



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of August 9, 2015

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

Paul tells the Ephesians to be “imitators of God.” This seems to be an odd instruction. Aside from the question of whether anyone can imitate God, we might also ask, do we want to imitate *anyone*? No one admits to wanting to be a copycat. Yet a certain impulse to imitate seems to be built into our human nature. Some have even argued that imitation is at the heart of human desire; a major factor in the desirability of something is our perception of its desirability to others. When I see another desiring something, desire is awakened in me. My desire has less to do with the intrinsic worth of the thing I desire and more to do with my imitation of the desire of another. This would explain everything from fads to romantic triangles to professional rivalries.

If my desire is awakened by another person's desire, this might explain the conflict that arises so often in human relationships. If you and I both want the same object—whether it is a person or a position or a product—and we can't both have it, then my gain is your loss, and vice versa. And because of such rivalry, we come to view life as a competition and others as a threat, which leads to the evils of which the Letter to the Ephesians speaks: bitterness, fury, anger, shouting and reviling.

If this is true, why does Paul call on us to imitate God? Because imitating God is not like imitating another person. My gain is not God's loss; God is not a rival with whom I am in competition because God needs nothing, God lacks nothing. In fact, God is the source of all things. God is pure generosity without boundaries and God desires nothing but that we should share in God's goodness. This is what Paul means when he tells us to imitate God. We are to claim our share of God's infinite goodness by being “kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.”

Gracious God, you have given us everything that we have and are, and you ask nothing in return except that we embrace your generosity. Help us to imitate your generosity every day. Amen.

- Are the things I pursue in life the things I really need, or do I pursue them because I see others desiring them?
- What concrete things can I do today to be an “imitator of God”?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

See you in September!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 8	5 pm	Mary Wielkiewicz, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, August 9	8:30 am	In Memory of Tom Knoll, by Pam & John Miliotto
Sunday, August 9	11 am	Dennis J. Grabianowski, by Pat Grabianowski
Monday, August 10	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, August 11	8 am	Ray Deibel, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Wednesday, August 12	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, August 13	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, August 14	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
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

**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.



*ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Memory of
 David Kociszewski, donated by The Kociszewski family. Thank you!*



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!



WELCOME, Fr. John Paul Bahati! Fr. Bahati is a **Barnabite Father** from Mulwa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). He was ordained a priest in 2003. As part of his seminary training, Father earned his STL degree in Institutional Social Communications from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, Italy. He is fluent in Mashi, Swahili, French, Italian, and English and served in his native Congo and Rwanda before being assigned to the **Barnabite Fathers North American Province**. He has worked in parishes, taught and been a Youth Chaplain in schools. He has been the Director of Concordia Radio and written and edited for various missionary magazines. Currently, Fr. John Paul is assigned to **Our Lady of Fatima Shrine** in Lewiston, NY where he assists in the pastoral care of visitors to the Shrine and is Chaplain of the Shrine's **Charismatic Prayer Group**.

The Barnabite Fathers were founded by St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria in 1533 for the purpose of spiritual renewal. The Barnabites have freely chosen life in communities centered on the Eucharist and Christ Crucified in order to realize the same ideal which their first confreres interpreted as renunciation of the spirit of the world, total dedication to God, and apostolic service to our brothers. The Barnabites serve all over the world with missions in the Philippines, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Afghanistan, Brazil, India and Indonesia. ***Our second collection today is in support of the Barnabite Fathers' Missions – please be as generous as your means allow.***

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!



SUMMERTIME WITH JESUS AND YOUR FAMILY Your free 2015 **Summer Spirituality Tool Box of Ideas** is filled with practical ways to make summertime a sacred time. It is a perfect companion for your family throughout the summer months, whether vacationing or at home. Call the **Office of Family Life Ministries** at 847-2210, or download the Tool Box from the Diocesan website at <http://goo.gl/3Eda8w>.

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,325.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance & Capital Improvements** totaled **\$598.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!*



CHICKEN BBQ REPORT & SURVEY – Last chance to let us know what you think! If you haven't already submitted the survey that was inserted in last week's bulletin, **please fill out the survey and place it in the Suggestion Box in the Gathering space by Sunday, August 9th.**

The online version of the survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGHK8QR>.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Through your prayers and intentions, your Society of St. Vincent de Paul **tends to the spiritual needs of the residents of local nursing homes.** Last week, a Rosary and Communion Service involved over 100 residents, with approximately 100 Communion being distributed.



Thank you for your prayers and contributions to the Poor Box. God Bless all.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER is collecting **personal hygiene products for the month of August.** New, unopened items such as **toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner,** etc. may be placed in the Food Pantry baskets at church. BOLO currently serves 70+ families through the food pantry, and **your generous support is 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.

The Center is looking for volunteers. You're needed in so many ways—work in Gabriel's Closet, help with food pantry shopping, cut the grass, pull some weeds, help out at the Farmer's Market, pitch in with maintenance work, cleaning and lots more. We ask as little as 4 hours a month. Please call **941-3550** or stop in at the BOLO Center to learn more.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS FOR THIS FALL Pope Francis has made the full Spirit of Ignatius Retreat at least 2 times in his life. Last year many persons made this retreat with great enthusiasm. The Spiritual Exercises is an in-depth experience of praying with Scripture in an Ignatian tradition. It involves daily prayer using selected Scripture passages and small group meetings, weekly for the first month, then twice a month 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**.



CRUISE THE LOCKS - CANCELLED! The Lockport Locks Cruise and Canalside Lunch planned for Wednesday, August 12th has been cancelled.



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.