



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of September 27, 2015

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday's readings seem...well, a little harsh. The Letter of James tells the rich to weep and wail because "you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter." He pays no regard to how their accumulation of capital has contributed to the overall economy. And Jesus gives some fairly extreme advice: telling people to cut off their hands and pluck out their eyes should they lead them into sin; and if they don't, he warns, they will be "thrown into Gehenna" with its undying worm and unquenchable fire.

We tend to want to dismiss such harsh warnings, but both James and Jesus are reminding us that when it comes to our relationship with God and our neighbor, the stakes are high, and the wise person must be prepared to take what might seem in other contexts like imprudent actions. No one should be fooled; a day of judgment will come.

But we must also bear two things in mind. First, what will make us come out on the losing end at the last judgment will not be our eye or our hand or even our wealth (though this last does pose a significant threat), but our will. While Jesus really thinks that if your hand or eye is the cause of your sin then you are better off without it, that is a big "if," since it is really our disordered hearts that are the cause of our sins. Second, as both the first reading and the second part of our Gospel remind us, thoughts about the impending final judgment should never be our excuse for judging others in the present. It is God's call, not ours, who is or is not on God's side of things.

Enlighten our minds, O Holy Spirit, so that we might know what we need to do to follow Jesus faithfully and so dwell in his kingdom forever. Amen.

- How do I balance the need for deciding what is or is not an acceptable course of life with the need to refrain from passing judgment?
- Where do my own greatest temptations lie? What might I need to "cut off" or "pluck out" for the sake of God's kingdom?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 26	5 pm	Carl Grover, by wife Lucille
Sunday, September 27	8:30 am	For intentions received from the Blessed Mother
Sunday, September 27	11 am	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Monday, September 28	8 am	Jim Wagner, by Mom
Tuesday, September 29	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, September 30	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, October 1	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, October 2	9 am	First Friday Bob Ballowe, by Ray Perreault
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

**First Friday Mass will be at 9:00 am with Adoration to follow.
The next First Friday is October 2nd in the Chapel.
Confession: Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially: Vivianne Dibe, Loretta Ellis, Doris Ellis, Angie Antonelli, Peter Brady, 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, Gary Klaja, Rita Kowalik, Chuck Knight, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Jim Cafferty and Linda Bettinger.

OUR SPAGHETTI DINNER & THEME BASKET AUCTION IS *NEXT SATURDAY!*



IT'S TIME TO GET THOSE THEME BASKETS IN! Please assemble your baskets and **drop them off on the Rectory porch by Friday, October 2nd**. If you missed our bulletin insert two weeks ago with **hundreds of theme basket ideas**, you can still read it in the website version, at

www.stgeorgercchurch.org/bulletins/20150913.pdf. 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!***

Join us on Saturday, October 3rd from 4 - 7 pm in the parish hall!

The meal, by Rosina's, includes **spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls & butter, dessert and beverages**. **Tickets are \$8.50 for adults; tickets for children 10 years & under are \$3.00**. *Volunteer sign-up sheets are at the back of the church. Please come out and help make this a huge success!*





SUPPORT THE MISSION OF CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is the annual collection for Christ the King—our diocesan seminary. This is your opportunity to help support the education of our future priests, deacons and lay leaders. Please invest in the future of our church in our area by helping our

seminary continue its important work of ensuring that all who answer God’s call to ministry will never be denied the opportunity to serve. **Please give generously so more can serve, and pray for the success of our seminary’s mission.** For more information on our seminary’s mission or programs, or to give online, visit www.cks.edu.

NEXT SATURDAY! OUR ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Bring all of your furry or feathered friends to the parish picnic shelter **Saturday, October 3rd at 10 am** to receive a special blessing in honor of the **Feast of St. Francis**. Invite your family and friends, too! *All are welcome!*



YOUTH FALL BreakFEST & THEME BASKET AUCTION Please support our Youth Community’s Fall BreakFEST and Theme Basket Auction on **October 25th from 9:30 am to 1:00 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.** If you wish to donate a theme basket, please contact **Elaine Ahles** at **942-3403**.



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.*



KIDNEY HEALTH BENEFIT on Saturday October 10th, 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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES are mailed to envelope users every two months. **Please call the office at 652-3153 if:**

- You’re new to our St. George parish family and you want to receive envelopes.
- Your address has changed.



You’re going to be away for an extended period of time and you want to have your envelopes suspended until your return or forward them to your alternate address.

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$2,829.00**. Additional offerings for **St. George Faith Formation** totaled **\$61.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!*



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Memory of *Joseph Carty, donated by Bill and Kathy Kja. Thank you!*

It's gonna be a great market this Saturday at the Colden Community Farmers' Market! Summer's back - Apples are here – Mums - Beautiful fall bouquets! Honey...fresh eggs...goats' milk fudge...organic sprouts...fresh local produce...\$1 hot dogs...Mikey's Chix and Pork BBQ...Live music! **Come join the fun!**



A THANK YOU NOTE FROM SISTER MARGARET! She writes: *“Dear Parish Family, Thank you so much for the wonderful party, and for the beautiful tote bag and “Blessing” plaque. It has a prominent place in my bedroom. I will miss all of you and my ministry in the parish, but little by little, I’m getting used to the city! I shall continue to pray for all of you at St. George and I count on your prayers. Love, Sister Margaret.”*



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 6th. The address is **Rita Kowalik, 9088 Knapp Rd., West Falls, NY 14170.**



JOIN THE PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE Saturday, October 10th, at 11:30 am, to pray the Holy Rosary. This public prayer will be held at **Immaculate Conception Church** in East Aurora. This event is coordinated nationally by the **America Needs Fatima** campaign. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call **Marcella** at **652-4867.**



BECOME A MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION Training sessions are scheduled at **Christ the King Seminary** in East Aurora on the following **Saturdays: October 10th and November 14th from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm.** See Father Pat or call the office if you're willing to serve our parish and others in this role.



The yard work is never done, they say! We can always use help with keeping up the grounds, mowing, pruning, picking up, etc. ***Do you have some time to spare once in a while to help keep us looking good?*** Call **Bob** at **652-9284** if you're willing to lend a hand now and then.



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