



Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!

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Week of April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus' command is to love one another, as he has loved us (*John 13:34b*). In the musical *Oliver*, a song asks, "Where is love?" We might rephrase that to "What is love?" In the context of today's Gospel, John's account of the Last Supper, love is living as Jesus lived by giving oneself totally. Jesus washed feet, entered into his passion, and gave himself to God and us totally by dying on the cross. Love entails sacrifice, giving self totally to another.

Anyone who has loved another person deeply knows this kind of love: spouses willing to put a career on hold so that the other can follow a dream; parents sitting up all night with a sick child to bring comfort and relief; children changing their way of living to be with a parent in need. What would you add to this list? Sacrificial love tells people we are Jesus' disciples.

Sacrificial love also ushers in the new heaven and new earth, our reading from Revelation announces. We will know that God dwells among us and frees us from the effects of pain and suffering, mourning and death, when we can find love in their midst and respond to evil with love. On September 11, 2014, Pope Francis said we must be a church that teaches mercy by facing hatred with love, violence with forgiveness, and weapons with prayer. That's how we give birth to a new earth and live, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done."

God of love, you gave yourself to us by taking on our human flesh and limitations, excepting sin. Help us to follow Jesus' command to give ourselves totally to you by the ways we love sacrificially.

- Give examples of how you live Jesus' command to love each day?
- What does sacrifice mean to you?

Shalom! Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 23	5 pm	In Memory of Joseph Carty, by Bill & Kathy Kita
Sunday, April 24	8:30 am	Loretta Ellis, by Frank & Louise Dolce
Sunday, April 24	11 am	Anna Marie Fregelette, by Jerry & Barbara Castiglia
Monday, April 25	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Tuesday, April 26	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Wednesday, April 27	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, April 28	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, April 29	8 am	Souls to be remembered from All Souls' Day
Saturday, April 30	5 pm	Joanne Zwolinski, by the Lell Family
Sunday, May 1	8:30 am	Special Intention, by Anonymous
Sunday, May 1	11 am	Ray Deibel, by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

The next First Friday Mass is May 6th at 9:00 am in the Chapel.

Confession: Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS, especially: Doris Ellis, Peter Brady, Maryanne Mueller, Michael Schafer, John Branicky, Marsha Shuler, Dorothy Knaier, Louise Zelonis, Gina Reger, Richard & Antoinette Pucillo, Joe Arcara, Lou Williams, Jeanette Dipiano, Judy Zielinski, Sr. Mary Dee, Jill Janik, David Dobson, Colette Longboat, Kathy Grover-Castro, Jim Moeller, Linda Bettinger, Mario Nunez, Sarah Friedhaber, Jason Estabrook, Crystal Oats, Margo McClelland, Mike Slawinski, Bill Henning, Don Murray, Faith Smith, Grace Finch, Heather Nichter, Joan Kazmierczak, Nora Vogel, Diane Washburn, Kara Stoughton, Charlotte Byrne, Tom Donner, Linda Rich, Jim Burgio, Steve Curvin, Ginny Dejonghe, Diane Marts, Dottie Gottstine, Barbara Weeks, Robert Songin, Carl Robinson, Steve Rollins, Gary Spisak, Mary Saunders, Kerri Wilson, Fran Carty, Sharon Hrycik, Bob Tuttle, and Pam Chastain.



WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE BILL FRICK with the **Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker!** Bill and other award recipients will be honored with a Mass at **St. Joseph Cathedral** on **Sunday, April 24th** at **3 pm**, followed by a reception at the Adam's Mark hotel. **Bill serves our parish in so many ways:** serving at Masses and Funeral/Memorial Masses, actively participating in our St. Vincent de Paul Society, and even doing an occasional electrical repair for us! Bill & his wife, Diane, have also served as our **Catholic Charities Appeal Chairs** this year and last. Thank you for your dedicated service Bill, and Congratulations!



