



# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*

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### Week of November 1, 2015

## The Feast of All Saints

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

In the Catholic tradition heaven is envisioned as an eminently social place. It is not a matter of the isolated soul alone with God for eternity; rather, part of the joy of the saints in God's kingdom is the joy that they feel in being with each other. St. Catherine of Siena, the fourteenth-century Italian mystic, wrote that the saints "rejoice and exult, sharing each other's goodness with loving affection." She states that when a soul reached eternal life, all souls shared in that soul's goodness, and likewise shared theirs, experiencing new freshness in their exultation that she described as mirthfulness, jubilation, and gladness. (See *The Dialogue*, ch. 41.) So the great multitude of which the book of Revelation speaks rejoices not simply in knowing God, but in knowing the incredible varieties of goodness that God's grace has made possible in human beings: the mother rejoices in the martyr's courage and the martyr in the mother's patience; the pastor rejoices in the scholar's knowledge and the scholar in the pastor's prudence. The saints bring with them the particular gifts that God's grace has poured into their lives and then they share those gifts of holiness with each other, so that each may delight in the goodness of others.

Most people know that Halloween originated as the eve of All Saints Day—All Hallows Eve. My most vivid memories of Halloween as a parent are of the point after the treats have been collected and the children gather at someone's house, dump out their bags on the floor, and begin trading: sour candies exchanged for peanut butter cups, dark chocolate for milk chocolate. What was most remarkable is that this exchange was characterized by great excitement and happiness—not just the excitement and happiness of trading up for better candy, but the excitement and happiness of being together with friends and of both giving and receiving. To borrow from St. Catherine of Siena, it was an occasion of mirthfulness, jubilation and gladness. What more appropriate way to celebrate the saints than to joyfully share our gifts with one another? This is what the saints do in eternity.

Lord God, you are source of joy for the saints in glory. Give us some share in their joy, so that we might come to praise you in eternity. Amen.

- How do I conceive of heaven? What experience on earth do I think gives the best picture of the life of the saints in heaven?
- What is the particular form of holiness that God is calling me to in my life?

*Shalom! Fr. Pat*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 31	5 pm	Catherine Buranich, by Godfrey Buranich
Sunday, November 1	8:30 am	In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother for favors received
<b>Sunday, November 1</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Mass of Remembrance</b> Honoring the Deceased members of our St. George Parish family
Monday, November 2	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, November 3	8 am	Mary Lou Bowlby, by Donna & Norm LaValley
Wednesday, November 4	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, November 5	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Friday, November 6</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>First Friday</b> Bob MacKinnon, by Ray Perreault
Saturday, November 7	5 pm	Anna Dziulko, by Tom & Alice Dziulko & family
Sunday, November 8	8:30 am	In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother for favors received
Sunday, November 8	11 am	Richard Swiniarski, by Mary Ann Pietrzak

**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 & SHUT-INS**, 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 Nemece, Jocelyn Tragarz, Sr. Mary Dee, Allison Kruger, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, Jill Janik, Mary Volk, David Dobson, Lisa Rollins, Rita Kowalik, Chuck Knight, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Jim Cafferty, Linda Bettinger, Mario Nunez, Sarah Friedhaber, and Jason Estabrook.



Our **Mass of Remembrance Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** honors and celebrates the lives of our parishioners who died this past year: **Carl Grover, Carolee Lorenz, Kathy Tullar, Marie Krol, Michael Harrigan, George Gebhard, Raymond Deibel and Andrew Krolikowski**. Join us and their families as we honor their memory. We'll have **light refreshments for everyone** in the Parish Hall following the Mass, compliments of our **Bereavement** ministry.

During the month of November, the **REMEMBRANCE BOOK** will be in the back of the church. Please write the names of your loved ones who have passed in this book.



**BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER RAFFLE** Two quilts and three other items will be raffled at the High Tea on **Saturday, December 5, 2015. Just in time for Christmas! Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of November 21-22; \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.** All proceeds benefit the Center's ministry to the poor; *thank you for your continued support and prayers!*

**BRINGING CHARITY TO LIFE** is the motto of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. You have an opportunity to be an active participant in this effort! **Our Annual Parish Collection will be held November 14-15**. We rely heavily on your support through this collection and your generous contributions to the **Poor Box**. With the holidays fast approaching, our needs are even greater. **We are your stewards. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to represent you. It is an honor. God Bless all.**



### HAITI CLEAN DRINKING WATER RAFFLE

Tickets for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean Drinking Water Benefit for Haitian Families Raffle** are being **sold this weekend and November 21 - 22** in the Gathering space. Tickets are **\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00** with cash prizes of **1<sup>st</sup> - \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$250.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100.00**. The drawing will take place at our **Haiti Conference on December 5th**, and you don't need to be present to win! For more information or to purchase tickets, call **Donna at 713-3563**.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Community's **Fall BreakFEST and Theme Basket Auction!** **Your support helped us raise \$1,589.00!** How truly blessed we are to have such wonderful giving people in our community, who embody the spirit of giving and loving. We will keep all of you in our hearts and prayers at the Youth Diocesan Convention in February.

