



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

The Gospel reading, the story of the healing of the blind man Bartimaeus, finds an echo in the first reading, a prophecy of the people of Israel's return from exile in Babylon with the blind and the lame among those returning. But there is a deeper connection than a mere mention of blindness. For in the ancient world—and maybe in our world as well—disability often incurred a form of exile or social exclusion, compounding whatever physical condition the disabled person had.

We can see signs of this in the Gospel story. Bartimaeus is begging because his blindness has pushed him to the margins of an economy that seemingly has no interest in finding a productive place for him. When he cries out to Jesus, others try to silence him, presumably because he has no place among those who can hope to receive God's mercy. But Jesus hears him and calls for him, and suddenly those around Bartimaeus begin to change their tune, telling him to "take courage." Even prior to healing Bartimaeus' blindness, Jesus has begun to heal the circumstances that make that blindness such an affliction.

Jesus' healing of Bartimaeus' blindness is a sign of the coming kingdom of God, a sign that humanity's long exile from God is coming to an end. But his restoration of Bartimaeus from his exile from human community is no less a sign of God's kingdom. Even if we cannot heal the disabilities of those we encounter, by treating them with dignity—by asking them, as Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?"—we can help to heal the exile that they often suffer, and in that way we participate in the healing ministry of Jesus.

Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your encouragement, so that we, like Bartimaeus, might boldly call out to Jesus in our need, confident that he can save us. Amen.

- What challenges do people with disabilities face that might make them feel exiled from human companionship? What role might I have in healing this exile?
- In what ways is Bartimaeus a model of faith for me?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, October 26	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, October 27	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, October 28	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, October 29	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, October 30	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
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
Sunday, November 1	11 am	Mass of Remembrance Honoring the Deceased members of our St. George Parish family

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 Nemeec, 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, Alice Maddigan and Sarah Friedhaber.



A **Mass of Remembrance** is planned for next **Sunday, November 1st** at **11:00 am**. Our parish will remember the following parishioners who died this past year: **Carl Grover, Carolee Lorenz, Kathy Tullar, Marie Krol, Michael Harrigan, George Gebhard, Raymond Deibel** and **Andrew Krolkowski**. 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.

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 14-15; \$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!*



IT'S THIS SUNDAY!! 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**.



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!! In Scripture, we read that St. Paul asked the Gentile Churches to take up a collection to support the young churches throughout our world. **Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God.** It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. **Go out to the whole world through your gift in today's collection!**



ST. GEORGE SOCIAL GROUP ANNUAL POUND AUCTION & POTLUCK DINNER NOVEMBER 7th, 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.



HELP FOR FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE Mary Hinterberger seeks your help for the **Friends of Night People**. They are in desperate need of men's clothing, jackets & boots for both men & women, and blankets. You can leave donations in the marked box on the Rectory porch, and Mary will pick them up. If you have questions, please contact **Mary Hinterberger** at **574-9535**. Thank you for your help and your prayers.



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.



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STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$2,448.00**. Offerings for our **Haiti Missions** now totaled **\$2,682.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *We sincerely thank you for your continuing generosity!*

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. Thank you for your wonderful response to the watch, clock, and ring drive. We are off to a great start. Keep them coming. Thanks again.*



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER LIST Our tiny but loyal band of volunteers could really use your helping hands with the maintenance of our buildings and grounds, and other odd jobs, especially with clearing the church and chapel walkways of snow in the winter! If you can help, regularly or occasionally, **please call the Rectory at 652-3153** to let us know how you can help. **Youth volunteers** – you can earn Community Service hours for your help!



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS! Before you head to your warm destination for the winter, please make a pledge to the **2016 Appeal for Catholic Charities**. Not only will it relieve your mind, it will help our parish reach its goal and help those we serve. Call **Catholic Charities Appeal at 218-1400** to make your pledge or visit ccwny.org to make a secure online donation. You can also like our page, [facebook.com/ccbuffalo](https://www.facebook.com/ccbuffalo) or follow us at twitter.com/ccbuffalo.



PRO-LIFE ROSARY every Sunday evening **7:15-7:45 pm** in the **Memorare Chapel**. Come join our band of prayer warriors to pray for Life and other special intentions! *Many blessings have been received and prayers answered through the intercession of our Blessed Mother.*



RHYTHM DRUM CIRCLE! Please join us on **Wednesday, November 18th** at **7 pm** in the parish hall. **All ages and experience levels are welcome.** Drums/rhythm instruments are provided or bring your own. Walk-ins are welcome, but **please sign-up ahead of time**, especially if you need to reserve a drum. For more info, **call Lisa at 597-5894** or email lislamjdoun@aol.com.

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.



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:

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

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!