



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of September 13, 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

Perhaps it goes without saying that faith, specifically faith in Jesus, is at the heart of Christianity. In fact, the emphasis that Christians place on faith, rather than specific ritual acts or ethical requirements, is a distinctive if not unique feature of Christianity compared with other religions of the world. This is reflected in the pivotal place that Mark's Gospel gives to Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as Messiah. It is at this point that Jesus begins telling his followers of his impending death and traveling with them toward Jerusalem.

But Jesus makes it clear that having faith in him is not simply an activity that we engage in with our minds; it involves a commitment of our whole selves, soul and body. To have faith in Jesus it is not enough to say the correct words, as Peter does, but we must embrace Jesus' fate as our own; "whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it" (*Mark 8:35*). The Letter of James says that having the right words but not having the actions that go along with them is like telling a hungry person "eat well," but never feeding him. It is not really a matter of needing to have works in addition to faith. Rather faith, in the sense that Jesus asks for it, is always a matter of total commitment of oneself to him and to his cause. We do not need faith *and* works, but rather what St. Paul calls "faith working through love" (*Galatians 5:6*)—the faith that overflows into love of God and neighbor.

Lord Jesus, anointed one of God, make our faith in you not merely a matter of words but also of actions, so that our confession of you as Messiah may be truthful. Amen.

- How would I answer the question Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"
- Who are the people that I see as examples of faith working through love?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, September 14	8 am	No intention
Tuesday, September 15	8 am	No intention
Wednesday, September 16	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, September 17	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, September 18	8 am	No intention
Saturday, September 19	5 pm	No intention
Sunday, September 20	8:30 am	No intention
Sunday, September 20	11 am	Deceased members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate

**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, 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, Jocelyn Tragarz, Sr. Mary Dee, Tony Russo, Allison Kruger, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, Jill Janik, Mary Volk, Ann Marie Price, David Dobson, Lisa Rollins, Joanne Moeller, Margaret S. Boyle (Matt Boyle's mother), Gary Klaja, Rita Kowalik and Chuck Knight.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY meets **Tuesday, September 15th** at **11 am** in the parish hall with **Diane & Darlene Marts** as hostesses. They will provide desserts and beverages to go with your sandwich, salad or yogurt brought from home. Your rosary is a must – don't leave home without it! See you on Tuesday!



Today: Pattern your life after a candle – radiate light to those around you.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR ST. GEORGE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

**Growing
in Faith
Together**

takes place at all Masses this **weekend!** 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!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

Next Sunday, September 20th, we're celebrating **Catechetical Sunday** and **launching our new year of Faith Formation!** Families with children in the K-7 GIFT program will gather at the 8:30 am Mass. Together, we'll celebrate the Eucharist and give thanks for our Teachers and Assistants. We'll all receive a special blessing as we renew our commitment to **Grow In Faith Together**.



After the 8:30 am Mass, parents and children will **join the GIFT Team for refreshments in the parish hall, meet the teachers and learn about the new changes in this year's GIFT program.**

And, don't forget! September 20th is the **registration deadline for the Fall Adult Study program, Catholicism and the New Evangelization.** Place your completed registration form in the basket on the GIFT table in the Gathering Space or mail it to the Rectory.

Sessions begin Wednesday, October 7th at 7 pm in the parish hall.

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 **Rummage 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, dessert 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, **take a look at this week's insert - Theme Basket Ideas.** 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!**



GIVE SO MORE CAN SERVE Over 680 alumni of Christ the King Seminary are currently serving in our diocese. This past Spring Semester, 118 students enrolled in academic programs at Christ the King - preparing them to minister in our parishes and communities. **Please help them answer God's call.** The annual collection for Christ the King Seminary will take place at our church in two weeks. **Please show your support for the mission of Christ the King by praying for our seminary's ministry and by giving generously to the annual appeal.** Your prayers and your gift to Christ the King help them ensure the future of the church in our area. For more information on our seminary's mission or programs, or to give online, visit www.cks.edu.



STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,537.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** totaled **\$571.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!*

The Colden Farmer's Market is overflowing with summer's bounty! Stop



in Saturdays, **8:30 am - 1 pm**, and you'll find farm fresh produce, yummy baked goods, beautiful plants & cut flowers, goat's milk fudge, Kellie's herbs and things, garden turtles, and organic sprouts! There's live music, free coffee and Timbits, and **Maple Ice Cream is back!** There's **Mikey's Chix and Pork BBQ** too! **Stop in and join the fun.**

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 27th, 2015: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Monday, September 28th, 2015: 5:30 - 7:00 pm. We invite young men

in grades 6, 7, & 8, and their parents to take a tour of our campus, meet

our teachers, staff, coaches, and administration, and explore the

academic, athletic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs we offer.

