



# Welcome to St. George Church

## A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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**Week of October 11, 2015**

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

It has been said (or at least it used to be) that sex and money are two things that you do not discuss in polite company. Jesus doesn't seem to agree—or maybe he doesn't consider his listeners to be polite company. Last week we got challenging words from Jesus on marriage and this week we have no less challenging words on wealth.

The Letter to the Hebrews says that the word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, revealing the thoughts of the heart, and in the Gospel reading Jesus' words cut to the heart of the rich man who asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. For though this man fulfills the commandments sincerely, Jesus knows that he has not yet put himself fully in the service of God. His wealth still matters more to him than following Jesus.

This man is not alone. When Jesus speaks of how hard it is for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God, he is recognizing how money exerts such an attractive force on us that we are constantly tempted to put it first in our lives. But that is the place that only God should occupy. Money seems to promise the happiness and security that only God can deliver. Both of the things that we should not discuss in polite company—sex and money—are truly and genuinely good things. But when we put them in the place of God, when we prefer them to God's kingdom, then we become like the camel trying to squeeze through the eye of the needle.

Lord Jesus, you call us to come and follow you. We leave behind everything that would hold us back, so that we can be free to be your disciples. Amen.

- When have I felt the word of God—whether in the form of scripture or perhaps in a homily—cut me to my heart?
- Is there anything that I would not give up in order to follow Jesus? Should I have to give up everything to follow him?

*Shalom! Fr. Pat*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 10	5 pm	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Sunday, October 11	8:30 am	Deceased members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate
Sunday, October 11	11 am	Dennis J. Grabianowski, by Pat Grabianowski
Monday, October 12	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, October 13	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, October 14	8 am	<b>Communion Service and Novena</b>
Thursday, October 15	8 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Friday, October 16	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, October 17	5 pm	In memory of and honoring all Fathers
Sunday, October 18	8:30 am	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Sunday, October 18	11 am	In Thanksgiving for prayers and healing for Shirley Miller & "Little Sam", by Shirley Miller

**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 Nemec, Jocelyn Tragarz, Sr. Mary Dee, Tony Russo, Allison Kruger, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, Jill Janik, Mary Volk, Ann Marie Price, David Dobson, Lisa Rollins, Rita Kowalik, Chuck Knight, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Jim Cafferty and Linda Bettinger.



## OUR YOUTH COMMUNITY'S FALL BreakFEST & THEME BASKET AUCTION



is only 2 short weeks away! -- October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. The breakfast is free, but we **REALLY** appreciate your always generous love offerings to help support our youth. Proceeds will help us to attend the Diocesan Youth Convention in February. Can you also donate a theme basket?? Please contact **Elaine Ahles at 942-3403**, or leave your baskets on the rectory porch. Thank you!

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR OUR HAITI MISSIONS

Help us continue to build and strengthen our relationship with our **twin parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Coq Chante, Haiti**. Your donations support health care, education, water, sanitation, farm animal and other projects at our twin parish. **Please show your support** for the many good works done through our Haiti missions and the people of Haiti by giving generously to the annual appeal.



## 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 29<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!** If you're going to be away for an extended period of time, **kindly let the office know** so that we can **temporarily suspend your offering envelopes** or forward them to your alternate address, if you wish. The parish is charged for the cost of return postage on all envelope packets returned to us by the USPS as undeliverable.



**GIFT Families**—be sure to join us for the Children's Mass at 8:30 am on **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**! Afterwards, we'll have refreshments for ALL as we celebrate our first **Faith Festival** and search for **treasure** in the **teachings of Pope Francis**. All are welcome!

## OUR ST. GEORGE 50+ GROUP HAS A NEW NAME!

All of the events, programs, and trips that our group plans are **open to all parishioners**, so we've decided to change our group's name to **St. George Social Group**. You'll find everything about our upcoming events on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space, to the left of the exit doors. We'll no longer mail out our newsletter; it'll be published under our club page on the parish website: [www.stgeorgercchurch.org/st-george-social-group](http://www.stgeorgercchurch.org/st-george-social-group), and the \$5.00 membership fee has been eliminated. **So, you no longer need to be a member, nor do you have to be over 50 years old, in order to join us for food, fun and fellowship!**

**PARENTING PERSPECTIVE** "Go, sell what you have and give to the poor" (Mark 10:21). Invite your child to take a step with you. Each of you choose one belonging to give to a person who has less than you. If you don't know of a needy person or family, take it to the Bread of Life Outreach Center, the St. Vincent de Paul clothing donation box or Poor Box, or to Goodwill.



**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!

**GIFT TEACHERS – REMINDER!** The Catechist Formation meeting is **Thursday at 7:15 pm** in the Parish Hall. **Thank you for your time and commitment to our parish family!**



## TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR SPAGHETTI DINNER

The dinner and theme basket raffle raised \$760.07 for our parish! **A very special thank you** to all the volunteers, and especially to the organizer, **Jan Albrecht**, for giving so much of their time and effort to make this a huge success!

**STEWARDSHIP** Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,144.00**. Offerings for Maintenance and Capital Improvements totaled **\$498.00**, and **Christ the King Seminary** offerings now total **\$1,299.00**. We sincerely thank you for your continuing generosity! Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations.

*ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are In Memory of Jim & Bill, donated by Pat Nemeć. Thank you! This is the last weekend for our fresh Altar Flowers—we hope you've enjoyed the beautiful bouquets from Lilies of the Field. Our thanks to all who donated bouquets.*



**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA AND FASHION SHOW** will be **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** from 11 am - 3 pm. Tickets are **\$25** and go on sale **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am. **Tickets sell out FAST so don't delay!** Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted shortly, if you wish to volunteer for the event.



Your **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is once again asking you to **donate any unused watches, working or not**. The items will be refurbished and sold at the St. Vincent de Paul store in Buffalo. **This year, the request is expanded to also include clocks and rings. There is a box in the back of the church until the end of November.** You responded in a very timely manner last year.



*Thank you for making this such a successful program to help the poor. God Bless all.*

**MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAM REVIEW COURSE** starts soon! Four classes are held prior to the **Catholic High School Entrance Exam**. Students learn exam strategies, tips and advice for overcoming anxiety and an in-depth subject review in math, verbal and quantitative skills. See [www.mtmercy.org/review-course](http://www.mtmercy.org/review-course) for full details.

**Dates:** Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Time:** 9 am - 12 noon **Cost:** \$110.00 per student. This includes test prep book and snacks.



**Join us at the Bread of Life Outreach for a family friendly Halloween celebration! 12:30 – 2 pm, Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.** Come dressed in your costumes and ready to have fun! There will be Halloween activities, crafts, refreshments, and more.

**Admission is free with your donation of a non-perishable food item.**

**MARRIAGE AND ANNULMENT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SEMINAR** on **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm** at **St. Martha Parish, 10 French Road, Depew**. The marriage of a man and a woman is revered by the Catholic Church as a vocation ordained by God. It is both a reflection of God's love and a manifestation of God's love in the world. But our hearts go out to the many good people who have suffered the tragic breakup of their marriage. Anyone who finds themselves in this type of situation should not fear the Church's procedures. **Rev. Robert Zilliox, JCL** from the **Tribunal Office of the Diocese of Buffalo** will speak about the Essence of Canon Law and the Sacrament of Marriage and he will explain the **new procedures for annulments recently announced by Pope Francis**. Many Catholics across the United States have welcomed Pope Francis' annulment reforms, the most far-reaching in almost three centuries. All are welcome!