We are sending a team to the **ChurchGROWTH** conference at **Christ the King Seminary** on **Friday & Saturday, April 29-30!**

Thank you to Bonnie Klocke, Frank Lewandowski, Sue DiBianca, Elaine Ahles, Jan Gawrys, Judy Fronckowiak, Paul Odrobina, Faith Smith, Father Pat, Kathy Kita, and Debbie Stellrecht for volunteering their time to learn more about **Growing Intentional Disciples**.

ChurchGROWTH

- Reimagine the Parish and
Produce Intentional Disciples





Don't miss our GIFT Family Mass and FAITH FEST next Sunday, May 1st! At the **8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 1st**, we will crown our Blessed Mother as the Church dedicates the month of May in her honor. *Come celebrate with us and learn more about Mary's unique role in the Catholic Church.*

CONGRATULATIONS, LUCAS TARA! We've chosen Lucas to receive the annual **Bishop's Altar Server Award**, presented each year to an outstanding Altar Server in each parish. Lucas will be recognized at the **Altar Server Mass Saturday, April 30th at St. Joseph's Cathedral.**

Thank you for your dedication and service to our parish, Lucas!



Golden Community Farmer's Market

The **Colden Community Farmer's Market** reopens for the season on **Saturday, May 14th, 8:30 am – 1 pm!** The market runs **each Saturday until October**, and **benefits our Bread of**

Life Outreach Center. Haven't been there yet? *Be sure to check it out – there's always something new to enjoy, including live entertainment, hot dogs, Timbits, and other surprises!*

SUNDAY, JULY 17TH WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! That's the date for our



Annual Theme Basket Auction, Chicken BBQ, and Money Raffle. Mark your calendars, donate a theme basket, and plan to join us for a delicious meal! **Money Raffle tickets will be available soon** for you to sell to your family and friends. *Help us make this our most successful fundraiser yet!*

RSVP TODAY! If you haven't yet registered to attend the **Anniversary Mass in Celebration of the Memory of Father Richard Coveny next Sunday, May 1st** at the **Bread of Life Outreach Center** in Colden, ***please do it today!*** All are welcome! To RSVP, contact **Wendy Amato** at wkca2005@yahoo.com, or **Lorena Lesniak** at LorenaLesniak@hotmail.com, or sign up online at <https://form.jotform.com/60951958116967>.



TAKE NOTE OF THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

May 1st	8:30 am	GIFT Family Mass, Crowning of Mary & Faith Fest!
May 14th	10 am	First Eucharist Rehearsal
May 15th	11 am	First Eucharist Celebration!
May 16th	7 pm	Catechist Appreciation Night



To all, thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Words can't explain the peace I have felt during these past weeks. Surgery is over; rehab is going well. I will see you all soon!

In God's love, Diane Marts

OUR MISSION OF MERCY We ask our St. George family to be generous as possible, so we can fulfill our mission of mercy as we journey in faith together. Last weekend's **Weekly offerings** totaled **\$2,874.00**. *We sincerely appreciate your continuing generosity!*



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as **home missions**. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. **Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.**



FEAST OF ST. GEORGE – APRIL 23RD The most famous of the **Fourteen Holy Helpers** and principal patron of England. He was a native of Cappadocia in Asia Minor and descended from a noble family. After his father's death he went with his mother to Palestine and entered the Roman Army in which he attained the highest rank. During the persecutions under Diocletian he was discovered to be a Christian, and despite threats and torture he refused to abandon his religion. **He was beheaded on April 23, 303.** He is invoked in spiritual troubles, and in doubts against faith. He is called upon by farmers to **protect their cattle**. He is the **patron of soldiers** and is generally represented as a knight in armor, a slain dragon at his feet.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2016

*We're still about **\$11,000 short of our 2016 Appeal Goal of \$69,000.***

Won't you please consider making a pledge or donation this year?

Pledges/donations may be placed **in the offering plate** or **mailed in**, or you can **donate online** at ccwny.org/donation.

