



# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*

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**Week of October 4, 2015**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***From the Pastor's Desk***

For many people today, Jesus' teaching on marriage can sound disturbingly uncompromising. But we must bear in mind that these teachings, like the Church's teachings on marriage today, want to say something essentially positive about human relationships: that in the joining of husband and wife we have one of the original blessings of God upon humanity, a blessing that was not lost in humanity's fall into sin.

Jesus speaks of marriage in connection with the story of Creation: "From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." God, seeing that it is not good for Adam to be alone, first makes animals and brings them to Adam, to see if he can find in any of them one who can assuage his loneliness. But it is only when God makes the woman from Adam's own rib that Adam finds the partner in whom his freely given love can find an answering echo. At the same time, because this relationship involves freedom, it is risky.

Indeed, we might sometimes think a pet would be preferable to a spouse. If human beings were as faithful as dogs, then the permanence of the bond of marriage of which Jesus speaks in the Gospel would be a non-issue. After all, have you ever, heard of someone's dog leaving for someone else—someone younger or richer or more attractive? If only humans were as consistent and faithful as dogs. But even though we are not, we still seek out other human beings, who must make the conscious choice to love us. This is risky, but it is also a blessing, because the love that husband and wife freely give each other is ultimately a reflection of the love that God gives to them.

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of marriage, with which you blessed human beings in the beginning. May we be faithful in all our commitments, and so be a sign of your faithfulness to the world. Amen.

- How do I reconcile Jesus' teachings on marriage with compassion for those whose marriages have failed?
- Though dogs are faithful by instinct, humans have to learn to be faithful. What things cultivate faithfulness in human relationships?

*Shalom! Fr. Pat*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 3	5 pm	Anthony & Pauline Anzalone, by Jim & Sandy Anzalone
Sunday, October 4	8:30 am	Deceased members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate
Sunday, October 4	11 am	For intentions received from the Blessed Mother
Monday, October 5	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, October 6	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, October 7	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, October 8	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, October 9	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, October 10	5 pm	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Sunday, October 11	8:30 am	Deceased members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate
Sunday, October 11	11 am	Dennis J. Grabianowski, by Pat Grabianowski

**First Friday Mass will be at 9:00 am with Adoration to follow. The next First Friday is November 6th in the Chapel. Confession: Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

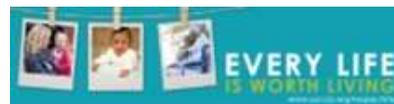
**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially: Loretta Ellis, Doris Ellis, Angie Antonelli, Peter Brady, Maryanne Mueller, Michael Schafer, John Branicky, Marsha Shuler, Dorothy Knaier, Louise Zelonis, Gina Reger, Richard & Antoinette Pucillo, Joe Arcara, Lou Williams, Mary Rose, Delores Gebhard, Mike Hayhurst, Grace Finch, Jeanette Dipiano, Susan Dorobiala, Judy Zielinski, Nancy Service, Mary Nemeč, Jocelyn Tragarz, Sr. Mary Dee, Tony Russo, Allison Kruger, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, Jill Janik, Mary Volk, Ann Marie Price, David Dobson, Lisa Rollins, Gary Klaja, Rita Kowalik, Chuck Knight, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Jim Cafferty and Linda Bettinger.



### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY

Last weekend was the annual special collection for Christ the King seminary. Thank you for your generous support. If you missed the collection, **it's not too late to support** our seminary's important work of **educating our future priests, deacons and lay leaders** to serve in our diocese. You may donate at [www.cks.edu](http://www.cks.edu) or by calling **655-7089**. Gifts may also be placed in the collection (Attn: Seminary Appeal) or mailed to Christ the King Seminary, Attn: Parish Appeal, PO Box 607, East Aurora, NY 14052-0607.

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH** Please take a few moments to read and reflect upon the **Respect Life Month** insert included in this week's bulletin. And please pray for all who work to promote all life, born and unborn.



**BEREAVEMENT MEETING** There will be a Bereavement Team Meeting on **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** in the parish kitchen to finalize plans for the **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Remembrance**. All are welcome.

## SECOND COLLECTION OCTOBER 10 - 11 FOR OUR HAITI MISSIONS



Help us continue to build and strengthen our relationship with our **twin parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Coq Chante, Haiti**. Your donations support health care, education, water, sanitation, farm animal and other projects at our twin parish. Next weekend there will be a second collection for our Haiti Mission at all Masses. **Please show your support** for the many good works done through our Haiti missions and the people of Haiti

by giving generously to the annual appeal.

**OUR YOUTH COMMUNITY'S FALL BreakFEST & THEME BASKET AUCTION** is only a few short weeks away! -- **October 25<sup>th</sup>** from **9:30 am to 1:00 pm**. The breakfast is **free**, but we **REALLY** appreciate your always **generous love offerings** to help support our youth. **Proceeds will help us to attend the Diocesan Youth Convention in February**. Can you also donate a theme basket?? Please contact **Elaine Ahles** at **942-3403**, or leave your baskets on the rectory porch. *Thank you!*



**We welcome all of our GIFT Families to the Children's Mass at 8:30 am on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Afterwards, we'll have refreshments for ALL as we celebrate our **first Faith Festival** and search for *treasure* in the teachings of Pope Francis. All are welcome!



