



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of November 8, 2015

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk

The point being made with the widows in the first reading and the Gospel seems on the face of it a simple one: those who have the least are often the most generous. But there is a danger here of romanticizing the poor and their poverty. If we probe a little deeper the picture becomes a bit more complex. In both cases, their acts of generosity are in some sense acts of desperation.

The widow who feeds Elijah has given up; she is ready to die with her son from starvation. What does she have to lose by giving their last bit of food to this wandering prophet? Likewise, while the poor widow in the Gospel is generous in giving to the temple even in her poverty, Jesus has just moments earlier denounced those religious leaders who “devour the houses of widows.” He sees the danger of even something as holy as the temple becoming an occasion for exploiting those who see no way out of their poverty but to bet on divine deliverance. When we recognize the desperation of these two widows, we will be less prone to romanticizing their situations, while still appreciating their willingness to rely on God.

We shouldn't read the Gospel's denunciation of the scribes as only applying to religious leaders in Jesus' day; we should apply it to our own Church. Have we grown too comfortable? Do we “devour the houses of widows” by playing on people's desperation? Or do we, like Elijah, empower them with the hope that “the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry”?

Lord Jesus, your love is everlasting, the oil of gladness that never runs out. Let us share your love with those most in need of it, particularly the poor and the dejected. Amen.

- In what situations do I find myself most needing to rely on God?
- Am I ever tempted to exploit another person's neediness for my own gain? How do I respond to this temptation?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 7	5 pm	Anna Dziulko, by Tom & Alice Dziulko & family
Sunday, November 8	8:30 am	In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother for favors received
Sunday, November 8	11 am	Richard Swinarski, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Monday, November 9	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, November 10	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, November 11	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, November 12	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, November 13	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, November 14	5 pm	Richard Coffta, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Sunday, November 15	8:30 am	Patricia Nowak, by her husband Ronald Nowak
Sunday, November 15	11 am	In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

First Friday Mass will be at 9:00 am with Adoration to follow. The next First Friday is December 4th in the Chapel. Confession: Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

*Let us
pray for...*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS, 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 Nemecek, Jocelyn Tragarz, Sr. Mary Dee, Allison Kruger, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, Jill Janik, Mary Volk, David Dobson, Lisa Rollins, Rita Kowalik, Chuck Knight, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Jim Cafferty, Linda Bettinger, Mario Nunez, Sarah Friedhaber, and Jason Estabrook.

THE ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION FOR YOUR SOCIETY OF SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 14-15.



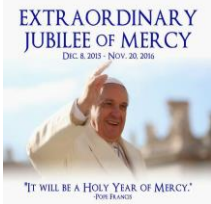
Over the years we have been blest by benefactors that have remembered us in their wills. Were it not for their unselfish generosity we would be unable to provide the level of services that we do.

You will note in the bulletin insert that our annual expenses are over \$1700 more than our receipts. **Please be as generous as possible in next week's second collection. Thank you on behalf of "God's Poor." God Bless all.**

During the month of November, the **REMEMBRANCE BOOK** will be in the back of the church. Please write the names of your loved ones who have passed in this book.



On Wednesday, Nov. 11th, The Frontline Faith Project is sponsoring its fourth annual "An American Moment" to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present. This event will include one moment of silent prayer—prayer to thank our military for their service, to pray for the peaceful repose of those who have died, and to pray for the intentions of those still living. This event will take place at noon in each respective time zone, all across the world, on Veterans Day 2015. Please take a few moments to pray for and honor those who keep us safe.



Save the Date!

On **Thursday, December 3rd**, **Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, RSM** will share insights and help us prepare for the upcoming **Jubilee Year of Mercy** proclaimed by Pope Francis! *What is an Extraordinary Jubilee Year? What is Mercy?* Bring along a friend and find out! We'll gather at **7 pm** in the Parish Hall. *All are welcome!*

Congratulations to Liz Hinterberger for being this year's recipient of the Diocesan "**Young Disciple Award**", presented by the Department of Youth and Young Adults to High School youth who *genuinely live their lives as young disciples of Jesus, who consistently demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example, are actively involved in their parish and are positive role models in their community.*



Congratulations also to Bob Marts for receiving the "**Companion on the Journey Award**". This award is presented to adults who are active with and support their parish's ministry with young people, who are a positive role model and live out the teachings and Gospel values of our Church.

Liz and Bob were both honored, along with other youth and adults, at a dinner at Lucarelli's Banquet Center this past Friday night. *How blessed we are to have such wonderful people in our Parish family!*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER

Sunday, November 15th, 9 am - 1 pm. Hosted by **Mason's Living Stone Lodge**, with proceeds to benefit Bread of Life Outreach programs. **Tickets are \$5.00 each; kids under 5 are free!** Get your tickets in the Gathering space this weekend, at the BOLO Center or at the door. Questions? Call **941-3550**.



