



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Life!

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Week of July 19, 2015

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

In Robert Frost's poem, "Mending the Wall," the speaker, upon hearing his neighbor quoting the adage "Good fences make good neighbors," replies that he is tempted to respond that, before building the wall, he'd like to know what was being walled in or walled out, and who would be offended by it. In the Letter to the Ephesians, the image of a wall is used to describe the way in which the people of Israel had been separated from all the other peoples of the world—the Gentiles—by God's covenant and commandments. But what was being walled in and walled out by God's covenant with Israel? In the book of Genesis, when making the covenant with Abraham, God says explicitly that this is being done so that in Abraham "all the families of nations might be blessed" (*Genesis 12:3*). The point of the covenant and the commandments was not to divide Jews from Gentiles, but to create a space in which God's will could be lived out with such fidelity that Israel would become a shining beacon, drawing all people into right relationship with God.

But in Jesus' day many had come to see the covenant as a wall separating them from other people. They were not asking themselves whom they were walling out and to whom they might be giving offense. They were not even asking whether viewing the covenant in this way might be giving offense to God, who had intended the covenant to be a means of blessing to all the nations. Jesus' mission was to restore God's covenant to its original purpose, preaching peace to those were far off and to those who were near, reconciling Jew and Gentile in one body. But this was a mission that would ultimately lead him to the cross, as he fell victim to "the dividing wall of enmity." Yet it would be through the cross and resurrection of Jesus that all people would come to share in the blessings of God's Spirit.

Holy Spirit of God, you draw all peoples into unity. May you lead us to break down walls of hostility and separation, so that your blessing may extend to all people. Amen.

- What are the walls of enmity existing in our own world today? What can Christians do to break them down?
- What walls have I erected? Whom do my walls exclude?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 18	5 pm	George Gebhard, by the Family
Sunday, July 19	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate
Sunday, July 19	11 am	Michael Harrigan, by Roy & Ann Marie Price Baptism of Giovanni Ignatius Mealer
Monday, July 20	8 am	Bob Wagner, by Mary Anne
Tuesday, July 21	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, July 22	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, July 23	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, July 24	8 am	Father Harold Huber, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Saturday, July 25	5 pm	In celebration of Thomas & Lynn Marie Szymanski's 29 th Anniversary, by Mother
Sunday, July 26	8:30 am	Chet Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, July 26	11 am	Florence W. Miller, by Trish (Struzik) Drum & Cynthia Haynes

**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 Nemeč, Mary Ann O'Donnell, Mary Pasco, Jocelyn Tragarz, Shawn Henning, Gary Klaja, Barbara Simpson, Pat Parker, Rick Emerling, Sr. Mary Dee, GSNH, Tony Russo, Ray Deibel and Brian Byrne.

WELCOME, GIOVANNI IGNATIUS MEALER! We celebrate the sacrament of the Baptism of Giovanni Ignatius Mealer this weekend. Congratulations, and best wishes to his parents, **Stephen Mealer** and **Holly Wengenroth!**



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 **9:30 am** at **Tops Market** on Transit & French Rd., carpooling from there to Lockport. We'll 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. Call **Donna LaValley** at **652-3759** with your questions, or visit www.lockportlocks.com for more information.



Please note: Our September group trip is cancelled due to lack of interest.

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



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

Only **\$10.00** for a delicious **Krolick's chicken**, salt potatoes, salad, roll, dessert and beverage.

The Theme Basket Auction Drawings begin at 3 pm

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, TO ALL WHO DONATED THEME BASKETS, GIFTS AND/OR DESSERTS, AND TO OUR GENEROUS BUSINESS SPONSORS:

Comfort Funeral Home
Wurtz Funeral Home
Pizza Del Aureo's
Bob-O-Link Golf Club
The Aurora Theater
The Dog Bar
Salvatore's Italian Gardens
Country Coiffures Family Hair Care
Southtowns Tireman
Weber's Landscaping
Designing Dish
Waste Management



If you're new to our parish this summer, we encourage you to enroll your children *now* for our **Growing In Faith Together Faith Formation** classes for **K-12**. Brochures for our GIFT program are on the table at the back of church, next to the registration forms. If you have any questions, please call **Kathy Kita** at **652-3153**.

Our thanks to all the parents who've already submitted their 2015-16 Registrations!

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**.



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Celebration of **John & Amy Gottstine's 16th Wedding Anniversary—Congratulations!** *And thank you!*

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,157.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** were **\$117.00**. 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

In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The **Peter's Pence Collection** is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. ***Please be generous in today's collection.***

MASS INTENTIONS Praying for deceased relatives and friends is an act of faith, hope and charity. One way you can honor your deceased loved one is to have a Mass offered for them. Although it is common practice to make a free-will offering (Mass stipend) for the celebrant, **don't let your financial status prevent you from requesting a Mass intention.** To schedule a Mass intention, please call the Rectory at 652-3153.

IT'S SUMMER VACATION TIME!! We hope that you enjoy a safe and blessed summer vacation; please know that our prayers go with you. Kindly remember that **although you are away, we are still here.** Attendance and collections typically decrease during the summer months, but your parish still has the same financial obligations, year-round.

My Offering

Where your
treasure is,
there will
your heart
be also.
Mat. 6:21

Name: _____
Address: _____
Amount: _____

We won't forget about you—please don't forget about us!

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.

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!*

WE NEED VOLUNTEER COLLECTION COUNTERS to count offerings. This calls for a 2 hour commitment every 4 or 5 weeks, less frequently than that if we can get more counting teams. If you can volunteer for this ministry or would like to know more about what's involved, please call the Rectory at 652-3153.



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