Saint George
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Oscar Martin Picos, Pastor
Rev. Sébastien Sasa Nganomo Babisayone, Parochial Vicar

Everyday Stewardship
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

My wife has a hope chest filled with items from her past. Some memories contained in there are joyous, while others are painful and filled with sorrow. However, all those memories helped to make her the person she is today. They have become a part of her very being.

Traditionally, a hope chest contained linens and clothing for a woman's wedding day. It was a chest filled with the hope for the future. As time goes by, many of our hopes are fulfilled. However, life never goes exactly as planned. Some hopes are dashed by unfortunate circumstances or bad choices we have made.

Our hearts are like hope chests that long for the day when we are joined for eternity with our God. Along the way, our chest may accumulate additional items that we collect on our life's journey. If we are gracious and generous along the way, our chest will fill with fruit to abundance. If we live more with a focus on ourselves, we will find our hope chests nearly barren. We will, in fact, lose hope. May the hope chest of your heart be overflowing with love that you have freely given and that has come back to you tenfold. May your generosity provide hope for the hopeless, and may your hope always remain strong.

La Corresponsabilidad Diaria
Reconocer a Dios En Los Momementos Ordinarios

Mi esposa tiene una cajita de esperanza llena con artículos de su pasado. Algunas memorias que están adentro son felices mientras que otras son dolorosas. Sin embargo, todas esas memorias la han transformado en la persona que es hoy. Se han convertido en parte de su ser.

En el sentido tradicional, una cajita de esperanza contiene pedazos de tela o ropa que una mujer usó el día de su boda. Era una cajita llena de esperanza para el futuro. Cuando pasa el tiempo, muchas de las esperanzas se llenan. Sin embargo, la vida nunca es como uno se la espera. Unas esperanzas no se cumplen por circunstancias lamentables o por malas decisiones que uno toma.

Nuestros corazones son como cajas de esperanza que buscan el día en que se juntan por eternidad con Dios. En el camino, la cajita puede acumular artículos adicionales que uno colecta. Si uno es bondadoso y generoso en el camino, la cajita se llenará con fruto abundante. Si uno vive enfocado solamente en sí mismo, encontrará su cajita casi vacía. Uno perderá la esperanza. Que la cajita de esperanza de su corazón esté lleno con amor que ha regalada libremente y que se le ha devuelto de diez veces. Que su generosidad provea esperanza para los que no la tiene, y que su esperanza siempre esté fuerte.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

An international Catholic speaker and writer, Mr. Welliver will be the featured presenter at our 2018 Parish Mission.
Jesus’ words give us life, oftentimes, new life, that elevates our spirits and allows us to soar as eagles high above the earth. What joy! What freedom! Their movements seem effortless. They appear to be in harmony with the earth and with their Creator.

Can we profess the same? Do the words of scripture open our minds to better know God and His plan for our lives, so we, too, may live harmoniously with our Creator?

Do the words of scripture touch us in such a manner as to soften the stoniness of our hearts and allow us to love, not only God, but one another in a special unconditional way?

Have we drifted away from our Lord and abandoned Him to our former selves and ways of life? Can His words now provide us a renewed centering point from which to move forward, once again on the ‘right’ path, with feet secure?

"Faith requires perseverance. It often grows in stages. Sometimes we fall. Sometimes we walk away. So often, we must crawl. Whether we consciously admit to it or not, our faith—our life in Christ—has sustained us throughout the ups and downs of our lives. It has sustained us in moments of new life and in death, at times of sickness, and at those times when we struggle to give meaning to painful situations."

We see the wrongness of our ways. To whom do we turn? Like Peter, we can say, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68)

We were created for eternity with God. This earth is our temporary home where we learn God’s ways for us and grow in His likeness. In His likeness, we, too, can be beacons of hope and light for other travelers on this journey.

“...many idols which take the place of God and appear to offer hope: money, success, power, pleasure. Often a growing sense of loneliness and emptiness in the hearts of many people leads them to seek satisfaction in these ephemeral idols...let us be lights of hope!”

