



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Life!

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Week of July 5, 2015

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

No one likes feeling unappreciated. But this seems to be the common lot of the prophets of scripture, those who bear God's word to God's people. God tells the prophet Ezekiel that the people to whom God is sending him are "hard of face and obstinate of heart." Hardly an appealing audience. And in Mark's Gospel Jesus faces a similar rejection, even though it is in his own hometown that he is speaking. Indeed, the fact that they think they know all about him makes his neighbors even more unwilling to listen to him.

But, as God's words to Ezekiel make clear, the criterion for a prophet's success is not acceptance of his message but simply speaking the word of God: "whether they heed or resist...they shall know that a prophet has been among them." Like the farmer in the parable read three weeks ago, the role of the prophet is to sow the seed, not to make it grow; the prophet is to make God's word present in the world, not to ensure its acceptance. A prophet who looks for success and appreciation will soon be disappointed.

Paul's remarks about the "thorn in the flesh" from which he suffered casts further light on this. Whatever the nature of his affliction, Paul interprets it as a reminder not to think in terms of success but in terms of faithfulness. In Paul's case, however, the danger seems to be that he would become puffed up with his success rather than dejected at his lack of it. His physical affliction is a reminder of the sufficiency of God's grace for whatever task God gives to us. So whether we face failure or success, we must always remember that what counts is faithfulness.

Holy Spirit of God, you are with us in our successes and our failures. Help us to remain aware of your presence always, and keep us faithful to the life to which God has called us. Amen.

- Have either success or failure ever led me to forget the role of God in my life?
- In what way do I serve as a prophet, making God's word and will present in the world?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 4	5 pm	Ann & Leonard Struzik, requested by Trish (Struzik) Drum and family
Sunday, July 5	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving for Healing Prayers for Shirley Miller & 'Little Sam'
Sunday, July 5	11 am	John Wojewodski, requested by Frank & Louise Dolce (Fr. Dan)
Monday, July 6	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, July 7	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, July 8	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, July 9	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, July 10	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, July 11	5 pm	Birthday Blessings for Mary Pasco, requested by her sister, Theresa
Sunday, July 12	8:30 am	All Creatures Great & Small, requested by Trish (Struzik) Drum
Sunday, July 12	11 am	Dennis Grabianowski, requested by Pat Grabianowski (Fr. Dan)

**First Friday Mass will be at 9:00 am with Adoration to follow.
The next First Friday is August 7th in the Chapel.**

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 Ann O'Donnell, Mary Pasco, Jocelyn Tragarz, Shawn Henning, Gary Klaja, Barbara Simpson, Pat Parker, Rick Emerling, Sr. Mary Dee, GSNH, and Tony Russo.



CHICKEN BBQ DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

It's only **\$10.00** for a delicious **Krolick's chicken**, salt potatoes, salad, roll, dessert and beverage. **And, don't forget—dinner tickets make great gifts, too!**



Sign-up sheets for BBQ Volunteers, Desserts and Clean-up Crew are on the table at the back of church. Currently, **we need more desserts and more dining room workers**—please share your time and talents in whatever way you're able to!



THEME BASKETS ARE TRICKLING IN – THANK YOU! We still need about 30 more, so please get them in to us soon. *Your creativity and generosity always make our Theme Basket Auction a huge success!*

Sunday, July 19th Noon 'til 4 pm or until sold out. Questions? Call Alice at 655-3420.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and **your participation at any level helps us succeed. Let's do this!**

GIFT REGISTRATION FOR 2015-16! If you have not already done so, please get your registration form and fee in to the office this week, so we can order your child's textbook! **New families are welcome to register!** Pick up the form on the **GIFT** table in the back of church. If you have any questions, call **Kathy Kita** at the rectory: **652-3153**.



Thank You

FROM PAM & JACK SHANAHAN *We would like to thank Fr. Pat, Debbie, Kathy, and the entire Music Ministry from last Saturday's 5:00 pm Mass, as well as all of the kind parishioners that made our 50th Wedding celebration such a beautiful remembrance. Please know that the sentiments expressed in the Irish Blessing are directed to all of you. It was just beautiful. God Bless all.*

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Remembrance of **Christine Marie Habicht-Kujawa**, donated by **Brian Kujawa**. Thank you!

There's only 1 weekend remaining unspoken for—**sign up on the sheet at the back of church!**



ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME Pope Francis released his second encyclical on **Thursday, June 18th**. The summary of his encyclical is **posted on our website** at <http://goo.gl/ht9dvB>, provided courtesy of **Vatican Information Service**. You can also read a report on the **diocesan reaction to the papal encyclical** on the Western New York Catholic website at <http://goo.gl/55pmDx>.

Yes, we ARE still in need of Teachers for GIFT and time is running out! *Won't you please consider joining our Faith Formation Team? Our children in Grades 4 & 6 are desperately in need of your time and talent.* We provide you with all the training and resources you need. *All we need from you is your time and a willing spirit!* For more information, call **Jan Gawrys** at **826-5946** or **Kathy Kita** at **652-3153**.



DON'T FORGET! The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday and Thursday this week, July 8-9**, for a routine audit by the Diocese. *Thank you for your patience and understanding!*

Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server schedules for July and August are now available in the sacristy and [online](#). Please pick up or [download](#) your copy today!

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 email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.*



A THOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

As we gather with family and friends, let's spend a moment reflecting on the **connection between patriotism and prophecy!** The **true patriot** not only celebrates America's freedoms, but also conducts an honest evaluation of her flaws, such as racism and inequities of all sorts. The second verse of the song *America, The Beautiful* should give us food for thought: **"America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law."** In my book, that means not only man's law, but also God's law of love!

Happy Fourth of July and Shalom!

Father Pat

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,113.58**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** were **\$5.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!*

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER is collecting **creamy peanut butter** and **canned pastas** (e.g. *Spaghetti-Os, Mini-Ravioli*, etc.) **for the month of July**. 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.

TOUR CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY Have you ever visited Christ the King Seminary? Or has it been a while? On **Sunday, July 12th** the **Knights of Columbus** will be giving tours of the seminary campus from **1 – 3 pm**. Following the tours, visitors are welcome to continue enjoying the beautiful grounds, which include **132 acres of wooded trails and landscaped open spaces**. The event is open to all. No reservations are needed. Visit www.cks.edu for more information.



SVDP SUMMER CAMP IS THE ONE! 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. **Weekly sessions begin July 6th and run through August 16th!**

Visit <http://goo.gl/jGUaf5> to learn more about this great camp.

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



Top Reasons to Become a Catechist

At this time of the year, many Catholics find themselves considering an invitation to become a catechist in their parish. Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education/Faith Formation, Pastoral Associates, Priests, and Deacons are all “on the prowl” seeking out those who have the potential to serve in this role. Perhaps ***you’ve*** been invited to be a catechist. Perhaps you know someone who is thinking about becoming a catechist. Or perhaps you are the one doing the inviting. Whatever the case may be, I offer the following reasons for becoming a catechist.

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus’ ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you’ll teach, and you’ll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. Today’s catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You’ll be challenged, you’ll have fun, and you’ll make new friends.
8. You’ll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You’ll be evangelizing!)
9. You’ll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It’s our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations.”

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