



# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*

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### Week of May 29, 2016

## Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### From the Pastor's Desk

How does God bless you? How do you bless God? To bless is to thank God for someone or something and to ask God's protection of what is blessed. Our first reading reflects this: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High...and blessed be God Most High." Jesus blesses God for the five loaves and two fish the Twelve provide. God's "protection" is experienced in more than enough food for the crowd. In our second reading, the earliest scriptural description of celebrating Eucharist, Jesus takes bread and wine, gives thanks (blesses God) for them, shares them and says "Do this in remembrance of me." By doing as he did we renew the covenant with God through Jesus, Jesus is present in our midst, and he offers us God's blessing.

Notice the importance of blessing or thanking God. We need an attitude of gratitude for God's providence. Gratitude must be expressed by feeding others with the living presence of Christ that we receive in Communion and adore in the Blessed Sacrament. Like Jesus, we must take what we have, give God thanks, and share our very selves with others in the name of Jesus. We offer God what we have like Abram, the Twelve, and Jesus to feed our deepest hungers.

Reflect on the gifts God has given you. Thank God for them. Use them to feed others with the presence of Christ, in remembrance of him. That is one way we give praise to Christ (to quote today's Sequence), and proclaim the death of the Lord with the food of our lives.

Christ, we thank you for giving us yourself in bread and wine, become your Body and Blood. Help us be the living bread and drink you use to satisfy the hungers of our world.

- What gifts do you have that can satisfy people's hungers?
- What would be included in a "Litany of Thanksgiving" to God for you and your gifts?

*Shalom! Fr. Pat*

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

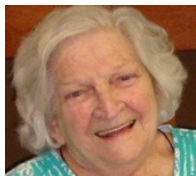
Saturday, May 28	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Memorial Mass for Estelle Penke</b>
	5 pm	Mary Ann & Leonard Kryszak, by the Estate
Sunday, May 29	8:30 am	Loretta Ellis, by Diane Ellis & family
Sunday, May 29	11 am	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Monday, May 30	8 am	In Thanksgiving for and Honoring all Fathers
Tuesday, May 31	8 am	In Thanksgiving for and Honoring all Mothers
Wednesday, June 1	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, June 2	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Friday, June 3</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>First Friday (Chapel)</b>
		In Thanksgiving for and Honoring all Fathers
Saturday, June 4	5 pm	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Sunday, June 5	8:30 am	Bill & Sophie Cline, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, June 5	11 am	Deceased members of the Danheiser & Hauser families, by Joseph Hauser

**The next First Friday Mass is June 3rd at 9:00 am in the Chapel.**

**Confession: Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**Doris Ellis, Peter Brady, Maryanne Mueller, Michael Schafer, John Branicky, Marsha Shuler, Dorothy Knaier, Gina Reger, Richard & Antoinette Pucillo, Joe Arcara, Lou Williams, Jeanette Dipiano, Judy Zielinski, Sr. Mary Dee, Jill Janik, David Dobson, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Linda Bettinger, Sarah Friedhaber, Jason Estabrook, Crystal Oats, Margo McClelland, Mike Slawinski, Bill Henning, Don Murray, Heather Nichter, Joan Kazmierczak, Nora Vogel, Diane Washburn, Kara Stoughton, Charlotte Byrne, Tom Donner, Jim Burgio, Steve Curvin, Ginny Dejonghe, Diane Marts, Dottie Gottstine, Robert Songin, Steve Rollins, Mary Saunders, Kerri Wilson, Fran Carty, Sharon Hrycik, Bob Tuttle, Pam Chastain, Dennis Farrell, Mary Jane Hayhurst, Tom Szymanski, Carol Frederick, Frank Scarcello, John Maressa, Charlie McMahon, Molly Kita, Larry Gaffney, Walter Gaffney and Rita Hider.



**REST IN PEACE, GRACE FINCH** Please pray for the family and friends of our beloved **Grace Finch**, a longtime parishioner and member of our Rosary and Altar Society who passed away May 21, 2016, at the age of 91. May she be wrapped in the peace and loving comfort of the Lord's embrace.

Let us also pray for and remember **Sophie Cook**, a longtime volunteer at the Bread of Life Outreach Center, who passed away **May 19, 2016**, at the age of 97. A Memorial Service is planned for **Thursday, June 16th** at the Bread of Life Outreach Center.

**WE ARE ON FIRE** after attending the recent **ChurchGROWTH conference** at Christ the King Seminary! We'd like to share with you some exciting new evangelization ideas to help us grow as a faith family, and as disciples of Jesus. **We'd love to hear your ideas, too—join us on Wednesday, June 1st at 7 pm** in the Parish Hall. *All are welcome!*

ChurchGROWTH

- Reimagine the Parish and  
Produce Intentional Disciples



# Honoring 46 Years!

## FATHER PAT'S 46TH ANNIVERSARY & RETIREMENT DINNER!!

Sunday, June 12th, at 5 pm

Parish Hall

Everyone is invited to join us to **honor and celebrate Father Pat's 46 years of dedicated service**, and to wish him well prior to his upcoming retirement!