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1 Meeting God in the Upper Room by Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi
2 What Pope Francis Really Said by Tom Hoopes

~Carole Drake, Director
Stewardship and Engagement
Hay cristianos que entienden la fe como un conjunto de dogmas y de cosas que le han dicho, a las que debe sumisamente ajustarse. Vivir así no es humano ni cristiano. Vivir la fe no es aceptar ideas sino experimentar la fuerza de la vida en nuestra existencia diaria.

¿Quién nos puede dar esa sensación de plenitud en la vida, en nuestra vida de cada día?

Sin lugar a dudas Jesús. El Evangelio no es para llorar o para conformarse. El Evangelio es "buena noticia" y una buena noticia que no acaba ni se extingue con el paso del tiempo. Esconderse tras la fachada del Evangelio para no afrontar la propia realidad de la vida, es un signo más que evidente de mezquindad espiritual. El mensaje de Jesús aparece ante la gente y ante aquellos seguidores del Evangelio de hoy, no como un mensaje difícil de entender, sino difícil de aceptar.

No es en el plano intelectual donde existe la dificultad para muchas personas se hagan cristianos, sino es en la demanda moral de Cristo. Aceptar unas ideas no nos complica la vida. El salto mortal es cuando esas ideas se tienen que hacer vida y transformar nuestra vida.

Hay cristianos que piensan que seguir el mensaje de Jesús de manera intelectual, sólo en las ideas, es más que suficiente y no es cierto. El Evangelio sólo encuentra su verdadera razón de ser cuando una persona lo acepta para que transforme su vida. Cambiar las amarguras en gozo, la desesperanza en esperanza y el odio en amor, ¡menuda tarea nos deja el Evangelio!

Cristo es el único que puede darnos un verdadero propósito a nuestra vida, y además nos deja el poder para desarrollar ese propósito frente a la constante oposición que nos viene de dentro y de fuera. Él sabía que algunos lo iban a rechazar, pero bien es verdad que nadie le puede aceptar a menos que lo mueva el Espíritu de Dios. Por eso no es extraño que sea Pedro quien afirme con rotundidad el valor de sus palabras, reconociendo de verdad quién es Jesús. Buena enseñanza para nuestra vida de cristianos de hoy.

There are Christians who understand faith as a set of dogmas, of how they were told to live, to which they must submissively adjust. But to live the faith is not to merely accept ideas; it is to experience the force of it in our daily existence.

Who can give us that feeling of purpose in our own daily lives?

Christ is the Master. Only He can show us the true purpose of our lives. Only He can give us the power to fulfill that purpose in the face of constant interior and external forces of opposition. Jesus knew that some would reject Him. He also knew that no one could accept Him unless, like Peter, they were moved by the Spirit of God.

Faith in Jesus is more than a set of dogmas or moral propositions on how to live or to which we submit. To live and to experience faith day in and day out is what’s important, and Jesus, without a doubt, enables us to do that.

The Gospel is “good news” and good news does not fade with the passage of time. For contemporary followers of Jesus, the message of Jesus is not difficult to understand, but it is difficult to accept. The ambivalence arises when ideas must become operational through love, through doing God’s will.

When we truly accept the Gospel message, it transforms the believer. Bitterness changes to joy, hopelessness to hope, and hate to love. The Gospel leaves us no small task! Like Peter, we can affirm the value of Jesus’ words and truly recognize Jesus for who He is.

Please Join Us in Prayer
National Day of Remembrance
Saturday, September 8
9:00 am at
the Memorial for the Unborn
Saint George Catholic Church

Pastor’s Message by Father Oscar Martin Picos
The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / 21° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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**PARISH EVENTS**

**Monday**
- 7:00 pm  RCIA (Begins Sept. 10)  Scanlan, FL2
- 7:00 pm  Holy Hour  Hurricane
- 10:00 am  Everyday God (begins Sept. 17)  Scanlan, FL2

**Tuesday**
- 9:00 am  Marian Hour  Kuzy
- 12-4 pm  Bridge Group  Kuzy
- 7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way  Church
- 7:00 pm  CCD (Sept - May)  Scanlan FL2
- Confirmation Classes (Sept –May)  Scanlan FL2

