



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of November 22, 2015

Feast of Christ the King

From the Pastor's Desk

Though we often think of the civic holidays such as Memorial Day or the Fourth of July as the occasion for thinking about what it means to be a citizen, the Church offers us the feast of Christ the King at the end of the liturgical year as an opportunity to reflect on political duty in relationship to our duty to Christ and his reign.

The scene in the Gospel of John of Jesus before Pilate is one of the most politically charged in all of scripture. It is an exchange concerning the nature of power and authority and truth. For Pilate, power and authority have been procured with military might; the claim of Jesus to be a king must have struck him as absurd. Jesus, however, claims that he has true authority, the authority that derives from truth—a claim that Pilate will reject with the cynical question “What is truth?” before giving in to the crowd and sending Jesus off to be crucified.

Of course, we are not citizens of imperial Rome. But in reflecting on Jesus before Pilate, we should remember that even good nations like our own have turned their backs on truth for the sake of political expediency. This feast ought to make us think about our loyalties. There is, of course, nothing wrong with loving your homeland. But as disciples of Jesus, the true ruler of all, our primary loyalty must be to Christ and the truth from which his power flows.

Lord Jesus Christ, Kings of kings and Prince of peace, help us to serve you by living in your truth, so that your saving love might reign throughout the world. Amen.

- How, on a daily basis, do I seek to make Jesus my ruler and guide?
- What are the appropriate expressions of my love for my country? What would be an inappropriate expression?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 21	5 pm	Dennis Grabianowski, by Pat Grabianowski
Sunday, November 22	8:30 am	Winifred, Ethel & Otto Martzloff, by the Estate
Sunday, November 22	11 am	Deceased members of the Fleisch-Linetty families, by the Estate
Monday, November 23	8 am	Margaret Hourihan, by Pat Nemec
Tuesday, November 24	8 am	Ray Deibel, by Kathy & Gene Deibel
Wednesday, November 25	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, November 26	10 am	Thanksgiving (<i>No 8 am Communion Service</i>) In Thanksgiving for healing prayers for Shirley Miller and "Little Sam"
Friday, November 27	8 am	Communion Service
Saturday, November 28	5 pm	In Thanksgiving for and honoring all Mothers
Sunday, November 29	8:30 am	Betty Holmes, by Anthony and Claudia Giallella
Sunday, November 29	11 am	In Thanksgiving for and honoring all Fathers

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

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 Nemec, 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, Jason Estabrook, Crystal Oats, Dianne Emerling, Bill Petrie, Sophie Cooke, Margo McClelland, Steve Curvin and George Sheehan.

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. This month, through your gifts, the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** was able to bring God's love and mercy to shut-ins, providing Holy Communion and Rosary Services to approximately 500 individuals. In addition residents of a local nursing home were able to participate in an evening of bingo with prizes provided. **God Bless You!**



*If you have not yet done so, please remember to place your annual **donation to your Society of St. Vincent de Paul** in the collection clearly marked **SVdP**. Thank you.*

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- St. Francis of Assisi

St. George GIFT and the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** thank you for your generous support of our **Thanksgiving Basket Project**. **We'd love you to join us in decorating and assembling the Thanksgiving Baskets** at the Parish Faith Fest on **Sunday, November 22nd** at **9:30 am**. Won't you share a little of your time to prepare a Thanksgiving gift for those in need in our community?

"For it is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi



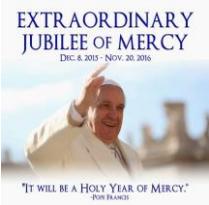
TAKE HOME an ANGEL! Please take an Angel from the **Angel Tree** and **return your wrapped gift, with the angel attached, by Sunday, December 13th.** If you take a **BLUE ANGEL** please *don't* wrap the gift, but *do* attach the Angel to it. Your gifts will be given to grateful recipients at **Gerard Place, Harvest House** and the **Bread of Life Outreach Center.** Thank you!!

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE at **Bread of Life Outreach Center, Tuesday, November 24th at 7 pm.** Refreshments will be served. Non-perishable food donations are greatly appreciated. All donations will benefit the Bread of Life Outreach Center.



Join us to give thanks and celebrate our many blessings with our neighbors!