We sincerely thank all who have already contributed or pledged to this year's Appeal!



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In the Gospel today, Jesus says *"I give you a new commandment: love one another... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*



In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the shut-ins at two local nursing homes. The Eucharist is given weekly in East Aurora and monthly at Orchard Park, totaling about 500 people. *Thank you and God Bless All!*

Praying for family and friends (deceased or living) is an act of faith, hope and charity. One way you can honor your loved ones is to have a Mass offered for them on a birthday or anniversary. The customary donation (Mass stipend) is \$15 for the celebrant, but **don't let your financial status prevent you from requesting a Mass.** To schedule a Mass offering, please call the Rectory at **652-3153** or stop in during office hours.

Mass Offerings

St. George Parish Financial Report
September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015
Operating Budget for September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016

	2014-2015 Actuals	2015-2016 Budget
INCOME:		
Sunday & Holyday Collections	\$178,225.10	\$181,882.00
Maintenance & Capital Improvements	\$12,707.47	\$8,000.00
Initial Offering	\$379.00	\$400.00
Votive Candles	\$1,702.24	\$1,500.00
Fundraising	\$12,601.20	\$13,000.00
Flowers	\$2,215.00	\$2,200.00
Wedding & Funeral Donations	\$1,865.00	\$2,000.00
Donations For Use Of Property	\$485.00	\$600.00
Donations & Bequests	\$3,550.70	\$1,500.00
Tuition & Fees	\$3,012.00	\$2,300.00
Youth Fundraising	\$2,372.00	\$2,300.00
Catholic Ed. (Faith Formation) Collection	\$1,262.00	\$1,200.00
Withdrawal From Savings	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
<i>(To replace funds used in 2014-15 for parking lot repairs, Living the Eucharist salary and program cost, and to allow for anticipated renovations to the Church sanctuary in 2015-16)</i>		
TOTAL INCOME	\$220,376.71	\$237,882.00
EXPENSES:		
Salaries & Payroll Expenses: Clergy/Staff salaries, Clergy Health/Dental/Auto Ins., Clergy & Lay Pension, Taxes, SS, Medicare, Extra Clergy	\$147,962.77	\$148,777.00
Other Operating Expenses: Votives, Printing, Advertising, Fundraising, Supplies	\$22,017.35	\$18,720.00
Utilities: Gas, Electric, Water, Telephone, Internet, Cable, Property Taxes	\$15,234.17	\$14,885.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$13,775.04	\$13,800.00
Educational Assessment	\$10,090.06	\$10,100.00
Insurance	\$7,308.97	\$7,400.00
Maintenance, Repairs, Snow Removal, Equipment, Printing, Software Support	\$25,588.96	\$15,200.00
<i>(Repairs to the church, chapel and rectory for Winter storm damage and remediation of flooding in the parish hall (twice) account for much of the Actuals in 2014-15.)</i>		
Faith Formation	\$6,234.44	\$6,600.00
Catechist/Staff/Volunteer Goodwill	\$2,304.19	\$2,400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$250,515.95	\$237,882.00

See Budget Notes on Reverse side.

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Not included in this Operating Budget are the Special Collections on behalf of the Diocese and our Haiti Mission, St. Vincent de Paul, Bread of Life Outreach, etc. **These funds are designated in their entirety for the specified beneficiary group or mission**, and may not be used for operating the Parish. These special collections typically amount to \$30,000-35,000 annually, thanks to your generous hearts!

Diocesan Assessments are mandated and, while they are not a true operating expense, they must be budgeted for. The Diocesan Educational Assessment for 2015-16 is \$20,198.00, but we have budgeted for \$10,100.00 (50%), based on what we have historically been able to pay. *If* Offerings for the month allow, we pay the full monthly assessment installment of \$1,683.17; otherwise, we pay one-half of the installment.

Our complete 2014-15 Annual Financial Report is available for you to review in the Parish office.