recovering individuals with an advocate in sustained recovery. Phone: (716) 984-8375 | S.Mix@www.savethemichaels.org





MAY CROWNING
of the
Blessed
Mother

May 1, 2019 at 10 a.m.

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Buffalo, New York**

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INCLUSIVE EASTER MASS

A shorter, sensory friendly Mass
for families with special needs

April 24, 2019

7:00 – 7:30 pm

Saint Bernadette Church

5930 South Abbott Road
Orchard Park, New York 14127

* Low lighting, low-gluten hosts and
no incense

Questions:

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