

St. George

Roman Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-12 noon & 1-5:00 p.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*



COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is sick or homebound, please call for the assistance of a Minister of Care. Ministers of Care bring communion to those who cannot come to Mass. Please call Mary Ellen Akin at 480-983-7026 or the parish office to arrange a scheduled Minister of Care visit.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMERGENCY

If you or someone you know is in critical condition or near death call 480-982-2929 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After hours and on weekends call 480-303-1253. Please do not use this service for any other reason.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents requesting baptism for their children under 7 years old must attend a mandatory preparation class offered every other month. Please call the Parish Office in advance for scheduling or other information. Infant baptisms are the last Sunday of each month.

MARRIAGES/MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples seeking the sacrament of marriage must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in the life of St. George Roman Catholic Parish. Notification of intent to marry must be provided six months in advance. For more information on the marriage preparation process, please call the Parish Office.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday: 11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00, and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30, 8:15, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: Sat. 10:30 a.m.

**Penance Service: Thursday, March 22:
8:30 a.m., 4:00 & 6:30 p.m.**

Holy Days: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Father Domenico Pinti, Pastor	
Father Stanley Nadolny, Parochial Vicar	Ext. 104
Caroline Hodges, Bookkeeper	Ext. 103
Grace Vozel, Parish Secretary	Ext. 101
Christine Ollive, Coordinator of Religious Ed	Ext. 102
Debbie Wohlforth, Receptionist	Ext. 100
Denis McDonald, Maintenance	

WINTER PRIESTS

Fr. Howie McGraw	Fr. Vince Lieser
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PARISH DEACONS

Deacon Bill Jones

Ministries

Youth Altar Server Training, Fr. Stan
Eucharistic Ministers, Fr. Pinti
Lectors, Cindy Nuttall 602-312-6667
RCIA, Fr. Pinti
Ushers, Fr. Pinti
Divine Mercy, Joetta Carlos—735-8471
Grief Support Group, Susan Insalaco—250-3522
Natural Family Planning, Darrin & Pems Tebon—671-9040
Adult Choir—Sheryl Johnson—480-354-5985

Organizations

Knights of Columbus, Tom Wolf 982-4441
Our Lady of the Desert Guild, Barbara Reddington—671-0719
Respect Life Ministry, Fr. Pinti

Finance Council

Susan Insalaco	Caroline Hodges	Will Bublitz
Arlene Showers	Ray Kimble	

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 6)
- 3:30 p.m. "St. Faustina" Movie (Room 6)
- 4:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Room 2)
- 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Table Mass/Pot Luck

TUESDAY, March 20

- 1:00 p.m. Bridge (Social Hall)
- 1:30 p.m. Welcome Home Catholics (Rm 3)
(Mass & Ministries in the Parish)
- 3:00 p.m. DMC (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Room 3)

WEDNESDAY, March 21

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary Makers (Hall)
- 1:30 p.m. Ladies Guild Game Day
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Atrium)

THURSDAY, March 22

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters (Social Hall)
- 8:45 a.m. **Penance Service**
- 9:30 a.m. Grief Support (Room 6)
- 1:30 p.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Chapel)
- 3:30 p.m. "The Face of Mercy" movie (Rm 3)
- 4:00 p.m. **Penance Service**
- 6:30 p.m. **Penance Service**

FRIDAY, March 23

- 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Chapel)
- 4:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Soup & Bread follows

SATURDAY, March 24

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir (Atrium)
K of C Annual Charity Ticket Sales

SUNDAY, March 18

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Choir (Atrium)
K or C Annual Charity Ticket Sales
After 11:30 a.m. Mass - Baptisms

DEVOTIONS

Daily Rosary: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

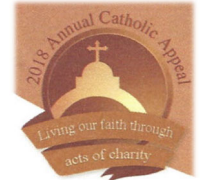
Adoration daily: Until 9:30 a.m.

First Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Adoration until 9:30 a.m.

First Saturday: 8 a.m. Mass/Adoration until 9:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Cry Room) by the Knights of Columbus

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily 8:30 a.m. in Cry Room Tues. & Fri. 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Each year the Annual Catholic Appeal blesses us with the opportunity to live our faith and to practice the virtue of charity. When resources are shared to assist people in need, we are living our faith. Each gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports numerous ministries, charities and services throughout our Diocese.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$183,000

We are now at 50%

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT GAME DAY

Wednesday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m.

