

St. George

Roman Catholic Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 8, 2018

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5



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.

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	

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, April 2

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 6)
4:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Room 2)
7:00 p.m. K of C Council (Room 3)

TUESDAY, April 3

- 1:00 p.m. Bridge (Social Hall)
3:00 p.m. DMC (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, April 4

- 9:30 a.m. Our Lady of the Desert Guild

THURSDAY, April 5

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters (Social Hall)
9:30 a.m. Grief Support (Room 6)
1:30 p.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Chapel)

FRIDAY, April 6

- 3:30 p.m. DMC (Chapel)

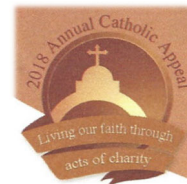
SATURDAY, April 7

Book Sales After All Masses

SUNDAY, April 8

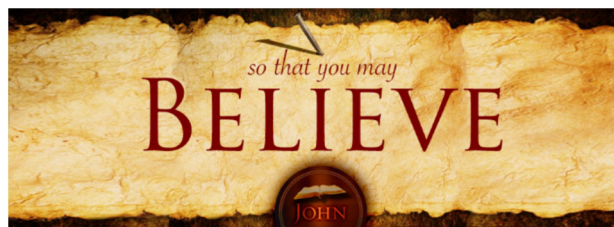
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Choir (Atrium)
Book Sales After 8:15, 10:00, & 11:30 a.m. Mass
2:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Mass**

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 70%



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10—Fr. Miguel Mariano (A Day of Reflection)

April 15—Knights of Columbus Breakfast

April 22 & 29—First Holy Communion

May 2—Our Lady of the Desert Guild Meeting

May 6—May Crowning

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

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

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

Fr. Stan celebrates a Polish Mass on the First Saturday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

2018

- Mon. April 9**
8:00 a.m. Nicholas Kast
+Douglas Schmidt
+George Schmidt
+Shirley Wagner
- Tues. April 10**
8:00 a.m. Ted & Jennifer Wallace Family
+Timothy Rausch
+Mary Louise Hickey Vogel
- Wed. April 11**
8:00 a.m. +Diane Westland
- Thurs. April 12**
Souls in Purgatory
- Fri. April 13**
+Ray Caspers
+Lonzo Copenhauer
+John Mahoney
- Sat. April 14**
11:30 a.m. +Russell Folio
+Emory Patterson
+Ray Stetz
1:15 p.m. All Members of Wegrzyn Family
+Irene Bauer
3:00 p.m. +Ron Kaufenberg
4:30 p.m. Craig Luehrs
- Sun. April 15**
6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy
8:15 a.m. Fran Price
+Cletus Pistulka
10:00 a.m. Stan, Rita, and Michael Adams
+Leila Leon
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish
6:00 p.m. Youth of the Parish

HELP FOR THE NEEDY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Meeting and lunch

We are updating our volunteer list for the Pantry and Office. This is an important meeting and I am asking all volunteers to make every effort to attend so that we can get an updated phone list of the current volunteers.

If you can not attend, please call Grace 480-982-2929.



MINISTRIES

- Altar Flowers**—Betty Bublitz 480-671-1028
(home) 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: Why is St. George the Patron Saint of England?

PRAYER SHAWLS

We have a wonderful group of ladies who knit and crochet on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. They have made some beautiful prayer shawls. These shawls are available in the parish office for anyone wishing to give one to a loved one who is homebound, in a nursing home or hospital, or just someone who is ill.



A DAY OF REFLECTION

“Silence: as Power and Strength”

Presenter: Fr. Miguel Mariano
Director, Office of Worship
Director, Inter-religious Relations
Pastor, St. Odilia Parish, Oro Valley, AZ

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Snacks

Power of Silence Part 1

Break

Power of Silence Part 2

12:00 Lunch

All are welcome. There is no pre-registration for this. Come to morning Mass and stay for a morning of reflections with Fr. Miguel Mariano. We will supply a light lunch afterwards.

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!

We all enjoyed the great variety of food and getting together with all of our church family at this year's St. Joseph's Table. My deep appreciation to all of you for your generous support and willing hands. I know St. Joseph was pleased!

Thank you so much.
Tillie Kula



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

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

BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER

THIS WEEKEND

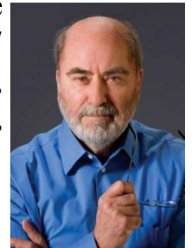
April 7 & 8

See below for times

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 to sign books on Saturday, April 7 after all the Masses and on Sunday, April 8 only after the 8:15, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m. Masses.



FAMILY RECORD UPDATES

If you have a change of address, phone, email, addition of children or if you are moving out of the parish, **PLEASE** call the parish office to have your records updated: 480-982-2929.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Exploring the Sacrament of Eucharist

The Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our faith experience. To allow Eucharist to continually nourish our spiritual lives, we must connect its meaning to our everyday living. Our objectives this evening are:

- To explore the meaning of Eucharist
- Relate the sacrament of Eucharist to daily living
- Be prepared to participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Eucharist

Next Week—EDGE End of Year Social

For more information:

Contact: Christine Ollive 480-982-2929 ext.102
Coordinator of Religious Education
collive@stgeorgeaj.com



Sunday, April 8, 2018

Gathered to be Sent

Closing Rites, the Gift of Liturgy

This week at Life Teen we conclude our semester on the Mass. We will discuss the concluding rite of the Mass, and that we are gathered to be sent out and challenged with the mission of proclaiming the Gospel. Mass is not simply something we do once a week; it is something that changes our entire outlook and empowers us for the week.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Charity Drawing Tickets

Tickets are still available through the parish office. St. George will receive half of the proceeds for the sales. The other half will go to charities in Arizona after deducting expenses.

\$30,00 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.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: “Pinky,” “Boo-boo,” and the like. This Sunday was once called “Low Sunday,” a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or “The Lord’s Day for Putting Away the Albs,” so no wonder the nickname “Low Sunday” arose. In the old calendar it was also called “Quasimodo Sunday,” after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or “As newborn infants,” a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo’s bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named “Quasimodo” for the feast.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebration April 8

- Celebrant Rev. Domenico Pinti, 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 Rosary beads with a specific intention for each day.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those of you who may be going into the hospital for a scheduled procedure, please call the parish office and ask for an "Anointing of the Sick" BEFORE you go into the hospital or see a priest after Mass. **If you are calling requesting an anointing for someone, make sure you have the hospital's correct name & phone number, the person's full name, and the room number.**

CASINO TRIP

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Join us on Monday April 16th to Fort McDowell Casino. Cost is \$10 which will be loaded onto your slot card. There is a Monday \$7.99 buffet special. Bingo is from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The bus will leave St. George's Church at **9:00 a.m.** and Holy Cross Church at **9:15 a.m.** Reserve your seat today by calling: Susan Mone 480-969-0447 or Linda Maguire 480-924-1746. If you have a slot card for Ft. McDowell, please have your number ready when calling. Come and join us for a day of fun on our LAST trip until the fall.

GIFT SHOP IS OPEN

Saturday before all Masses and Sunday 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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

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