Congratulations to St. Margaret’s School Class of 2020 ...God Bless You All!

Back Row (left to right) Laura Pullano, Finnian Hoerl, Nathan Duszak, Jonathan Hopkins, Lilly Catalano, Gabrieille Munroe, Guin Bell, Payton Campbell
Front Row (left to right) Cailin Lillis, Brenna Lillis
Heart Speaks to Heart

Turning Point in Pandemic? Deaths from the COVID19 virus have declined in the USA by over 70% from their peak and are still going down. We may have reached a turning point, and the number of infections is still rising but deaths are still declining. This may mean that we have gotten better at protecting those most vulnerable to the virus.

What was the turning point in the pandemic? We could point to many things, the use of widespread quarantine, people wearing masks in public, and, of course, our medical professionals gaining experience in treating the disease.

Those are all important, but I would point to one spiritual turning point, Pope Francis blessing “the city and world” (urbi et orbi) in St. Peter’s Square on a rainy night in Rome, March 27th. Italy had the most deaths and they were rising rapidly, everyone was shut up in their homes, 65% of the Italian people tuned in to pray with the Pope in front of the old crucifix that had been the focus of a successful prayer against the Black Plague in Rome centuries before, and the icon of Mary that Romans call the help of the Roman people. Many others, including me tuned in from all over the world. Pope Francis then went up to the altar, took up the monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus present in his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. An Italian movie director describes the scene.

“No theatrical event in this 2020 will be more moving or necessary than the rite against the coronavirus celebrated by Pope Francis on March 27,” Perrotta wrote.

“We were all terrorized that day, segregated as the virus claimed victim after victim in our country,” he wrote. “Scientists still didn’t know how to explain its wickedness. As an antidote, Pope Francis wanted to hold a prayer broadcast on television, a kind of metaphysical exorcism against the contagion.”

“At the end of the ritual, with hands that were almost trembling, the pope held up a monstrance for the blessing while the sound of bells prevailed over the lament of the rain, and as the chilling sound of an ambulance approached and then vanished.”

“No director,” Perrotta wrote, “could have invented such a powerful scene.”

Healing is a spiritual experience as much as a physical one. The healthcare workers who selflessly gave of themselves to heal showed real spiritual courage. I believe Pope Francis’ blessing, along with the prayers of many in Italy and around the world are helping give us the spiritual strength we need to overcome this pandemic.

Pray for healing, pray for the world.

All Masses open and accepting walk-ins! Weekend Masses are: Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM. Daily Masses are: Monday & Tuesday 6:45 AM and Thursday & Friday 6:45 AM.

If you want to attend Saturday, 4:30 PM or any Sunday Mass in church, please call the rectory at 315-455-5534 from Wednesday – Friday to make a reservation. If you are attending in church you may park in any parking lot but must enter through the Rte 11 main entrance under the portico. You can hear and see the Mass livestreamed on Facebook live in your cars. We will bring communion to those attending in the parking lot.

Weekday Masses, no reservation needed, just show up and sign in! Enter through the Rte. 11 main entrance.

Blood Drive now ended at St. Margaret’s We had our last blood drive here on June 18th. There is another blood drive coming up in the area at Driver’s Village, see the announcement in this bulletin for details. You can make an appointment for any area blood drives online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Food Pantry: Food Pantry hours are: Monday – Tuesday 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM; Wednesday 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM; Thursday 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Closed Fridays and weekends. Evening hours are suspended. Suitable precautions are being taken. Please call 315-454-4515 if you have food to drop off or you need food. At this time cash donations are very useful for the Food Pantry as they can purchase needed items from the Food Bank that are in short supply in grocery stores. You can mail cash donations or drop them off at the rectory through the mail slot. You can also give at www.stmargchurchmattydale.org, simply go to the donations link at the bottom of the page, click on it. Choose “Human Development” for your donation. Thank you in advance

If you want to pray for an end to the pandemic, I suggest the rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Instructions are available online. Oremus pro invicem (let us pray for each other)!

