

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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July 19, 2020
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to Him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.””

...Then, dismissing the crowds, He went into the house. His disciples approached Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of His kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

~Matthew 13: 24-43 in part

Contact Us!

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit www.stgeorgeparish.org. *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the *second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM*. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633.

Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$100 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian witness.

R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to learn more about our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program.

Mass Cards

Mass cards are available at the Rectory Office. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or for special intentions, please contact the Rectory Office *Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (temporary hours)*. Standard cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend.

Food Pantry

Our Parish Food Pantry is available for parishioners and friends who are in need of a meal but cannot provide one for themselves. If you or a friend needs temporary food assistance, please contact Mrs. Batten at 610-237-1633. All calls are confidential. Donations of non-perishable food items, in addition to turkeys and hams during the holidays, are always welcome. Gift cards are also welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church *every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by daily Mass*, unless otherwise announced.

Quote of the Week



"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God." ~Pope Francis

Parish Staff

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Parish Information

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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Summer Hours 9AM to 4 PM daily
For more details, see page 5.
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Youth Group

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Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Miraculous Medal Devotion - Following the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays
Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursdays 7:00 PM

Daily Readings & Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 19: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Romans 8: 26-27; Matthew 13: 24-43 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Richard Stefankiewicz
Requested by: Jean Stefankiewicz

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, July 20: Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12: 38-42
4:00 PM People of Holy Spirit and St. George Parish
Requested by: St. George Parish

Tuesday, July 21: Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12: 46-50
4:00 PM Bobby Gamble
Requested by: Sue Gamble

Wednesday, July 22: Song of Songs 3: 1-4b; John 20: 1-2, 11-18 - St. Mary Magdalene (Feast)
4:00 PM John Murray
Requested by: Lynda and Bob Batten

Thursday, July 23: Jeremiah 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13: 10-17
4:00 PM Robert Smalley
Requested by: Mary Smalley

Friday, July 24: Jeremiah 3: 14-17; Matthew 13: 18-23
4:00 PM John Murray
Requested by: St. George Parish

Saturday, July 25: 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Matthew 20: 20-28 - St. James, Apostle (Feast)
8:00 AM Victims of COVID19
Requested by: St George Parish

4:30 PM Donna Daly and Pro Populo
Requested by: Michelle Bechara

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Sunday, July 26: 1Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Sharon Kwaszkiewicz
Requested by: Guidetti Family

10:30 AM Lew Foster
Requested by: Al and Mary Ann Zeller

Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

8:00 AM Saturday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Holy Days

As Announced

Holidays: 9:00 AM



We are pleased to announce that St. George Parish is now offering on line giving. You can donate simply by visiting <https://www.osvhub.com/stgeorgeparish/funds/offertory> and then click the icon that reads "Give Now." This allows for electronic contributions to be transferred without

the need of writing a check or dropping off your envelope at the Rectory Office.

Please call the Rectory for collection totals.

Special Announcement



Directives for Mass in the Green Phase

Pennsylvania has moved into the Green Phase of statewide reopening. The green phase is the least restrictive phase of Governor Wolf's three-color reopening plan. Under the green phase, you won't have to worry whether a specific business is allowed to be open. In almost every case, it is. And this will be as close to "normal" that we have had since first going under the stay-at-home order in March. Green does not mean a return to normal, although the governor called it a step "near normalcy." Concerts, festivals and large sporting events are still restricted — as are other "large recreational gatherings." Workers who can telecommute are urged to continue doing so. Nursing home visitation remains restricted. And you must still wear masks in public and continue to practice social distancing. All businesses must still follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state Department of Health. And specific guidelines will be released this coming week, according to Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine. "I must emphasize that moving into the green phase will still require precautions to keep our communities and our families safe," Wolf added during a Friday press conference. "COVID-19 continues to be a threat to our health and welfare."

Yes, things are opening up and life is reflecting some semblance of normalcy. But this does not mean that we stop taking precautions. The virus is still out there. And so, for your health and the health and safety of those around you, please remember that we must still *proceed with caution*. Masks must be worn in church, visitors must remain at least six feet apart, hand sanitizer must be used and all directives must be followed. We have only just returned to church after nearly three months of stay at home regulations. Please help us to keep our Church a safe haven by following these protocols. Thank you.

GENERAL POINTS

- * The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Green Phase. You are not obligated to attend Mass at this time.
- * Please stay home if you are sick.
- * Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19.