### IS YOUR LIFE TOO BUSY?!



Do you need a little quiet time to reawaken your spirit? Come! Be refreshed by **An Evening of Reflection** on **Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** at **7 pm** in the Church. We're thrilled to have **Father Joseph Badding** join us as our guest presenter and guide for this very special evening of reflection and prayer.

### OUR ST. GEORGE 50+ GROUP HAS A NEW NAME!

All of the events, programs, and trips that our group plans are **open to all parishioners**, so we've decided to change our group's name to **St. George Social Group**. You'll find everything about our upcoming events on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space, to the left of the exit doors. We'll no longer mail out our newsletter; it'll be published under our group page on the parish website: [www.stgeorgercchurch.org/st-george-social-group](http://www.stgeorgercchurch.org/st-george-social-group), and the \$5.00 membership fee has been eliminated. **So, you no longer need to be a member, nor do you have to be over 50 years old, in order to join us for food, fun and fellowship!**

**KIDNEY HEALTH BENEFIT** on **Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9 pm** in the parish hall! Enjoy

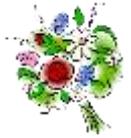


**Celtic Music** by **KINDRED** and **Partners in Time**, as well as theme baskets, great desserts, snacks, door prizes, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, etc. The proceeds of this event will primarily benefit a neighbor on home kidney dialysis who was a parishioner for many years, **Mary Alice (Doyle) Schwab**, as well as the **WNY Kidney Foundation**, and **St. George parish**. Loads of information on

kidney health and disease will be available. Please pray that the benefit will help us better maintain our health so that we can be our dear Lord's hands here on HIS earth. *There is a volunteer sign-up sheet at the back of church.* **Come, Learn, Enjoy, Bless!**

**STEWARDSHIP** Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,209.00**. Offerings for **Christ the King Seminary** totaled **\$1,114.00**. *Thank you!* Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations.

*ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Thanksgiving for healing and prayers for Shirley Miller and "Little Sam", donated by Shirley Miller. Thank you!*



**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA AND FASHION SHOW** will be **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** from **11 am - 3 pm**. Tickets are **\$25** and go on sale **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** at **BOLO**, or **by mail postmarked by October 10<sup>th</sup>** with checks payable to **Bread of Life Outreach, PO Box 113, Colden, NY**

**14033**. Please include the *name & address that the tickets should be mailed to*, and the *number of tickets you are purchasing (Max. 10)*. **Tickets sell out FAST so don't delay!** **Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted shortly**, if you wish to volunteer for the event.

And, don't forget—**this weekend is our annual Rummage Sale!** Friday from **4 - 7 pm**  
Preview Sale - Admission \$1.00. Saturday & Sunday from **9 am - 3 pm**.  
**Sunday is our \$1.00 Bag Sale.**



**RITA KOWALIK IS TURNING 80 on October 6th!** However, she hasn't been feeling well in recent weeks, so **we're asking you to help us cheer her up by sending birthday cards to her**. Her daughter Carol will present Rita with all of her birthday greetings on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The address is **Rita Kowalik, 9088 Knapp Rd., West Falls, NY 14170**.

Your **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is once again asking you to **donate any unused watches, working or not**. The items will be refurbished and sold at the St. Vincent de Paul store in Buffalo. **This year, the request is expanded to also include clocks and rings. There will be a box in the back of the church until the end of November.** You responded in a very timely manner last year. *Thank you for making this such a successful program to help the poor. God Bless all.*



### FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

When we hear the word harmony, we probably think of things working smoothly together in relationship with one another. From the very beginning, God intended us to live in harmony with one another. We see it in today's first reading when God creates woman as a suitable partner for man. This story teaches us that successful relationships are based on equality—that God intends there be no indication of one being greater or lesser than the other. Certainly there are differences among us, but we are equal before God, each deserving of being treated with love and respect. When we bring our differences together and join together for the greater good, we truly live in harmony just as God has planned for us. Take a moment to reflect on at least one way in which you can promote harmony...in your relationships, your workplace, your community, and in the world God created for us.

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](http://www.faithmomentsonline.org).

# EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING



Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love.

Our relationships on earth are meant to help us and others grow in perfect love. We are meant to depend on one another, serve each other in humility, and walk together in times of suffering.

An elderly man whose health is quickly deteriorating; an unborn baby girl whose diagnosis indicates she may not live very long; a little boy with Down syndrome; a mother facing terminal cancer—each may have great difficulties and need assistance, but each of their lives is a good and perfect gift.

Experiencing suffering—or watching another suffer—is one of the hardest human experiences. But we are not alone. Christ experienced suffering more deeply than we can comprehend, and our own suffering can be meaningful when we unite it with his.

Jesus is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need. God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given. Every life is worth living.



**RESPECT LIFE**

First-hand stories: [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife)

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*Bread of Life Outreach*



*7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tea &  
Fashion Show*

*Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Tickets go on sale*

*Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM*

*At Bread of Life Outreach*

*Mail orders accepted with full payment*

*And postmarked by October 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Checks payable to Bread of Life Outreach*

*Tickets \$25 each*

*Limit 10 tix/order*