**THANK YOU**

### **Sharing the Feast** *Thanksgiving Basket Project*

St. George GIFT and our St. Vincent De Paul ministry need your help to feed those in need in our community! Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the Gathering space by **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**; or make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the baskets. ***You are all welcome to help assemble and decorate the Thanksgiving Baskets at the Parish Faith Fest on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am.*** St. Vincent De Paul members will deliver the baskets and turkeys **on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank you for your support!

**ST. GEORGE SOCIAL GROUP ANNUAL POUND AUCTION & POTLUCK DINNER NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm** in the parish hall. **Plan on joining us for this always fun-filled gathering!** Bring your beautifully wrapped gift items (*anything that weighs one pound, funny or serious*), and your favorite dish to share. Beverages are provided.



### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER**

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 1 pm.** Hosted by **Mason's Living Stone Lodge**, with proceeds to benefit Bread of Life Outreach programs. **Tickets are \$5.00 each; kids under 5 are free!** You can get your tickets in the Gathering space this weekend, at the BOLO Center and at the door. Questions? Call **941-3550**.



**STEWARDSHIP** Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,578.00**, and **an additional \$263.00** came in for **Haiti Missions**, bringing that collection total to **\$2,945.00!** Thank you! Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *We sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity!*

Thank you for your generous response to the collection last weekend for **World Mission Sunday**. Our parish raised **\$685.00**. Some people are called to go serve in other countries to help develop the Church and serve its people, but **all of us can pray and support the Missions from right here in our parish.**

**NOVEMBER IS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.** To commemorate, the **Take a Breath for Life Foundation** is hosting its **6<sup>th</sup> annual Shine a Light on Cancer fundraiser** on **Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at the Old Casino building at the Fairgrounds in Hamburg. **Activities begin at 10 am and end at 2 pm.** Join us for entertainment, theme baskets, raffles, food, kid's activities and a **cyclocross bicycle race**. 100% of the proceeds benefit the fight against Lung Cancer through the Lung Cancer Alliance. Parking & Admission are free.



### SAVE THE DATE!

Our next parish **Faith Fest** will be **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **9:30 - 10:45 am**. Come enjoy refreshments and help us prepare our Thanksgiving baskets!

**ALTAR SERVER, LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES** for **November & December** are now available in the sacristy and **on our website**. Please pick up or download yours today!

**IT'S HOPE & HOSPICE WEEKEND** *Did you know that Hospice offers comfort and on-call support wherever a patient lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?* Hospice cares not just for cancer but for any illness. As a fully covered Medicare benefit, Hospice includes coverage for medical care, medications and supplies related to the life-limiting illness. Most Medicaid and commercial insurance plans also offer full coverage for hospice services. Whether your loved one is in a hospital, lives in a nursing home, assisted living facility/group home, or their own home, you'll find hope with Hospice. For more info, call **686-8000** or visit **HospiceBuffalo.com**



**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA** is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. *More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this collection, including many from our diocese.* Next week is the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

**THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS** will present performances of **Lord Arthur Savile's CRIME**, on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**, and **Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**. Tickets are **\$5.00 each** and it's general seating. Call the school at **627-1200** for more information.



## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

**St. George GIFT and St. Vincent DePaul  
welcome your assistance for our  
Thanksgiving Basket Project!**

Please select from the following list of  
*non-perishable* goods and bring your  
donation to the Church Gathering Space  
by November 15:

<b>canned yams</b>	<b>canned peas</b>
<b>canned beans</b>	<b>canned corn</b>
<b>cranberry sauce</b>	<b>canned fruit cocktail</b>
<b>applesauce</b>	<b>jello</b>
<b>pie crust mix</b>	<b>stuffing mix</b>
<b>canned pumpkin</b>	<b>evaporated milk</b>
<b>cheesecake mix</b>	<b>pumpkin bar mix</b>

**Or instead, you may make a monetary donation to help us purchase food items for the baskets.**

All are welcome to help assemble and decorate the Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families at the Parish Faith Festival on Sunday, November 22 after the 8:30 am Mass. St. Vincent DePaul members will deliver the baskets on Monday, November 23.

**Thank you for your support!**