MASS SCHEDULE

- * *The church is open for private prayer from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday.*
- * *Daily Mass Monday thru Friday - 4:00 PM and Saturday morning 8:00 AM*
- * *4:30 PM Saturday, 8:00 AM Sunday, 10:30 AM Sunday*
- * *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Fridays.*

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- * Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- * Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance" (CDC Guidelines).
- * Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).
- * Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- * Please maintain reverent silence in respect for the Blessed Sacrament and others who are in prayer.
- * Please enter the side doors of the church (Blessed Mother and St. Joseph sides). With the exception of those who are handicapped, we ask all visitors to exist thru the main front doors.
- * Hand sanitizers will be available at the church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.
- * Foreign cups or containers are not permitted in the church at this time.

SEATING

- * When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Pews will be marked to ensure proper social distancing. Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.

DURING MASS

- * There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- * The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Green Phase.
- * There should be no holding of hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- * Bulletins will only be available on line or by contacting the Rectory for a copy.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- * Holy Communion will be single file only.
- * Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew. Follow the main aisle yellow guideline tape.
- * During the Green Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

- * **EXITING THE CHURCH** - Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

- * At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.

Parish Information and Issues of the Greater Church



Don't forget to watch Father Oswald's weekly reflection at www.stgeorgeparish.org or on our Facebook page at St. George Church, Glenolden, PA.

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Mass Intentions - Open for July 2020

If you would like to schedule a Mass for a deceased loved one, please call the Rectory Office **Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Mass stipends are \$10 for a regular card and \$20 for leatherette booklets. Masses are available from **July 2020 thru August 2021**.

Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week a happy and healthy year ahead! Michael Baroni, Jessica DellaVecchio, Michael Henderson, Kathy Lerro, Jordyn Lingham, Ruthanne Watkinson, Jacqueline Garraty, Patrick Larkin, Jean Lazarre, Summer LeComte, Cory Love, Gene Masci, Giuliana Barnshaw, Crystal Bradley, Jacquelyn Ward, Al Zeller, Jr, Dan Hill, Aubriella Leahan, Aidan Nester, Rachel Padden, Kiera Wilcox, Kara Calciano, Albert Feudo, Alexia Fimmano, Pater Lerro, Brian McGuckin, James O'Doherty, Jr, Marilyn O'Doherty, Claudia Peidl, Walter Cavalcanti, Audrey McGovern, MaryLou Scott, Rachael Simila, Rachel Simila, Mya Candelaria, Robert Forbes, Mitchel Helmandollar and Elizabeth McKeaney. **Happy Birthday, one and all!**



Kim Auman, Irene Bechara, Helen Belcher, Kay Bittle, Rose Celia, John Cianciarulo, Fred Cuccunello, Lenora Cuccinello, Msgr. Gregory Akata-Daniels, Betty DiGrasso, Leonard DiGrasso, Sr. Eileen Eden, SSND, Nancy Eitelman, Robert Foltz, Pat Gaffney, Brian Gallagher, Cass Hart, Joan Hatch, Jack Hawkins, Emily Hudson, Christina Kearney, Patricia Lerro, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Maureen Maley, Rosemarie Mazzio, Madelyn McBride, John McCann, Peg McCann, Bethann McCormick, Katie Rae McDonald, Julia McGlenn, John Meehan, Judy Miller, Jeremy Montieth, Mary Mullarkey, Laura Murray, Madeline Murray, Michael O'Neil, Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Tom Pavese, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Marie Prince, Margaret Richardson, Ted Stevens, Carmella Young, Allison Zane and all those infected by COVID-19.

Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



As we pray for our own families and friends, we ask you to please remember **John Murray, Marc Teamer and all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus**. May they rest in the loving arms of Jesus.

Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group meets on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM**. To ensure social distancing, we gather in the church. All are welcome and invited to join us as we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please remember, masks are required.



Regular and Ongoing Updates on COVID-19 from the Vatican: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html> and www.twitter.com/pontifex. USCCB Response to Coronavirus Special "Together in Christ" COVID-19 USCCB Page: www.usccb.org/coronavirus. Also, please visit www.facebook.com/usccb, www.twitter.com/usccb and www.instagram.com/usccb for updates. "God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ." (Abp. Jose Gomez, USCCB President).

Excerpt from the Letter to House on Police Reform

June 24, 2020 from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

"We stand in the long tradition - from St. Augustine, to St. Thomas Aquinas, to Dr. Martin Luther King - that claims that the purpose of law and law enforcement is the promotion of justice. Public authority comes from justice, not from power. When public authority acts with justice, it creates an obligation for people to support that authority because God is the source of all justice, such that defying just authority "resists what God has appointed" (Rom 13:2). By contrast, "whenever public authority . . . fails to seek the common good, it abandons its proper purpose and so delegitimizes itself." Pope St. Paul VI coined the phrase, "If you want peace, work for justice." This is the only solution to the challenges of this moment. When protesters shout, "No justice, no peace," perhaps without realizing it, they are paraphrasing an axiom of the Church. A police force that is accountable to its highest standards - discipline, self-control, mercy, and the recognition that every person is made in the image of God - can promote justice and thus bring about peace. However, "when a society - whether local, national or global - is willing to leave a part of itself on the fringes, no political programs or resources spent on law enforcement or surveillance systems can indefinitely guarantee tranquility."



