



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of August 30, 2015

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

Sometimes it seems as if Jesus is unconcerned with rule-keeping. He sometimes lets go of, and is even harshly critical of, those human rules that he thinks get in the way of focusing on what is essential in our relationship with God. At the same time, he shows great reverence for the Law given to Moses by God. He sees that the purpose of the Law is not to put God at a distance but rather to show that, as Moses says to the Israelites in the book of Deuteronomy, no nation "has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him."

What is essential to remember with any religious rule or law is that, unlike civic rules or laws, it is only of ultimate value if it is linked with the proper inner disposition; we cannot honor God with our lips but not in our hearts. Whether I am particularly happy about it or not, what is important about traffic laws is that I obey them. But if I go to Mass or fast or give alms in a grudging fashion, what good does this do me? It leaves untransformed my heart, which is the source of evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, and so forth.

At the same time, our outward actions are important. The Letter of James says that we must be "doers of the word and not hearers only," because our outward actions affect our inward feelings. Fulfilling our religious obligations, even when we aren't particularly "feeling it," can be an important way in which we shape our dispositions. Just as with playing a sport or a musical instrument, the Christian life becomes more enjoyable and fulfilling with practice. So our life in Christ requires a delicate balancing act in which outward behavior is important even though ultimately it is the state of our heart that matters to God.

Holy Spirit, dwell within us to guide us in doing God's will, for you are the law that is written on our hearts. Amen.

- What is an activity that was difficult at first but has now become enjoyable? How might I similarly think of my spiritual life as something that requires practice?
- How careful am I in fulfilling my religious obligations? Does my concern or lack of concern to fulfill those obligations bring me closer to God or put God at a distance?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

See you in September!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 29	5 pm	Ray Deibel, by the Donald Schmidle family
Sunday, August 30	8:30 am	Anna Mleczek, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, August 30	11 am	Ray Deibel, by Tony & Rosemary Priore
Monday, August 31	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, September 1	8 am	Marilyn Livengood, by Trish (Struzik) Drum
Wednesday, September 2	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 3	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 4	9 am	First Friday Tricia Hoelscher, by Ray Perreault
Saturday, September 5	5 pm	Deceased members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate
Sunday, September 6	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving for healing and prayers for Shirley Miller & "Little Sam", by Shirley Miller
Sunday, September 6	11 am	Jacqueline Noworyta, by Mary Ann Pietrzak

**First Friday Mass will be at 9:00 am with Adoration to follow.
The next First Friday is September 4th in the Church.
Confession: Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

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 Nemec, Mary Pasco, Jocelyn Tragarz, Shawn Henning, Barbara Simpson, Pat Parker, Rick Emerling, Sr. Mary Dee, Tony Russo, Brian Byrne, Allison Kruger, Marian Bull, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, George Kazmierczak, Dave Isbrandt, Jill Janik, Mary Volk, Ann Marie Price, David Dobson Eileen Frankhauser, Lisa Rollins, Joanne Moeller, Margaret Boyle and Gary Klaja.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Celebration of Kathy & Dennis Lell's 46th Wedding Anniversary, donated by The Lells. Congratulations and blessings to you both, and Thank you!



GIFT Teachers and Assistants!

We will prepare for **GIFT 2015-16** at the **Team Retreat and Orientation on Monday, August 31st at 7 pm in the Parish Hall**. With grateful hearts, we thank you for answering the call to share your faith, time and talent with our parish families!

SAVE THE DATE!

- September 12th:** 5 pm Mass followed by **Youth GIFT Meet & Greet** for Parents and Youth (Grades 8-12) in the parish hall.
- September 20th Catechetical Sunday:** 8:30 am **Children's GIFT Mass**, followed by **K-7 GIFT Family Welcome/Orientation from 9:30-10:30 am** in parish hall.
- September 27th:** 9:30 am **GIFT K-7 Classes** begin
- October 3rd:** 4-7 pm **Spaghetti Dinner & Theme Basket Auction**, in the parish hall.
- October 25th:** 9:30 am – 1 pm **World Youth Day BreakFEST & Theme Basket Auction**, annual fundraiser for our Youth Community

***Farewell Sister Margaret!** After many years of faithful service to the Lord, and to the faith communities of St. George and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Colden, Sr. Margaret is retiring from her ministry as our Pastoral Associate in order to focus on her full-time duties at the St. Mary Center in Buffalo. May God's blessing be upon you, our beloved friend and counselor, as you attend to the needs of your community. We will miss you! Write to Sister Margaret at 245 Lafayette St. Buffalo, NY 14213, or call (716) 984-8265.*



ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED! Altar servers assist the Presider and the assembly at Mass while deepening their own relationship with the Lord. We welcome all of our children who have received their First Eucharist to participate in this important ministry, and **adults are invited to serve in this ministry as well.** One two-hour training session is required. Servers are scheduled on a rotating basis for Masses and any special services. Please see **Lucas Tara**, call the office at **652-3153**, or email **stgeorge.wf@gmail.com**.



ARE YOU CELEBRATING 50, 60 OR 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2015?

The Diocese of Buffalo wants to honor you with a special Diocesan ceremony, scheduled for **Sunday, October 18th** at **St. Joseph's Cathedral**, followed by a reception at the **Adam's Mark Hotel**. Family members are encouraged and most welcome to attend, but seating is limited, so please call the office at **652-3153** or email **stgeorge.wf@gmail.com**, so we can register you as soon as possible. Sponsored by the **Office of Family Life Ministries**.



Our **BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER** on Supervisor Ave. in Colden is an ecumenical ministry providing a **Food Pantry** for the needy and **Gabriel's Closet Thrift Shop** for all. *Take a few moments today to learn more about this vital mission at breadoflifecolden.org. Your support, whether by the gift of your time, talent, or treasure, is always needed and appreciated!*

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,045.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY On **September 9**, we celebrate the **feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam**, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering, and in the poor he found the face of Christ. **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist our brothers and sisters (and fellow parishioners) in two local nursing homes this month.** An evening of Bingo was conducted, and five Communion services were held with about 500 hosts being distributed. The recitation of the Rosary also took place each week. *Thank you for allowing us to represent you. God Bless all.*



ANOINTING OF THE SICK HEALING MASS in honor of St. Peregrine will be held on **Monday, September 14th at 7 pm** at **Immaculate Conception Church**, 520 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora. **Father David Bellittiere** and the **Friends of St. Peregrine** cordially invite those afflicted with cancer or needing special healing, who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to attend this healing Mass. For further information, call **283-0011**, or visit

www.stperry.org.

BECOME A MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION Training sessions are scheduled at **Christ the King Seminary** in East Aurora on the following **Saturdays: September 19th, October 10th and November 14th** from **9:30 am – 2:00 pm**. See Father Pat or call the office if you're willing to serve our parish and others in this role.



St. Bernadette Church in Orchard Park invites you to join them in celebrating the **18th Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**, at the **11 am Mass on Sunday, September 13, 2015**. Guest speaker will be noted Diocesan Spiritual Director, **Dawn Iacono**.

ALTAR SERVER, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR SCHEDULES for September and October are **now available in the sacristy** and **online**. Please pick up or download your copy today! *And, thank you for your willingness to serve.*



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 donation (Mass stipend) for the celebrant, **don't let your financial status prevent you from requesting a Mass intention.** To schedule a Mass, please call the office at 652-3153, or stop in.

**Community
Events**

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD! Many, many area churches and community groups ask us to include their events in our bulletin, but we seldom have space to honor their requests. Be sure to check the bulletin board in the church entrance or visit the **Community Events and News page** of our website to see what's happening in our neighboring communities!