



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Life!

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Week of July 12, 2015

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday's reading can be thought of as continuing the theme of the hazards of being a prophet. Jesus sends out the twelve "unarmed," with no food, sack, or money. All they have is the authority over "unclean spirits"—the forces of sin, sickness and death—that Jesus confers upon them. Their mission depends entirely on this, and it proves to be far more valuable than any material provisions. Likewise in the first reading, we hear not only Amos' hostile reception by the priest Amaziah, but also of how unprepared he was for his mission as a prophet—he was just minding his business, with no prior prophetic experience, when God sent him to deliver a very unwelcome message. Both readings seem to stress that prophets must rely entirely on God.

So too in our own lives, we sometimes find ourselves in the midst of tasks for which we feel completely unprepared. We can feel overwhelmed or in over our heads. But if we believe that these are tasks to which God has called us and for which God has sent us, then we ought also to believe that God has equipped us with what we need to accomplish them. Faith is the only provision that we need. Of course, faith is not as easily attained as food or a sack or money. You can't buy it in a store or borrow it from a friend, but must receive it as a gift from God. We should have confidence, however, that, as the Letter to the Ephesians says, we who have been chosen in Christ to exist for the praise of God's glory have also been provided with what we need to fulfill that calling: "every spiritual blessing in the heavens." This is given to us in our baptism and we can rely on it fully.

Loving God, you call us and send us out to do your will. Help us to have confidence that you will provide us with what we need to accomplish that will. Amen.

- When have I felt that I was in over my head?
- How do I cultivate the virtue of faith? Are there actions I can take that will help me to rely on God more readily?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 11	5 pm	Birthday Blessings for Mary Pasco, requested by her sister, Theresa
Sunday, July 12	8:30 am	All Creatures Great & Small, requested by Trish (Struzik) Drum
Sunday, July 12	11 am	Dennis J. Grabianowski, requested by Pat Grabianowski (Fr. Dan)
Monday, July 13	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, July 14	8 am	Birthday Remembrance of Angela Pasco, requested by her sisters Mary & Theresa
Wednesday, July 15	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, July 16	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, July 17	8 am	John & Irene Szeliga, requested by the Mieth Family
Saturday, July 18	5 pm	George Gebhard, requested by the Family
Sunday, July 19	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, requested by the Estate (Fr. Dan)
Sunday, July 19	11 am	Michael Harrigan, requested by Roy & Ann Marie Price Baptism of Giovanni Ignatius Mealer

**First Friday Mass will be at 9:00 am with Adoration to follow.
The next First Friday is August 7th in the Chapel.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially: Vivianne Dibe, Loretta Ellis, Doris Ellis, Angie Antonelli, Peter Brady, Kathy Grover-Castro, Maryanne Mueller, JoAnna Dussias, Michael Schafer, Madeline Abate, John Branicky, Mackenzie Walsh, Richard Kruse, Janelle Spider, Marsha Shuler, Kevin McCarthy, Don Appenheimer, Dorothy Knaier, Louise Zelonis, Gina Reger, Jill & Jeff Bahret, Richard & Antoinette Pucillo, Joe Arcara, Lou Williams, the Urbanski family, Mary Rose, Jared & Kristina Williams, Delores Gebhard, Mike Hayhurst, Grace Finch, Jeanette Dipiano, Susan Dorobiala, Judy Zielinski, Nancy Service, Mary Nemeck, Mary Ann O'Donnell, Mary Pasco, Jocelyn Tragarz, Shawn Henning, Gary Klaja, Barbara Simpson, Pat Parker, Rick Emerling, Sr. Mary Dee, GSNH, and Tony Russo.



THIS IS IT! - OUR CHICKEN BBQ, CASH RAFFLE & THEME BASKET AUCTION IS *NEXT SUNDAY!*

July 19th -- Noon 'til 4 pm or until sold out.
(Kindly pickup your presold dinners by 3 pm Sunday!)

Get your presale dinner tickets this weekend at all Masses. It's only **\$10.00** for a delicious **Krolick's chicken**, salt potatoes, salad, roll, dessert and beverage.

Help! We really need more theme baskets and dining room workers.
Please sign up today on the sheets at the back of church!

