



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

The second reading and the Gospel make an interesting pair. In the Gospel Jesus says to James and John, “The cup that I drink, you will drink,” telling them that they will share in his suffering (which must have been a little disappointing, since they had asked about sharing in his glory). This is a constant theme in Mark’s Gospel: the true disciple must choose to share in the sufferings of the Master. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we see this reversed. Jesus is the high priest who chooses to share *our* sufferings: “one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.”

As followers of Jesus, we are called to humble and not to exalt ourselves. St. Augustine never tired of saying, “There is something in humility to exalt the mind, and something in exaltation to abase it” (*City of God*, book 14, chapter 13). Similarly, St. Benedict speaks in his Rule of the “ladder of humility” that we “descend by exaltation and ascend by humility” (chapter 7). In doing this we imitate Jesus, who “did not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.”

Of course, humbling oneself can seem like grim business, as if one had to seek out every opportunity to be as miserable as possible. But this is not what Jesus or Augustine or Benedict meant at all. Our humility allows us, as the Letter to the Hebrews says, “to confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy.” Our humility should make us joyful, because it makes us companions of Jesus, our great high priest.

Jesus, you are the high priest who knows our needs and presents them before God the Father. Help us to open our heart to you, who desire deeply to share in our joys and sorrows. Amen.

- What does humility mean concretely in my life? What specific things can I do to share in the humility of Jesus?
- Does knowing that Jesus shared in our human suffering help me answer the call to share in his suffering?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 17	5 pm	In memory of and honoring all Fathers
Sunday, October 18	8:30 am	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Sunday, October 18	11 am	In Thanksgiving for prayers and healing for Shirley Miller & "Little Sam", by Shirley Miller
Monday, October 19	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, October 20	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, October 21	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, October 22	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, October 23	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, October 24	5 pm	Ray Deibel, by Kathy & Gene Deibel
Sunday, October 25	8:30 am	Deceased members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate
Sunday, October 25	11 am	In memory of and honoring all Mothers

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 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, Rita Kowalik, Chuck Knight, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Jim Cafferty, Linda Bettinger, Mario Nunez, Alice Maddigan and Sarah Friedhaber.

Jim & Gloria Cafferty would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Jim's healing. He is back at home now and doing much better. Thank you! Pat Nemec also thanks you for your prayers for her daughter-in-law, Mary Nemec, who is now in remission. God is good!



IT'S NEXT WEEKEND!! THE YOUTH FALL BreakFEST & THEME BASKET AUCTION!



Please support our Youth Community's **Fall BreakFEST and Theme Basket Auction** on **Sunday, October 25th** from **9:30 am - 1 pm**. There is no charge, but **please give a generous love offering to help support our youth.**

Proceeds will help us to attend the **Diocesan Youth Convention** in February. **We still need theme baskets**—if you can donate one, please contact **Elaine Ahles** at **942-3403**.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY meets **Tuesday, October 20th** at **11 am** in the parish hall for its **final business meeting of the year**. Please plan on coming with your bag lunch and rosary in hand; enjoy desserts and beverages provided by hostesses **Audrey Krajnik** and **Maggie Mauger**.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND Your ongoing support of the



Society for the Propagation of the Faith is vital to the **missionaries serving in 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific**. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, **bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances**. Your prayers and generous support offered on World Mission Sunday directly

benefit the mission church—and help deepen your relationship with Jesus by helping so many missionaries around the world. *Please be as generous as your means allow.*

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION—WITH FATHER JOE BADDING

Do you need a little quiet time to reawaken your spirit?

Come! Be refreshed by

An Evening of Reflection on **Thursday, October 29th** 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.



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER is collecting **stuffing mix, chicken & turkey gravy, and canned pastas for the month of October**. 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.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS! If you're going to be away for an extended period of time, **kindly let the office know** so that we can **temporarily suspend your offering envelopes** or forward them to your alternate address, if you wish. ***Please help us avoid being charged for the cost of return postage on envelope packets returned to us by the USPS as undeliverable.***



HELP STOP HUNGER Catholic Charities **eight food pantries** in Buffalo, Franklinville, Getzville, Lackawanna and Wellsville provide for individuals across Western New York in an emergency or when the food budget just doesn't stretch far enough. **Volunteers to help sort, stock and prepare food for distribution are always welcome**. If you're available for as little as four hours a week and are interested in helping our food pantries, please contact **Catholic Charities Parish Outreach** at **218-1400 ext. 2005**.



STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$2,892.00**. Offerings for our **Haiti Missions** totaled **\$2,147.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *We sincerely thank you for your continuing generosity!*



TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR SPAGHETTI DINNER The dinner and theme basket raffle raised **\$760.07** for our parish! **A very special thank you** to all the volunteers, and especially to the organizer, **Jan Albrecht**, for giving so much of their time and effort to make this a huge success!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in doing good works for the poor and vulnerable with little or no fanfare or recognition, consider becoming a Vincentian. We are looking for a couple of new members to help share the load. *Personal satisfaction and the knowledge that you are doing God's work are sources of great internal joy.* We meet most **Mondays** in the Parish Hall at **7:15 pm**. If you're interested in learning more about how we help, please call the Rectory at **652-3153**. *God Bless all.*



7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA AND FASHION SHOW will be **Saturday, December 5th** at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** from **11 am - 3 pm**. Tickets are **\$25** and go on sale **Saturday, October 17th at 10 am**. **Tickets sell out FAST so don't delay! Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted shortly**, if you wish to volunteer for the event.

BECOME A MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION The next Training session is scheduled at **Christ the King Seminary** in East Aurora on Saturday, **November 14th** from **9:30 am – 2:00 pm**. See Father Pat or call the office at 652-3153 if you're willing to serve our parish and others in this role.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who supported the **Colden Farmer's Market** this year!!



Another successful season with great vendors, wonderful music, our faithful **hot dog chef Bill** at the grill, the **best volunteers on the planet**, including the **Depasquale family** who helped set up and take down week after week! We love all who came to shop or just visit and listen to the music. All that we do benefits the programs at **Bread of Life Outreach!** See you next season... **Mark your calendars for May 21st!**

COLLECTION COUNTERS ARE NEEDED We need volunteers to count offerings. This calls for a 2 hour commitment every 4 or 5 weeks. If you can volunteer for this ministry or would like to know more about it, please call the Rectory at 652-3153.



MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAM REVIEW COURSE starts soon! Four classes are held prior to the **Catholic High School Entrance Exam**. Students learn exam strategies, tips and advice for overcoming anxiety and an in-depth subject review in math, verbal and quantitative skills. See **www.mtmercy.org/review-course** for full details.

Dates: Saturday, **Oct 24th**, **Oct. 31st**, **Nov. 7th** and **14th**.

Time: **9 am - 12 noon** **Cost:** \$110.00 per student. This includes test prep book and snacks.