In Christ,
Fr. Rob Hyde
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

Regular Collections: $4324.00
Electronic Giving: $1905.00
Misc. Collections: $1093.00
Total: $7322.00

REMINDER: Our Saturday evening vigil mass is livestreamed on Facebook at 4:30 PM and recorded for viewing on our YouTube and website pages.

Monday June 29th, 6:45 AM
1st. Ann. Judy Zerrillo (family)

Tuesday June 30th, 6:45 AM
Michael Williams (Charlie & Joanne Kiggins)

Wednesday July 1st
No mass today

Thursday July 2nd, 6:45 AM
Sandra Zollo (Dawn & Craig Furlong)

Friday July 3rd, 6:45 AM
Greg Wayne & Maynard Dominic (family)

Saturday July 4th, 4:30 PM
5th Ann. Hank Besaw (Kathy Epolito)

Sunday July 5th, 8:00 AM
Renee Isabell Dillon (family)

Sunday July 6th, 10:45 AM
For The people

St. Margaret’s Parish celebrated its 60th Commencement Mass and Ceremony on Monday, June 22, 2020

Father Hyde celebrated graduation mass for 10 students, their families, teachers and staff. Listed below are the graduates, where they will be attending school next year and awards.

Guin Bell: Bishop Grimes
Payton Campbell: Bishop Ludden (Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and New York State Attorney General Triple “C” Award)
Lilly Catalano: Bishop Ludden (Presidential Award for Educational Achievement)
Nathan Duszak: Bishop Ludden
Finnian Hoerl: Bishop Ludden (Presidential Award for Educational Excellence)
Brenna Lillis: Bishop Ludden (Presidential Award for Educational Excellence)
Caitlin Lillis: Bishop Ludden
Jonathan Hopkins: Christian Brothers Academy
Gabrielle Munroe: Bishop Ludden (Presidential Award for Educational Excellence)
Laura Pullano: Bishop Ludden (Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and New York State Attorney General Triple “C” Award)

(100% of this year’s graduating class will be attending a Catholic Junior-Senior High School)

The class of 2020 includes two “Legacy Families”. A Legacy Family is a family that has multi-generational St. Margaret’s graduates. The class of 2020 Legacy Families include; Payton Campbell (Mother Molly Johnson Class of 1991) and Lilly Catalano (Father Paul Catalano Class of 1988).

Congratulations to this year’s graduating class and particularly to the Legacy Families who demonstrate a strong commitment over time to the faith-based education that St. Margaret’s has excelled at for the past 60 years.
Find Life through faithfulness

When we think about Christianity, the prophets and disciples may not be the first things that come to mind. Yet it was their bold, persevering faith that led to the spread of God’s kingdom amid the persecution of Christians. Today’s readings illuminate the critical role of God’s messengers, as well as the hope and renewed lives their transformative messages promised to those who welcomed them. In the gospel, Jesus reveals the great sacrifice and reward for his followers. As he instructs the disciples on their mission he tells them to bear their crosses in order to find eternal life. Jesus in effect stresses the greatest commandment— to love God above anything else. It’s a lofty challenge for us as Christ’s followers today. Yet Jesus’ message is about redemption rather than perfection. Welcoming him into our lives with our little acts of love and sacrifice matters as Christl Dabu
Prayer for St. Margaret’s Capital Campaign

“If the LORD does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor (Psalm 127)”

Lord as we seek to maintain and repair this, our house of worship, we ask you to bless our efforts.

Give us all hearts open to generous giving, both to our Capital Campaign and other works of charity. My our prayer, praise, and thankful hearts in this parish church make us all your willing servants.

We thank you for this, our beautiful church, and we ask your blessing on all those, living and dead, who helped build this church. May all our work be built up by your guidance and help. AMEN

Novena prayer for an end to the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son’s throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and Ministry among the outcasts of society in the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Spiritual Communion: You may pray this prayer during communion time while watching Mass on TV or on the internet, whether the Mass is live or recorded, it unites you to Jesus in Holy Communion time. “My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Holy sacrament, I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from YOU." Amen