If you can, please come out and help us set up for the BBQ and Auction on Thursday, July 16th at 6 pm. *Your help in any way is greatly appreciated!*

CRUISE THE LOCKS! Enjoy a Lockport Locks Cruise and Canalside Lunch on Wednesday, August 12th. Everyone is welcome for this 50+ Group-sponsored trip. We'll all meet at 11 am in Lockport, have lunch at 11:15 am followed by the canal lock cruise from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. The cost is \$35 per person. Please reserve your space no later than August 1st by mailing your check, payable to **St. George's Over 50 Group**, to Diane Marts at 5134 Alder Ct., Hamburg, NY 14075. Visit www.lockportlocks.com for more information.



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Thanksgiving for life & Health, donated by **Pat Thoman**. Thank you!

There's only 1 weekend remaining unspoken for—*sign up on the sheet at the back of church!*

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION It is remarkable to think about what Christ's apostles accomplished with nothing but their spiritual gifts. They were poor, leaving everything behind to proclaim the gospel and build the Christian church on earth. They did not have wealth, glamour or prestige. All they had was the truth of their teaching. And the Christian faith spread around the world. The apostles were rich in their relationship with God and with one another. Those are the riches God wants every one of us to have. He wants us to work together, to worship together and be rich in the spirit of Christianity. It is not wrong to own a nice car or a home. But don't forget, your good fortune is a gift from God. Be thankful. And share your gifts with others. **The richest, happiest people are those rich in family, friends and an understanding of God's great love.**

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WLOF 101.7 FM, WBEN radio 930 AM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

ST. BERNADETTE PARISH/SCHOOL REUNION If you have previously belonged to St. Bernadette Church or if you attended St. Bernadette School, **please come back for our Summerfest celebration and parish/school reunion.** It will be held on **Sunday, July 26th**, beginning with an outdoor **Mass at 11 am**. A picnic will follow with hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages provided. Kindly bring a dish to pass. Bounce houses and play equipment will be available for the kids. *Join us for a day of food, fun, and friendship!*

Yes, we ARE still in need of Teachers for GIFT and time is running out! *Won't you please consider joining our Faith Formation Team? Our children in Grades 4 & 6 are desperately in need of your time and talent.* We provide you with all the training and resources you need. *All we need from you is your time and a willing spirit!* For more information, call **Jan Gawrys at 826-5946** or **Kathy Kita at 652-3153**.



GIFT REGISTRATION FOR 2015-16! If you haven't yet, it's **imperative** that you get your registration form and fee in to the office now. **New families are welcome to register!** Pick up the form on the **GIFT** table in the back of church. If you have any questions, call **Kathy Kita** at the rectory: **652-3153**.

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,135.08**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** were **\$492.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!*

Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
CHARITY

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. **Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.**

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS FOR 7-16 YEAR OLDS! Camp

Turner is a great summer camp operated by the Diocese and open to boys and girls age 7 - 16. It offers horseback riding, hiking, crafts, archery, wood shop, campfires, and so much more. Registrations are still being accepted for weekly camp sessions & must be in by the week before arrival day. **Financial assistance is available.** To sign up, call 354-4555 or visit www.CampTurner.com.



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER is collecting **creamy peanut butter** and **canned pastas** (e.g. *Spaghetti-Os, Mini-Ravioli, etc.*) **for the month of July.** BOLO currently serves 70+ families through the food pantry, and ***your generous support is always very much appreciated!***



Food Pantry: Thurs. 4 – 6 pm, Sat. 10 am – Noon.

Gabriel's Closet: Tues. & Wed. 10 am – 2 pm, Thurs. 3 – 6 pm, Sat. 10 am – 1 pm.

The Center is always looking for volunteers! You're needed in so many ways--work in Gabriel's Closet, help with food pantry shopping, cut the grass, pull some weeds, help out at the Farmer's Market, pitch in with maintenance work, cleaning and lots more. We ask as little as 4 hours a month. Please call **941-3550** or stop in at the BOLO Center to learn more.