All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Bring a snack to share and 5 quarters



**THE GLORY OF THE
NEW COVENANT**

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

MASS INTENTIONS

2018

- Mon. March 19**
8:00 a.m. Fr. Howie McGraw
Alec Tebon
+Fr. Philip McNamara
- Tues. March 20**
8:00 a.m. +Harriet Rausch
+Ray Stetz
+Don Wesolowicz
- Wed. March 21**
8:00 a.m. Max Tucker
+Cletus Pistulka
+Albert Sempaur
- Thurs. March 22**
8:00 a.m. +Lucille Dufek
+Eileen Hodges
+Geraldine Johnson
- Fri. March 23**
8:00 a.m. +Todd Ashker
+Jerry Hirman
+Kathleen Shannon
- Sat. March 24**
11:30 a.m. The Wagner Family
+Patrick Doyle
1:15 p.m. All Members of the Wegrzyn Family
+Patricia Akers
3:00 p.m. +Irene & Wenzel Burtzel
4:30 p.m. +Lynne Schweinsberg
+Marie Schweinsberg
- Sun. March 25**
6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
8:15 a.m. +Jerry Hirman
+Leone Motl
+Eddy Renner
10:00 a.m. +Jose Arquillano
+Robert Buehrle
+Brian Weiss
11:30 a.m. +Petra Andazola
+Trent Nicholson
6:00 p.m. +Patricia Dominguez

MINISTRIES

- Altar Flowers**—Betty Bublitz 480-671-1028
(home), 602-300-8439 (cell), or
Mary Dikes 480-983-0897
- Prayer Shawl Makers**—Mon. 9:00 a.m. room 6
Carol 480-380-2634
- Legion of Mary**—Mon. 4:00 p.m. room 2
Josie 480-202-6783/Martha 480-544-1683
- Knights of Columbus**—7:00 p.m. room 3
Grand Knight: Tom Wolf 982-4441
Council: 1st Mon.
Assembly: 2nd Mon. of month
- Divine Mercy Chaplet**—
Tues. & Fri. 3 p.m. in the Chapel
Daily after 8 a.m. Mass in the Cry Room
- Bridge Players**—Tues. 1:00 p.m.
Margie 602-316-4174
- Rosary Makers**—Wed. 9:00 a.m. social hall
- O. L. of the Desert Guild**—1st Wed. Month 9:30
Barbara Reddington—480-671-0719
- Quilters**—Thurs. 8:30 a.m. social hall
Jacque Florez-Ball 480-310-0126
- Grief Support**—Thurs. 9:30 a.m. room 6
Susan 480-250-3522
- Secular Franciscans**—4th Sunday of each month
2:00 p.m. room 3
Mary Domke OFS—920-366-2438 or
Carolyn Peterson—920-246-1038
Email: franciscanjoyinaj@gmail.com
- Catholic Discussion Group** (Patricians)
Open to anyone wishing to come.
3rd Sat. 9 a.m. room 2
Josie 480-202-6783
**Topic: Learn more about St. Patrick and
St. Joseph**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 28—Marion Healing Mass
March 30—Good Friday (Office closed)
April 1—Easter
April 7 & 8—Angel Series Book 6 Sales
April 8—Divine Mercy Sunday
April 15—Knights of Columbus Breakfast
April 22 & 29—First Holy Communion
May 2—Our Lady of the Desert Guild Meeting

For the full monthly calendar of Parish Events
please visit our website at: www.stgeorgeaj.com.

 ***Margie Grimh-Goffin
and Jean Sparks***

MEDJUGORJE 2018

June 16th-30th

Work Camp week 1-Pilgrimage week 2

During the first week, we will be participating in the Restoration Project of St. Michael Parish Church located in the village of Drinovci, Bosnia-Herzegovina. During the second week, pilgrims will be participating in a spiritual pilgrimage directed by a professional tour guide who grew up in Medjugorje with the visionaries. The second week will coincide with the 37th Anniversary of the apparitions (June 25, 2018). Pilgrims can choose to participate in the anniversary celebrations. The estimated cost of the two week trip is \$2,699 per person, which includes round-trip airfare (New York), ground transportation, room (double occupancy), board (two meals daily) and the cost of professional tour guide.

For further information about this trip:

Ben Fellows (612-799-2699) or

Bob Mohle (480-66-1489)

or email to:

bfellows40@aol.com or rmohle@aol.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

SPRING FOOD DRIVE

It is that time of the year for Help for the Needy to hold our Spring Food Drive. A list of those non-perishable items that we need will be at the exits. We will also be collecting candy, toys, and baskets to make up Easter Baskets for those children in our community that need help. Please feel free to purchase any or all of the items on the list.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We have been notified that one of our previous and long time parishioner has passed away. For those of you who remember Jean Sparks, she was a wonderful lady and her failing health had her move back to Michigan. She is proceeded in death by her husband Norm. We have been requested to put her sons address for those wishing to send condolences.

Send condolences to:
Mike & Patty Sparks
4208 Fireside
Portage, Michigan 49002

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Do you love to sing?
Are you in grades 1st-8th?*

Practice is on Saturday mornings. The Mass we sing at is on Sunday 11:30 a.m. (Family Mass)
Further Information Call: Sharon 480-570-5134

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Charity Drawing Tickets

Tickets for the Arizona Knights of Columbus Charity drawing will be available after all Masses on March 24 & 25. St. George Parish will receive half of the proceeds for the sales. The other half will go to charities in Arizona after deducting expenses.