**First Tuesday**
- 6:30 pm  Women’s Group (Sept - June)  Kuzy
- 6:30 pm  Knights of Columbus (Sept - June)  Kuzy, FL2

**Second Tuesday**
- 1:30 pm  Mass at Veterans Home, Ivins  160N 200E

**Wednesday**
- 10:30 am  Bible Study (begins Sept. 5)  Scanlan, FL3
- 12:00 pm  Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication)  
- 6:30 pm  Holy Spirit Prayer Group  Kuzy, FL2
- 7:00 pm  Classes Bíblicas  Scanlan, FL3
- 7:00 pm  Holy Hour & Benediction

**Thursday**
- 9:00 am  Way of the Cross of the Unborn  Kuzy, FL2
- 7:00 pm  Youth Group  Kuzy, FL2

**Second Thursday**
- 1:30 pm  Mass at Sterling Court, St. George  324N 1680E

**Third Thursday**
- 6:30 pm  4th Degree K of C (Sept - June)  Kuzy, FL2

**Friday**
- 7:00 pm  Holy Hour, Spanish

**First Friday**
- 8:00 am  Anointing of the Sick at Mass

**Last Friday**
- 8:30 am  Eucharistic Adoration begins

**Saturday**
- 7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way  Church

**First Saturday**
- 8:00 am  Mass in Honor of Our Lady  Bluff & 600S
- 9:15 am  Walk for Life (Oct-May)  

**After last Friday**
- 6:00 am  Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass

**First Weekend**
- At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

**Third Weekend**
- At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

**Sunday**
- 9:00 am  CCD (Sept - May)  Scanlan, FL2
- 11:00 am  CCD (Sept - May)  Scanlan, FL2
- 5:00 pm  Rosary

**First Weekend**
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 8/25**
- 5:00 pm  Gary Hill
- 7:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Sunday 8/26**
- 9:00 am  Genevieve Gauthier by Irene & David Hessler
- 11:00 am  Maria Hostler
- 1:00 pm  (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Monday 8/27**
- 8:00 am  Lucien
- 7:00 pm  Elise Facciotti

**Tuesday 8/28**
- 8:00 am  Durward Allen by Sharon
- 9:00 am  Carl Paetzke

**Wednesday 8/29**
- 8:00 am  Bob Kowalski by Karen
- 9:00 am  Sami Korotamudu

**Thursday 8/30**
- 8:00 am  Nanette Gouiran
- 7:00 pm  Claudia McGeethan

**Friday 8/31**
- 8:00 am  Ghislaine Stang
LOOKING AHEAD
Sept 3 Labor Day—Parish Office Closed
Sept 8 National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn
Sept 10 RCIA begins 7:00 pm, Scanlan FL2
Sept 10 Fight the New Drug—Pornography, a special presentation, 7:00-8:00 pm, Kuzy Hall
Sept 11 SGCWG Luncheon, Harmons Santa Clara, 1:00 pm
Sept 17 “Everyday God” begins 10:00 am, Scanlan FL2
Oct 20 Thrift Store Fall Festival

Bible Study begins September 5 and continues every Wednesday at 10:30 am, FL3 of the Scanlan Building. We will concentrate our study on the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. Also included will be some Apologetics (learning to defend our faith). This weekly Bible Study has been approved by Father Martin who encourages parishioners to attend.

Mass In Honor of Our Lady
Join fellow parishioners at the Mass in Honor of Our Lady at 6:00 am on the first Saturday, September 1

Reminder: When the last Friday and the first Saturday are consecutive days, the Saturday Mass for Our Lady is celebrated at 6:00 am.

After Mass Coffee and Donuts
We need parishioners to assist with coffee and donuts after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday Masses. If you would like to help, please contact Sandra at the Parish Office, 435-673-2604.

Weekly Collection Report
Collection (8/12)……………………………………..$ 11,337
Capital Improvement Project (July)
Renovation and Improvement Fund ……..$255,711
Renovation Fund Collections ………….$ 4,090

Fight the New Drug - Pornography
Different from any other time in history, people are experiencing the side-effects of widespread pornography. Pornography is more accepted, accessible, affordable, and anonymous than ever before. Today we see a generation of people indulging in pornography, unaware of its harmful effects. The general public at large remains disconnected from the overwhelming research detailing the highly addictive nature of pornography and its damaging effects on individuals, relationships, and society.