St. Francis High School is a college preparatory high school for young men administered by the Franciscan Friars Conventual and staffed by both religious and lay faculty. For more information, visit www.stfranchishigh.org or call **627-1200** ext. **455**.



NEW FALL OFFICE HOURS Our new schedule is:

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 Jesus says "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love. **Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness?** Please leave a message for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at **652-3153**...we want to help!

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**.



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Memory of **Bill & Fran Tompkins**, donated by **Noreen Rollins**. Thank you!

THEME BASKET IDEAS:

Be creative in what kind of "basket" to wrap in. A bucket (so many kinds), umbrella baby stroller, trash can, laundry basket, a hat, the ideas are endless.

1. Legos/ClickIts
2. Spa/Bath Products
3. Golf &/or Fishing
4. Movie Night (Movie rental tickets, popcorn, candy)
5. Romantic Night Out (Dinner, concert, ballet, show)
6. Family Night Out for 4 (Family friendly dinner)
7. Local Sporting event Tickets
8. Camping supplies
9. Candy/Chocolates
10. Music
11. Candles
12. Housewarming
13. Kitchen gadgets
14. Baking gadgets
15. Italian or Mexican Dinner fixins
16. Bread mixes
17. Baby
18. BBQ
19. Photo session certificate/frame
20. Art supplies-kids/teens/adults
21. Teas
22. Coffees
23. Books – Kids/Teens/Adults
24. Tools
25. Raggedy Ann
26. Disney Characters
27. Stamps – crafting
28. Scrapbooking
29. Sewing
30. Journaling
31. Car racing, Nascar
32. Sport, Football, Baseball team
33. Isotopes or Scorpions or Lobos
34. Museum passes
35. Tie-Dye – Purchased or kits
36. Computer software
37. Games
38. Teddy Bears
39. Baseball Cards
40. Baby Care
41. Gardening
42. Greeting cards, note cards
43. Kid's homemade cards
44. Exercise
45. Hair Accessories
46. Burt's Bee's
47. Bath Towels
48. Safety Products
49. Barbie
50. Quilt Lovers
51. Models (Airplane/Cars/Trains)
52. Disposable camera & albums
53. Pampered Chef
54. Mary Kay
55. Homemade Gourmet
56. Tupperware
57. School Supplies
58. School Spirit
59. Teacher/Office Supplies
60. Car Wash, detailing
61. Boy's Toys Variety
62. Girl's Toys Variety
63. Junie B. Jones
64. Salsa
65. Hot Wheels
66. Educational
67. Picnic
68. Season – e.g. Summer/Beach
69. Seasonings & Spices

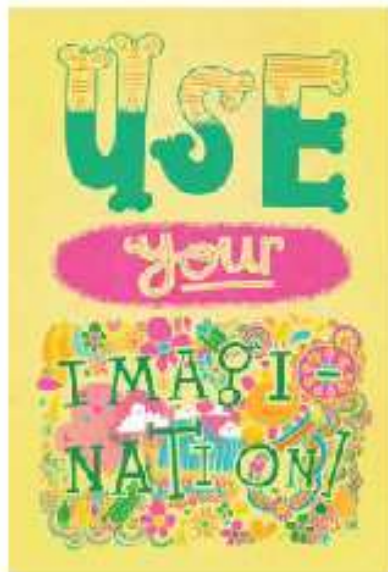
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70. Any Holiday
71. Beanie Babies
72. Cleaning supplies
73. Gift wrapping supplies
74. Mother's Day
75. Father's Day
76. Patriotic
77. Angels
78. For Dogs Only
79. For Cat Only
80. Mini fish tank 7 supplies
81. Science experiment items
82. First Aid kit/supplies
83. Men's ties
84. Women's scarves
85. Kids magazines
86. Auto - Prepaid gas cards, oil
87. Auto emergency kit
88. Healthy Snacks
89. Junk Food Snacks
90. Child's Bath Toys
91. Sundae Toppings
92. Travel (games, toiletries)
93. Cookbooks
94. Different Flavored Popcorns
95. Play-doh
96. Crayola
97. Non-perishable Foods
98. Hats
99. Fun Socks (all same size)
100. Put an undisclosed amount of cash in an envelope – we'll auction that off as a Mystery Money Envelope!!



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