A delicious meal and dessert will be served by **Collette's Catering**. **We must know if you plan to attend by May 29th**. *No RSVPs will be accepted after May 29th--sorry!*

**Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church**, call the rectory at **652-3153**, or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com) if you will attend. *A free will Love Offering is greatly appreciated.*

**OUR ANNUAL STEAK ROAST is Wednesday, June 22nd at 6 pm** in the **Parish Hall!** This delicious dinner, hosted every year by the *St. George Social Group*, includes a juicy strip steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert & beverages. Tickets are **\$20.00** per person, and there are **only 75 seats available**, so *don't delay in purchasing yours*. **Tickets will be on sale after all Masses. June 8th is the deadline for ticket purchases.** Questions? Call **Donna** at **652-3759**.



## Creative Club

**CALLING ALL KIDS FROM AGES 9-17!** Come to the **Creative Club** at **Bread of Life Outreach Center** in Colden. This **FREE** program will be led by **Tina Ames**, a local artist, and will offer creative art projects, cooking, and lots more. The **schedule for ages 9-12 is Thursdays, June 2 & 16 and July 7 & 21, 4:30 - 5:30 pm**. The **schedule for ages 13-17 is Thursdays, June 9 & 23 and July 14 & 28, 4:30 - 5:30 pm**. Calling **941-3550** or email [breadoflifeoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:breadoflifeoutreach@gmail.com) to sign up. *Invite your friends to join in the fun!*

**HOMEMADE PIE SALE!** The Rosary and Altar Society members are baking pies for sale on **Father's Day weekend**. Purchase your favorite pie for only **\$13.00** in the Gathering Space after the Masses on June 18-19. Quantities are limited. First Come - First Choice!

**To our wonderful band of Bakers!** Please bring your pie donations to the Gathering Space **prior to the June 18th 5 pm Mass**, or the **June 19th 8:30 am Mass**.



**SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12** at **Camp Turner** in Allegany State Park, **Friday, Aug. 5th - Sunday, Aug. 7th**. Horseback riding, hiking, campfires, **lots of fun**. The cost is **\$75.00** per person, and we need to have your deposit before **July 12th**. Questions? Call **Elaine** at **942-3403**. More about the camp at [www.buffalodiocese.org/campturner/](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/campturner/).



**RHYTHM DRUM CIRCLE!** Please join us on **Sunday, June 5th, 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 [lisamjdoun@aol.com](mailto:lisamjdoun@aol.com).



~ ~ ~ The Parish Office will be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th! ~ ~ ~

**OUR MISSION OF MERCY** We ask our St. George family to be generous as possible, so we can fulfill our mission of mercy as we journey in faith together. Last week's **Sunday Offerings** totaled **\$2,280.00**. *We sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity!*



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Today as we celebrate the gift of the **Body and Blood of Christ**, let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving. Your recent gifts to the **Poor Box** have been very unselfish. *Through your kindness, you were able to assist a gentleman in his efforts to return home to a southern state, and obtain care for a debilitating disease.* Thank you and God Bless all.

**GET YOUR CASH RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND MONEY IN BY JUNE 5TH** if you want to be eligible for the first **Early Bird prize of \$25.00!**

Drop off your theme baskets at the Rectory anytime—our goal is **80 baskets** this year! *Your generous and selfless support makes this our most successful fundraiser each year!*



**ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY** - Enhance our worship with the beauty of **God's flowers!** Beginning the weekend of **June 11-12**, until the weekend of **October 8-9**, you may remember a loved one or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) by donating \$30 for the purchase of two altar bouquets. *Lilies of the Field*, a local family business, will prepare the fresh bouquets for us each week. **A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church.**

**Deepen your prayer. Deepen your love.** Father Dan Lusch is offering *personally guided retreats* (one-to-one) of various duration. A small group retreat may also be available. For those wanting an extensive prayer experience (knowing, loving Christ more deeply) you have the opportunity of making the **full exercises of St. Ignatius**, lasting 25-30 weeks. For information/registration, you may call Father Dan at **888-2375**.



**WE'RE HAVING A MULCHING PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

Can you spare a couple of hours, to help us spread mulch on the parish grounds? We're meeting in the parish parking lot at **9 am on Saturday, June 4th**, *rain or shine*, and your helping hands will be greatly appreciated. *We'll even feed you if you stick around long enough!* Bring some gloves, and a shovel, rake or wheelbarrow, if you have them, and we hope to see you then. Thank you!

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes 8-13 year olds to its summer camp**, located on a beautiful beach on Lake Erie in Angola, NY. Campers will enjoy swimming, crafts, nature activities and sporting events in a Christian camp environment. Five one-week **sessions begin July 10th!** Visit [www.svdpony.org/summercamp.html](http://www.svdpony.org/summercamp.html) to learn more. **Our SVdP conference would like to sponsor 2 youths for camp this year.** Call the rectory at **652-3153** if your son or daughter is interested in going to camp.



***HONOR MEMORIAL DAY:** Take a few moments to pray for and honor all those who have sacrificed themselves so that we can enjoy our freedom!*

**The Rosary and Altar Society**

# **HOMEMADE PIE SALE!**



**Father's Day Weekend  
June 18-19**

**Pick out your favorite in the  
Gathering Space after Mass!**

**\$13.00 each**

**Limited Quantities**

**First Come - First Choice!**



**St. George Social Group  
Steak Roast**

**Wednesday June 22, 2016 @ 6:00**

**Menu includes:**

**Strip steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert &  
beverages**

**Cost \$20.00 per person**

**Tickets limited to 75.**

**Must be purchased no later than June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Available after all masses or  
call Donna @ 652-3759 if no answer please  
leave a message)**