For more details, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org.

Parish Information



In order to effectively communicate with our parishioners, we are asking parishioners to contact us with your current email address and cell phone number so that we can add this information to our database. You can reach us via our website email or simply send an email to st.georgesec@rcn.com with your name, email and cell phone number. This data will not be shared with anyone. This is simply needed to allow us to communicate with you should the need arise. If you do not have an email address, please feel free to call the Rectory with your cell phone number. Our office number is 610-237-1633. If no one is available, you can leave a message in the general mailbox at extension 101.

Parishioners who have a landline phone only (no cell) or do not have an email address are asked to stay connected through their Extraordinary Ministers, family members, neighbors or friends. Our Parish bulletin is always available to you in the Rectory Office or by requesting a copy in the mail. For those who have a computer, you can also obtain a copy on our website at www.stgeorgeparish.org.

Thank you for helping us all stay connected.



Saint George Food Cupboard

We thank those who recently donated food to our Parish Food Cupboard. Supplies are still extremely low as a result of donations to a local facility in need of food. In order to restock our food cupboard, we still need: *Canned goods (soup, vegetables, tuna fish, fruit, pasta meals) dry pasta and sauce, rice, instant mashed potatoes, hot and cold cereal, tea bags, coffee, juice, peanut butter and jelly, desert items, small canned hams, Dinty Moore Stew, applesauce, boxed meals, side dishes, paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent.* We ask that donations be placed in the receptacle at the main doors of the church (no perishable items). Gift cards are also welcome to local supermarkets such as Walmart, Shop Rite, Acme or Giant and can be dropped off at the Rectory Office.



The Catholic TV Network

The Catholic TV Network is a national cable television network that broadcasts the Catholic Mass every day, including a Spanish Mass on Sunday. For details, visit <https://www.watchthemass.com>.

This Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Matthew 13: 24-43)

What can malicious weed-sowing tell us about the kingdom of God (Matthew 13:25)? The image Jesus uses in this parable is a common everyday example of planting, harvesting, and sorting the good fruit from the bad. Weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, though, can destroy the good plants in the process.

Letting God's word take deep root in the heart.

Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of His word which He has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. In that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart?

Growth and transformation from within

What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within.

The Holy Spirit transforms us.

Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated - the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "*We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.*" 2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

Good and evil are sown in our hearts like tiny seeds which germinate, and in due time yield a harvest of good or bad fruit. Charles Read said: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." In the day of judgment each will reap what he or she has sown in this life. Those who sow good *will shine in the kingdom of their Father.* They will radiate with the beauty, joy, and fullness of God's love. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions?

"Lord Jesus, let Your word take root in my heart and may Your all-consuming love transform my life that I may sow what is good, worthy, and pleasing to You."

Parish Religious Education

Find a Few Minutes

“Find a few minutes each day,” urges Pope Francis, “to come together before the living God, to tell him our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings, and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families” (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 318).

Come to our kind and loving Lord daily and ask for His guidance and protection for our children and grandchildren. Ask the Lord to shower them with His love, keep them safe from all harm, and help them to grow in faith and holiness. Be sure to let them know you are praying for them, and share God’s answers to your prayers with them!

This is a selection from The Catholic Grandparents Handbook: Creative Ways to Show Love, Share Faith, and Have Fun by Lorene Hanley Duquin (The Word Among Us Press, 2018). Available at wau.org/books.

Learning Faith at Home

Here are a few ideas to keep your little ones happy at home during the summer while also teaching them about their faith.

Bible Hopscotch

Instead of marking a Hopscotch game with regular numbers, use bible verses instead. For instance instead of number 1, write John 3: 16. Once their stone lands on the verse, have them read the verse out loud from the Bible: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Stained Glass Windows

Read a story from the Bible. Using colorful tissue paper or construction paper, have your kids draw pictures of things they heard about in the bible story, such as Jesus, a rainbow, animals, etc. Have them cut these out and paste them in their bedroom window for the summer so they can remember the story and see all the wonderful things God has created.

Feed the Birds

Read Matthew 6: 25-26. Take an outing to have the kids find unopened pine cones. Bring them home, roll them in peanut butter and then in birdseed, and hang them in your backyard tree with a pretty bow so they can watch the birds come and eat. Note: Birds are attracted to bright colors so a red bow will draw their attention faster.



Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 _____	Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____	1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____	Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____	Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____	
Deuteronomy 7:20 _____	




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G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggot, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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