



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of September 6, 2015

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, Jesus' behavior might seem a bit shocking to us—sticking his fingers in the mute man's ears, touching his tongue with his spit, using "magic words" like *ephphatha*. It certainly looks more like sorcery than medicine, and we can readily understand why the witnesses ignored Jesus' command not to tell anyone about it. This was all rather sensational. Clearly a powerful wonder worker had arrived in their midst.

While we can see why people wouldn't keep quiet, we can also see why Jesus wished that they would; he did not want his acts of healing and other miracles to be seen as signs of his magical powers, as people inevitably would. Rather, he wanted them to be seen in light of what the prophet Isaiah says: "Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he will save you" (35:4). The mighty acts of Jesus are streams of salvation bursting forth in the desert of human alienation from God. They are signs that with Jesus the salvation of God has arrived.

Jesus did not want to be burdened with the trappings of human status and power. He knows, as the Letter of James puts it, that "God chose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom that he promised to those who love him." Yet in rejecting human ideas of him as a powerful, magical healer, he in fact claims something much greater for himself; he is the one who brings us God's saving power.

Lord Jesus, you touch the ears and mouth of the deaf and mute and command them to be opened. Help us to hear the challenge of your gospel and to proclaim it to all whom we meet Amen.

- Do I ever treat God as some sort of wonder-working genie who will grant my wishes if I ask right? How is this different from appropriately asking God for the things that I need in life?
- Who are the "poor in this world" whom I can identify as rich in faith? Where does their faith come from?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

Nice to be back with you!

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, September 7	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, September 8	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, September 9	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 10	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 11	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, September 12	5 pm	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Sunday, September 13	8:30 am	Deceased members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate
Sunday, September 13	11 am	Dennis Grabianowski, by Pat Grabianowski

**First Friday Mass will be at 9:00 am with Adoration to follow.
The next First Friday is October 2nd 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 Nemeec, Mary Pasco, Jocelyn Tragarz, Shawn Henning, 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 S. Boyle (Matt Boyle's mother) and Gary Klaja.



A SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR ST. GEORGE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

**Growing
in Faith
Together**

will be held **next weekend, September 12th and 13th**. Your donation supports **K-7 GIFT, Grades 8-12 Youth GIFT, Parish Faith Festivals, Living the Eucharist, Adult Study Groups and Parish Retreats**. Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated. *You can make a difference. Please be as generous as you are able!*

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Memory of Anthony Kita, donated by Bill and Kathy Kita. Thank you!



HAVE YOU EATEN MORE THAN ENOUGH CHICKEN BBQ THIS SUMMER?

Let's switch it up a bit. Come to our annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Saturday, October 3rd** from **4-7 pm!** And, since you're going out anyway, may we suggest that you swing by the **Bread of Life Outreach Center's** spectacular **Garage Sale**, and then "mosey on down" here to the **parish hall** for dinner?



Tickets are \$8.50 for adults; tickets for children 10 years & under are \$3.00. The meal, by Rosina's, includes **spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls & butter**, and **beverages**. It's a delicious meal and a great sharing time, so please **plan on joining us and invite your friends & family, too!** We'll have theme baskets and a 50/50 raffle as well!



Now, hold on!! If your eyes rolled back in your head at the thought of putting together **ANOTHER** theme basket, **watch the bulletin next weekend** for the **Theme Basket Ideas** insert. Your theme baskets are always great and they really do raise the lion's share of our fundraising proceeds. **Please keep up the great efforts and creativity!**

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS BOOKS!

Sister Margaret (Donner) now makes her home full-time at the **St. Mary Center; 245 Lafayette St., Buffalo, NY 14213** Phone: **984-8265**. By the way, our Farewell Reception for Sister last Saturday was lovely and she loved it! You are all welcome to visit her at the center, **just call ahead, please**, to make sure she is going to be there when you plan to visit. **Father Dan (Lusch)** has very recently moved to the **Jesuit Community at Canisius College**, and he will join us again for Mass this weekend. He now resides at **Loyola Hall, 2001 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14208** Phone: **888-2375**.

DON'T FORGET!

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| 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! |
| October 29th: | 7 pm Parish Retreat , with Guest Speaker Fr. Joe Badding! |

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.*



STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,067.57**, plus an additional **\$192.00** from **Vacation Make-up** offerings. Offerings for the **Maryknoll Missions** totaled **\$522.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations.

Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

NEW FALL OFFICE HOURS BEGIN LABOR DAY

The new schedule will be: **Monday 9 am – 1 pm & 2:30 – 4:30 pm**
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am – 2 pm
Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

We can also meet with you at other times by appointment. Call the office at **652-3153**, stop by when we're open, or email **stgeorge.wf@gmail.com**.



In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!". In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. **Do you know a family that needs assistance?**

Please call the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at **652-3153** so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER is collecting **canned soups, macaroni & cheese,** and **healthy lunch box snacks for the month of September.** 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.



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**.

Mass with Pope Francis to be shown live at St. Leo the Great. All are invited to pray with Pope Francis as he celebrates the closing Mass of the **World Meeting of Families** on **Sunday, September 27th at 4 pm at St. Leo the Great Church**, 885 Sweet Home Road, Amherst. Mass will be shown using the newly installed large video screen and HD projector. Bring a friend and a non-perishable food item to be donated to **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**. There will be **exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament** as we pray for families with the Holy Father. For more information, call St. Leo's at **835-8905**.

Parenting Perspective. Five steps to getting kids to obey: Step 1 – Get the child's attention. (Get close, look them in the face and make sure they are looking at you.) Step 2 – Give a short, clear direction. Step 3 – Make sure they understand your direction by asking them to repeat it back to you. (More next week)



CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization

explores the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. Created by Father Robert Barron, the documentary and study program focuses on the cultural obstacles the Church faces today and sends us on a mission with a message of great joy.

Join us as we explore the call to the New Evangelization!

Where: St George Parish Hall
When: Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4 and 11

Who: Adults of All Ages!

Cost: Free will offering for Study Guide

Please complete the registration below:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Please place your completed registration form in the basket on the GIFT table in the Gathering Space or drop it off at the Rectory. Thank you!