\$30,000 in cash prizes will be awarded: **1st Prize \$10,000; 2nd Prize \$7,000; 3rd Prize \$5,000; 4th Prize \$3,000; 5th Prize \$2,000; 6th Prize \$1,000** and **four \$500 Prizes**. Donation is \$5 per ticket, \$20 per book of 5 tickets or \$100 for 30 tickets.

**The drawing will take place
Saturday, May 19**

Winner need not be present to win.

St. Joseph's Table

Many years ago in Italy they had years of famine. The people prayed to St. Joseph to give them a good harvest and promised to share the bounty with everyone. They had a good harvest that year and made food from what the fields produced and invited everyone into their home to share. Therefore a meatless meal was shared by all. St. Joseph's Table is celebrated to honor and give thanks to St. Joseph for that wonderful harvest.

MASS & POTLUCK DINNER

Monday, March 19

There is a special Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Potluck Dinner to celebrate St. Joseph.

Everyone is invited.

Families whose name starts with:

A-J—bring salads, bread or fruit

K-R—bring dessert

S-Z—bring meatless main dish

Bring enough for 15-20 people

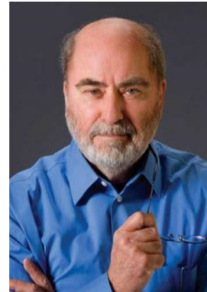


BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER

St. George's will be having a Book sale of Book #6, "The House Where Angels Dwell" in the Angelic Letter Series of Christian books by the author Henry Ripplinger. Sales will take place after the Masses the weekend of April 7 & 8 at the exits. Books are \$20 each. This sale is a fundraiser for the construction of St. Michael parish's church.

The Angelic Letter series has sold over 200,000 copies in Canada and tells of a family's relationship with guardian angels over a lifetime. This is the sixth book in the series and we received an overwhelming response when we sold the first five volumes in 2016. There will be a few of the first five volumes available for purchase.

Henry Ripplinger will be available for signing books that are purchased.



Penance Service—Thursday, March 22—8:30 a.m., 4:00 & 6:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY — March 29

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 9:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—March 30

8:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon

3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Stations of the Cross

The Lord's Passion-Liturgy of the Word,

Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY—March 31

8:00 a.m.

9:00 & 10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00, 4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Blessing of Food

Easter Vigil

Easter Vigil & Rite of Initiation into the Church

EASTER SUNDAY—April 1

Mass times: 6:30, 8:15, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
St. George Roman Catholic Parish

Spring Break!

NO religious Education Classes:
Sunday, March 18-K-3 & Life Teen Class

Enjoy your Spring Break!



Sunday, March 18, 2018
NO LIFE NIGHT

For further information:
Christine Ollive 480-982-2929 ext. 102



Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Students will share in Stations of the Cross and
have the opportunity to go to reconciliation.

For further information:
Christine Ollive 480-982-2929 ext. 102

2018

St. George Roman Catholic Parish
Scholarship Applications

Available from website or parish office

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate in the class of 2018.
- Confirmed in the Catholic Church.
- Demonstrate leadership in church, school or community related activities.
- A practicing Catholic in St. George Roman Catholic Parish.

Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20, 2018



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebration April 8

- Celebrant Rev. Domenico Pinto, Pastor
- 2 p.m.-Mass & Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image & your religious articles
- 3 p.m.-Chaplet of Divine Mercy sung by the Children's Choir
- Veneration, Adoration & Benediction until 4 p.m.

Learn more about the Feast of Divine Mercy Message & Devotion: come to the presentation & movie on the "Apostle of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina"

How to Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday

- **Pamphlets & Brochures**-on the Feast & preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday
- **Perform**-acts of Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy
- **Confession**-attend the Penance Service on March 22nd
- **Pray**-the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m. (the Hour of Mercy meditating on Passion of Our Lord)
- **Novena**-begins on Good Friday and ends on Holy Saturday. Chaplet is prayed on ordinary

"Presentation & Movie Schedule"

All presentations include a brief talk of the Divine Mercy Message & Devotion

Monday 3/19/18 3:30 p.m. "St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy"

Thursday 3/22/18 3:30 p.m. "The Face of Mercy"

Monday 3/26/18 3:30 p.m. "Ocean of Mercy"

*Executive Producer: Carl Anderson & Produced by the Knights of Columbus & The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy

Visit the Gift Shop for Divine Mercy materials. Diary of St. Faustina "Divine Mercy in My Soul" 8 x 10 (unframed) Image of Divine Mercy, Booklet- "Divine Mercy Message & Devotion"

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