DINNER LECTURE SERIES AT CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY

Wednesday, July 15th: "Living a Eucharistic Life!" presented by **Rev. Joseph Gatto.**

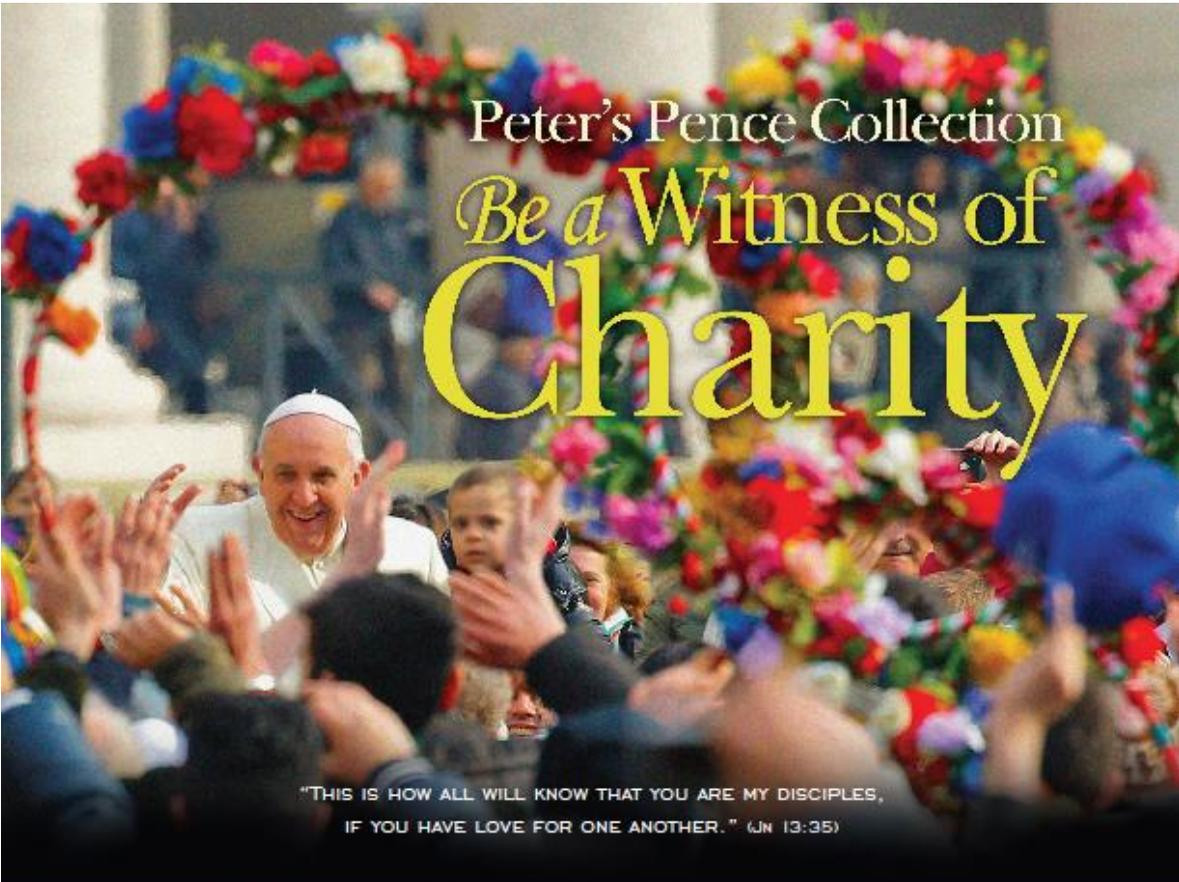
Wednesday, July 29th: "The Church at Fifty" presented by **Rev. John Mack.**

Reservations are required. Dinner is at 5:45 pm; lectures are 6:45 - 8:30 pm in the main dining room of Christ the King Seminary, 711 Knox Road, East Aurora.

To register, call **Gayle Angelli** at **805-1438.**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Jesus sent his apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members go out two by two to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, the Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. **Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in your parish. Thank you and God Bless.**



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"THIS IS HOW ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES,
IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER." (JN 13:35)

Embarking on the third year of his pontificate, Pope Francis continues to call each of us to be a witness of charity. "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract," he said, "but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." Pope Francis shows through his actions what it means to serve our brothers and sisters and give them the love of Christ. Let us follow his example of service so that all people might have the joy of receiving Jesus through our presence: "And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus."

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world. Pope Francis reminds us that true power lies not in amassing possessions and resources for ourselves but in giving. "We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the Cross . . . It means to enter into Jesus' logic, who bends down to wash the feet of the Apostles," he said. Your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection join with the power of Christ and allow our Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and all our brothers and sisters who face the greatest need.

Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world.
Please be generous in the Peter's Pence Collection.

**"There is much
that we can do
to benefit the
poor, the needy
and those who
suffer, and to favor
justice, promote
reconciliation and
build peace."**

POPE FRANCIS



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