



# Welcome to St. George Church

## *A Parish with Spirit and Heart!*

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**Week of August 23, 2015**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***From the Pastor's Desk***

In John's Gospel, Jesus' shocking words about eating his flesh and drinking his blood finally prove to be too much for some of his listeners and they walk away. His followers stay, however, because they believe that no matter how uncomfortable or confused Jesus makes them, he is the one who has words of everlasting life. There are many of Jesus' teachings, regarding wealth or family relations or the need to suffer for one's faith, that might strike us in a similar way, but by faith we hang on and hope for deeper understanding. As understanding of Christ's Eucharistic presence grew, his words about eating his flesh and drinking his blood undoubtedly became less troubling to them, though no less mysterious.

For many people today, Paul's injunction in the Letter to the Ephesians that wives "be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord" is probably more troubling than Jesus' words in the Gospel. Given the very different place of women in society today and a more egalitarian understanding of marriage, many may be tempted, like Jesus' hearers of the Gospel, to walk away. They may find it difficult to discern what in Paul's words is simply a reflection of the time and place in which he wrote and what is of enduring significance.

Two points might help. First, Paul's words are intended to help women living in a particular context to understand their lives as wholly dedicated to Christ. His intention is not to call their immediate context into question, but to call people to faithfulness. Second, Paul says that Christians should be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ." It is not simply wives who should put the interests of their husbands before their own (which is what the command to "be subordinate" means in this case); it is all the followers of Jesus, whether male or female, young or old, servant or master, who should put the interest of others before their own. In proclaiming this Christian ideal, Paul, while no social revolutionary introduced a deeply radical idea into the world.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. Open our ears to hear your words, our minds to understand them truly, and our hearts to embrace them fully. Amen.

- Which teachings of Jesus do I find most difficult? What about them makes them difficult?
- How can I try to put other people's interests ahead of my own? What would the world look like if everyone did this?

*Shalom! Fr. Pat*

*See you in September!*

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 22	5 pm	William Chruscicki, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, August 23	8:30 am	Mary Buchnat, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, August 23	11 am	Michael Harrigan, by Roy & Ann Marie Price
Monday, August 24	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, August 25	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, August 26	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, August 27	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, August 28	8 am	In Memory of and Honoring all Mothers
Saturday, August 29	5 pm	Ray Deibel, by Don Schmidle
Sunday, August 30	8:30 am	Anna Mleczo, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, August 30	11 am	Ray Deibel, by Tony & Rosemary Priore

**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 Nemeč, 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, David Dobson Eileen Frankhauser, Lisa Rollins and Joanne Moeller.



***ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are In Celebration of a Special Brother's birthday, donated by Donna LaValley. Thank you!*

## COME ON OUT TO THE COLDEN COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET



Market!

**Every Saturday from 8:30 am - 1 pm at the Bread of Life Outreach Center on Supervisor Ave. in Colden.** Local fresh from the farm fruits, corn and produce! Halls famous pies, Organic sprouts. Yummy cookies and breads, Doggy treats, fresh cut flower bouquets. Herbs and things! Try Mikeys Chix & Pork BBQ or \$1 Sahlens Hotdogs! Live music every week! Come join the fun at the

*All of this supports the programs of the Bread of Life Outreach Center!*



We welcome **Fr. Dennis Cleary, MM**, who will speak at all Masses this weekend. The **Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers** minister in 26 countries in Asia, Central and South America, and Africa. Maryknoll's task is to share God's Word throughout the world, especially to the Least of our brothers and Sisters. Maryknollers share the Gospel through evangelization and through the actions of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**September 12th:** 5 pm Mass followed by Youth GIFT *Meet & Greet* for Parents and Youth (Grades 8-12) in the parish hall.

**September 20th, Catechetical Sunday:** 8:30 am Children's GIFT Mass, followed by K-7 GIFT Family Welcome/Orientation from 9:30-10:30 am in parish hall.

**October 3rd:** Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 pm in the parish hall.

### *Farewell Reception for Sister Margaret Donner – Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>!*

*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 29<sup>th</sup> 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!*



### **GIFT Teachers and Assistants!**

We will prepare for **GIFT 2015-16** at the **Team Retreat and Orientation on Monday, August 31st at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.** With grateful hearts, we thank you for answering the call to share your faith, time and talent with our parish families!

**THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS FOR THIS FALL** Hundreds of people from around our diocese have made this retreat since 1986 with great enthusiasm. The Spiritual Exercises are an in-depth experience of praying with Scripture in the 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.**



**STEWARDSHIP** Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$2,476.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *Our sincere thanks for your continued generosity!*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor? **As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.**



**DON'T FORGET! THE 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.***

**COLLECTION COUNTERS ARE NEEDED** We need volunteers to count offerings. This calls for a 2 hour commitment every 4 or 5 weeks. If you can volunteer for this ministry or would like to know more about it, please call the Rectory at 652-3153.



Are you skilled at painting, carpentry, gardening, electrical and/or small repairs? We have a "honey-do" list of these types of spruce-up, maintenance and repair tasks that will keep our parish looking good and operating efficiently. If you are willing to help out with one or more of these tasks now and then, please call the office at **652-3153** to let us know, or email [stgeorge.wf@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorge.wf@gmail.com).

**CHRIST THE KING SEMINARY USED BOOK SALE** will be held in the auditorium, **September 9-12**, with items in most categories, but mostly religious items. **Hours are Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 9-11, 9:30 am – 7 pm; Saturday, Sept. 12th, 9 am – 1 pm.** The Seminary is located at 711 Knox Road in East Aurora. Call **652-8900** if you have any questions.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Praying for deceased relatives and friends is an act of faith, hope and charity. One way you can honor your deceased loved one is to have a Mass offered for them. Although it is common practice to make a free-will donation (Mass stipend) for the celebrant, **don't let your financial status prevent you from requesting a Mass intention.** To schedule a Mass, please call the office at 652-3153, or stop in.