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY Pope Francis declared that the Church will celebrate an extraordinary jubilee **Holy Year of Mercy**, beginning **Dec. 8, 2015**, the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, and ending **Nov. 20, 2016**, the **Feast of Christ the King.** On **Thursday, December 3rd, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, RSM** will share insights and help us prepare for the **Jubilee Year of Mercy.** *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!*



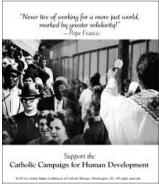
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT SALVATORE'S ITALIAN GARDENS DECEMBER 8th **SALVATORE'S**
Reserve your space now for this annual treat! We meet at Salvatore's at **11:30 am**, with lunch served at **noon.** Entrée choices are: **Filet Mignon, \$34.00; Salmon with Dill Sauce, \$23.00; or Chicken Milanese, \$22.00.** Your meal includes Caesar salad, twice-baked potato, chef's vegetable, and cheesecake with raspberry sauce. Send your **entrée selection, along with your check made payable to St. George** to Diane Marts, 5134 Alder Ct., Hamburg, NY 14075 **by November 26th.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BOLO CHRISTMAS TEA & FASHION SHOW

Would you be able to help? Call the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** at **941-3550** or email breadoflifeoutreach@gmail.com. Here's the plan:

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| Thurs., Dec. 3rd, 6 pm | Set up tables and chairs, carry place settings from basement (strong backs needed!) |
| Fri., Dec. 4th 9 am - noon | Set tables with linens and china, decorate room and Christmas trees; set up Tea Room. |
| Sat., Dec. 5th 10:30 am - noon | Parking lot attendants. Keep order and safety in parking areas. |
| Sat., Dec. 5th 10:30 am - 2:30 pm | Tea service: fill, refill and serve teapots to tables. |
| Sat., Dec. 5th 10:30 am - 2:30 pm | Assist & direct St. Francis boys serving & clearing tables. |
| Sat., Dec. 5th Noon - 3 pm | Washing dishes and keeping kitchen area tidy. |
| Sat., Dec. 5th 2:30 - 4 pm | Clean up, disassemble dining area & tea room. |

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



The collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. ***Please give to the CCHD collection.***

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER is collecting **peanut butter, cereals and canned soups for the month of November.** 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.

FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: INCREDIBLE AND THANK YOU! The recent watch, clock, and ring collection was a complete success. You have contributed 61 time pieces, some of them brand new. These will be refurbished as necessary and offered for sale at the **St. Vincent de Paul** store in Buffalo. All funds gained go to help God's poor. *God Bless all.*

WON'T YOU 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!

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.



MARRIAGE MOMENT Marriage Moment. "In those days... the sun will be darkened... and the stars will be falling from the sky." (Mark 13:24-25) Jesus warns us of tribulations and all loving couples bear their share. Are you going through any current tribulation as a couple? Share your burden. If not yourselves, pray for those who are having a hard time in their marriage.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICE CORPS (CCSC) gives **recent college graduates** the opportunity to spend a full year in service to their community. Individuals room together and share their talents to give back to the community. Whether it be counseling, serving the homeless, assisting refugees, helping those who are disabled, or working against domestic violence, the CCSC touches all levels of the community. For more information, please call **716-218-1400 ext. 2005**, or visit www.ccnny.org.

STEWARDSHIP Weekly offerings last week totaled **\$3,183.00**. Offerings for our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** so far total **\$1,765.00**. Our parish needs **\$3,800.00** each week in order to meet our financial obligations. *We sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity!*

BECOME IMMERSED IN “GOD’S TIME”!

As you look around our church you will see banners of all colors! They remind us of the seasons of the Church year that we have already traveled, as well as the seasons of the upcoming year that we will journey and experience together beginning with Advent!

The Church year, with its “Liturgical” seasons remind us of nature’s ebb and flow. Like nature’s season, we move from the death of Winter to expectations of new life (Spring) and a new creation (Summer). Autumn reminds us that we must “let go” in order to fully participate in the paschal mystery (i.e. Christ’s dying and rising).

So, immerse yourself in “God’s time” this new year!

Shalom!

Father Pat



CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 8th

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SALVATORE'S

arrive 11:30 lunch served @ 12:00

Fillet Mignon 6oz. \$34.00

Salmon w/dill sauce \$23.00

Chicken Milanese \$22.00

Caesar Salad, twice baked potato, chefs vegetables

dessert: cheese cake w/raspberry sauce

RESERVATIONS WITH CHOICE OF ENTREE'

MUST BE SENT TO:

DIANE MARTS

5134 ALDER CT.

HAMBURG, NY 14075

BY NOVEMBER 26TH

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO:

ST. GEORGE