Saint George Catholic Church is hosting a national speaker, Parker Hymas, from Fight the New Drug, Monday, September 10, Kuzy Hall from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. You will have an opportunity to ask questions, learn how to bring the topic up, what to ask, what to say, etc. It is a presentation for everyone, adults of all ages, come as a family, and children 11 and up are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Last Friday of the month (August 31) from 8:30 am to Saturday 6:00 am

Scripture Readings Week of August 26
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Annnouncements and Events

Parish Thrift Store
If you would like to donate a few hours of your time, the Thrift Store has a need in our receiving area, and for stockers and drivers.

It’s a great way to support our church and make new friends. Call Jackie or Diane, 435-673-1029.

Food for the Poor
Special Collection—This Weekend
This weekend, Father Stephen Toth will speak at all Masses; sharing as a personal witness Food for the Poor’s primary mission throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to provide nourishment and clean water to people in desperate need.

Father Toth was called to the priesthood due to his work with Mother Teresa in Calcutta and with the Missionaries of Charity in India; Lima, Peru; Brazil; and Haiti. He was ordained in 2002 in the Archdiocese of Newark. In addition to preaching on behalf of Food for the Poor, Father Toth serves as a hospital chaplain in New Jersey.

Next weekend’s second collection benefits the Saint George Catholic Church Renovation Projects
If you have Building Fund envelopes, you may use them for this collection. You may also contribute to the Renovation Projects through online giving.

Comida para los Pobres
Colecta especial de este fin de semana
Este fin de semana, el Padre Stephen Toth hablará en todas las Misas; compartiendo como testigo personal de la misión de Comida para los Pobres para mantener a los indigentes en toda América Latina y el Caribe. El Padre Toth fue llamado al sacerdocio debido a su trabajo con la Madre Teresa en Calcuta y con las Misioneras del Caridad en la India; Lima, Perú. Brasil y Haití. Fue ordenado en 2002 en la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Además de predicar en nombre de la Comida para los Pobres, el Padre Toth es capellán de un hospital en Nueva Jersey.

Lucha Contra la Nueva Droga – Pornografía
A diferencia de cualquier otro momento en la historia, las personas están experimentando los efectos secundarios de la pornografía generalizada. La pornografía es más aceptada, accesible, asequible y anónima que nunca. Hoy vemos una generación de personas que se entregan a la pornografía, sin darse cuenta de sus efectos dañinos. El público en general permanece desconectado de la aterradora investigación que detalla la naturaleza altamente adictiva de la pornografía y sus efectos dañinos en los individuos, las relaciones y la sociedad.

La Iglesia Católica de Saint George está presentando a un orador nacional, Parker Hymas, de Fight the New Drug, el lunes 10 de septiembre, en el Kuzy Hall de 7:00 a 8:00 pm. Tendrás la oportunidad de hacer preguntas, aprender a plantear el tema, qué preguntar, qué decir, etc. Es una presentación para todos, adultos de todas las edades, vengan en familia y los niños de 11 años en adelante son bienvenidos.

Adoración del Sagrado Sacramento
El último viernes del mes (el 31 de agosto) de 8:30 am al sábado 6:00 am

Recordatorio: cuando el último viernes y el primer sábado son días consecutivos, la Misa de los sábados para Nuestra Señora se celebra a las 6:00 am.

Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora
Únase con sus feligreses a la misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora a las 6:00 am el primer sábado, 1 de septiembre

La segunda colecta próximo fin de semana será a beneficio de los proyectos de la Iglesia Católica de Saint George.

Parish Mission Statement
We are one community nourished and transformed by the Eucharist.
As the body of Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to know, love and serve God and one another.

Somos una comunidad alimentada y transformada por la Eucaristía.
Como cuerpo de Cristo, somos guiados por el Espíritu Santo, para conocer, amar y servir a Dios y unos a otros.