



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

In the Old Testament, “wisdom” refers not simply to an intellectual attainment—the acquiring of knowledge—but to a life lived in accord with God’s will for human beings. The figure of “Lady Wisdom” depicts this sort of life as supremely attractive and supremely rewarding. Here, she offers a rich banquet to those who would answer her invitation. To share in the feast of Lady Wisdom is to learn how to live wisely. We find the idea reflected in the Letter to the Ephesians, who are exhorted to live “not as foolish persons but as wise.” Echoes of Wisdom’s invitation to her feast might be heard in the command to “not get drunk on wine...but be filled with the Spirit.”

In the Gospel of John, Jesus—God’s Word made flesh—assumes the role of Lady Wisdom, also calling all who would be wise to a feast: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” For Christians, the Eucharist is Wisdom’s feast, where we learn to forsake the foolishness of trying to live without God. We listen to God’s Wisdom proclaimed in scripture, and then we receive as food the flesh and blood of God’s Word so that we might advance in the way of understanding.

In thinking about the Eucharist as Wisdom’s feast, we must remember that wisdom is not the same thing as information. Today we have lots of information, but perhaps not so much wisdom. In the Eucharist we do not acquire new information about God, but we draw the reality of God within ourselves so that we might begin to live in a new way—that way of living that Jesus calls “eternal life.”

Jesus, you are the Word and Wisdom of God. May our sharing in the banquet of your love give us hearts that are open to you and lips that will proclaim your good news. Amen.

- Who is someone I would consider wise? How do they demonstrate their wisdom?
- How can I let the Eucharist form my life so that I will live more in accord with God’s will?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

See you in September!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 15	5 pm	Irene Szeliga, by the Mieth family
Sunday, August 16	8:30 am	Mary & Michael Casciano, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Sunday, August 16	11 am	In Memory of Tom Knoll, by Pam & John Miliotto
Monday, August 17	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, August 18	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, August 19	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, August 20	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, August 21	8 am	In Memory of and Honoring all Mothers
Saturday, August 22	5 pm	William Chruscicki, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, August 23	8:30 am	Mary Buchnat, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, August 23	11 am	Michael Harrigan, by Roy & Ann Marie Price

**First Friday Mass will be at 9:00 am with Adoration to follow.
The next First Friday is September 4th 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 Nemec, Mary Pasco, Jocelyn Tragarz, Shawn Henning, Gary Klaja, Barbara Simpson, Pat Parker, Rick Emerling, 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, Eileen Frankhauser, and for the family of the late Andrew Krolkowski.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY meets next **Tuesday, August 18th** at **11 am** in the parish hall with **Barb Puszta** and **Nancy Sojka** as hostesses. The Pool Party is over, so you'll have to bring your own lunch. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Also, don't forget to bring your rosary and a friend or two if you desire. God Bless!



***ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are In Memory of
Randall DeWitt, donated by **Debbie Stellrecht**. Thank you!*

CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY USED BOOK SALE will be held in the auditorium, **September 9-12**, with items in most categories, but mostly religious items. **Hours are Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 9-11, 9:30 am – 7 pm; Saturday, Sept. 12th, 9 am – 1 pm.** The Seminary is located at 711 Knox Road in East Aurora. Call **652-8900** if you have any questions.



Next weekend, **Father Dennis Cleary**, a **Maryknoll Missionary**, will speak at all Masses and give you an opportunity to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ's name and message to all people.

Upon ordination in 1977, Fr. Cleary was assigned to Venezuela, where he spent 17 years, serving as Assistant Regional Superior until 1989, when he was elected Regional Superior for the Venezuela Region. He returned to the United States in 1993 to help open a new Maryknoll Development House in Jacksonville, Florida.