St. George GIFT and our St. Vincent de Paul ministry need your help to feed those in need in our community! **Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the Gathering space by Sunday, November 15th**; or make a

monetary donation to help purchase food for the baskets. ***You are all welcome to help assemble and decorate the Thanksgiving Baskets at the Parish Faith Fest on Sunday, November 22nd at 9:30 am.*** St. Vincent de Paul members will deliver the baskets and turkeys on **Monday, November 23rd**. Thank you for your support!

HAITI CLEAN DRINKING WATER RAFFLE Tickets for the **3rd Annual Clean Drinking Water Benefit for Haitian Families Raffle** are being sold **November 21 - 22** in the Gathering space. Tickets are **\$5.00 each** or **3 for \$10.00** with cash prizes of **1st - \$500.00, 2nd - \$250.00, and 3rd - \$100.00**. The drawing will take place **after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, December 5th**. *You don't need to be present to win, but are invited to join the Haiti Committee in the Parish Hall after Mass for the drawing and refreshments!* For more information or to purchase tickets, call **Donna at 713-3563**.



STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,385.00**. Offerings for **Maintenance and Capital Improvements** totaled **\$477.00**, and offerings for **All Saints** totaled **\$274.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *We sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity!*

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION is for **The Catholic University of America**, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in **Washington, D.C.** CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar we give directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. *Please be generous.*



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER RAFFLE Two quilts and three other items will be raffled at the *High Tea* on **Saturday, December 5, 2015. Just in time for Christmas! Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of November 21-22; \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.** All proceeds benefit the Center's ministry to the poor; *thank you for your continued support and prayers!*



RHYTHM DRUM CIRCLE! Please join us on **Wednesday, November 18th 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 lisamdoun@aol.com.



IMMACULATA ACADEMY PLACEMENT EXAM REVIEW COURSE - November 9, 10, 12 & 16, 17, 19 from 4 – 6 pm. This six-day course covers all essential elements of the exam and includes practice exams. The course costs **\$100** and includes the review book. **Register by November 9th.** Eighth grade students interested in attending Immaculata Academy **must register by November 18th** in order to take the placement exam on **November 21st, 8 am – noon.** The exam costs \$20. *And, it's not too late to visit IA for a day! Come see what it's like to be an IA Bear!* Call **Andrea Drabik** at **646-9942** or email adrabik@ImmaculataAcademy.com to secure your space for the review classes and/or exam or to schedule a shadow day!



HELP FOR FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE Mary Hinterberger seeks your help for the **Friends of Night People**. They are in desperate need of men's clothing, jackets & boots for both men & women, and blankets. You can leave donations in the marked box on the Rectory porch, and Mary will pick them up. If you have questions, please contact **Mary Hinterberger** at **574-9535**. Thank you for your help and your prayers.



PARENTING PERSPECTIVE "This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors..." (*Mark 12:43*) Our faith (and common decency) calls us to share our resources with those who have less. But how much is a fair amount to give? A 10% tithe is easier for a person of wealth than a person who is poor. Review with your kids how your family donates money and time. Between now and Thanksgiving, how will you be generous?

**ST. GEORGE CHURCH
ST. VINCENT de Paul SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015**

Funds available at the beginning of the fiscal year \$ 8205.00

We received income from the following sources:

1) Member Contributions	\$ 816.79
2) Annual Church Collection	1203.00
3) Poor Box Donations	721.95
4) Miscellaneous Donations	615.00
Total Income	\$ 3356.74

We had the following expenses:

1) Direct Client Aid	\$ 4680.82
2) National, Regional & Central Dues	200.00
3) Operating Expenses	151.92
4) Mass Cards for Our Beloved Deceased	60.00
Total Expense	\$ 5092.74

Assets Available At the End of the Fiscal Year \$ 6469.00

Thanks to your continued generosity to our Annual Collection and your weekly donations to our Poor Box in the back of the church, we assisted the needy of our parish. We totaled approximately 460 volunteer hours performing our corporal and spiritual works of mercy, bringing comfort to many of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We distributed Holy Communion and visited with 5102 individuals who were in nursing homes or during home visits this year.

During this past year's holiday seasons we were able to provide 12 donated turkeys and other food to 23 families, comprised of 109 individuals.

We humbly served at 6 Masses of the Resurrection/Memorial services for our deceased parishioners this past year.

We depend on YOU to help us. As you can see, our expenses far out weigh our assets on this year's balance sheet.

The members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society pray that you will be generous in giving to our annual collection so that we can continue to share the Love of Christ with those less fortunate than ourselves.