Father Cleary served as the U.S Regional superior of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers serving in the United States from 1997-2003. In 2005 he was assigned to China for two years where he taught English at Northeastern University in Shenyang. In 2006 he assumed responsibility as the Director of the Mission Education and Vocation Dept. at Maryknoll, NY. He taught English at the Korean Catholic Foreign Mission Society Seminary in 2010. Then Fr. Cleary went to Taiwan for several months pursuing Chinese studies. From there he went to China to coordinate the China-English Teachers program. He is currently in the U.S. working to assist international Catholic priests serving here. He visits parishes for mission appeals, and also visits colleges and universities to engage interested and eligible volunteers to participate in Mission Short Term overseas programs, such as the China Teachers program, Bangkok English Teaching programs, and others.

Those who wish will be invited to sign up for **Maryknoll Magazine**. While at the parish, *Father Dennis will be happy to talk with parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission as a Maryknoll Priest, Brother or lay Missionary.*

Farewell Reception for Sister Margaret Donner – Saturday, August 29th!

After many years of faithful service to the Lord, and to the faith communities of St. George and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Colden, Sr. Margaret will be retiring from her ministry as our Pastoral Associate here at St. George in order to focus on her full-time duties at the St. Mary Center in Buffalo.



Everyone is invited to a Farewell Reception to honor Sr. Margaret on Saturday, August 29th immediately following the 5 pm Mass in the parish hall. Light refreshments and appetizers will be provided, so please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church, or call the parish secretary at 652-3153 to let us know if you are attending. We hope you will join us!



Thank you, from Fr. John Paul Bahati, the Barnabite Father who was our guest celebrant last weekend. He sends this message: *"I would like to thank you and all the parishioners from all my heart for the great hospitality that you gave me during my visit August 8/9 in St. George parish. It was nice and I appreciated it! God Bless everyone!"* **Our Mission Co-op offerings in support of the Barnabite Fathers' Missions totaled \$1,000.00. Thank you for your generosity!**

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,462.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance & Capital Improvements** totaled **\$89.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!*



Are you skilled at painting, carpentry, gardening, electrical and/or small repairs? We have a “honey-do” list of these types of spruce-up, maintenance and repair tasks that will keep our parish looking good and operating efficiently. If you are willing to help out with one or more of these tasks now and then, please call the office at **652-3153** to let us know, or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS FOR THIS FALL Since 1986 hundreds of people in our diocese have made a special retreat known as the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, or the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life. If you are seeking to find God’s will, want more structure in your prayer life, or to grow in your relationship with God and others, this retreat might be for you! The format requires a serious commitment to daily prayer and small group meetings, weekly for the first month, then semi-monthly for 7 months. For further information, **see the information posted on the bulletin board** in the Gathering space of church, or contact **Fr. Peter Murray SJ** at **854-6726 ext. 14** or **Gini Schultz** at **873-6020**.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that *“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”* As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people. **With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture,**

household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to your Society of St. Vincent de Paul or the Bread of Life Outreach Center.

COME ON OUT TO THE COLDEN COMMUNITY FARMER’S MARKET Every Saturday from 8:30 am - 1 pm at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center on Supervisor Ave. in Colden.** Blueberries, cherries, corn,

and lots of beautiful produce. All local and fresh from the farm! Hall’s famous pies! Organic sprouts! Yummy cookies and breads! Doggy treats! Eggs! Honey products! Have you tried the **MAPLE ICE CREAM?** Goats’ milk fudge! Herbs and things! Beautiful plants! Garden turtles! Live music! Mikey’s BBQ! \$1 Sahlens Hot Dogs! FREE coffee and Timbits!



All of this supports the programs of the Bread of Life Outreach Center!



UPDATE YOUR PARISHIONER INFORMATION ONLINE! Do you have a **name, address, email address** or **phone number change** we should know about? Let us know! Visit stgeorgercchurch.org/update and fill out the online form.

*If you’re not yet registered with our parish, please call the office at 652-3153, or fill out the **Family & Member Registration Forms** located in the pamphlet rack in the **Gathering Space** and return them to the office. Thank you!*