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**Long way to go:** Last week I shared the good news about the pandemic, that we know much better how to treat the virus and that deaths have been going down. Well, as I’m sure you’ve seen in the news, cases have surged in some states, not in New York State so far. Other countries have been better at keeping numbers down, just like New York. Deaths are beginning to grow in many states.

What does this mean? It means that masks and social distancing are going to be with us for a while. We will have more openings but we will still need to wash hands, wear masks, do social distancing and have contact tracing. Contact tracing is why we are now signing in for Mass, just in case we receive word of a COVID19 exposure at church, we can call you and you can take precautions.

**Prayer is essential:** This is challenging situation; we are all tired of the precautions. Prayer will help us be patient and even cheerful during this long haul. This may well last into next year when they have a vaccine. Numbers of people coming to Mass are increasing as people gain confidence (see my weekly letter for more information).

We need to pray for our country and the world during this time, especially for all those researchers working on a vaccine. Let’s renew our prayer life and dedicate time each day to prayer for those fighting the virus, alone or as a family our prayer can make a difference.

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. You can also receive audio of the Mass on your car radios at 97.9 FM (it’s low range so you can just receive it in the church parking). 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.

**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

Your prayer, your kindness to others, your works of charity, all these help in these difficult times. May the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus burn within us. May our prayers and sacrifices help all those fighting this pandemic. Pray for the vaccine researchers!

In Christ,
Fr. Rob Hyde
Please remember in your prayers all our sick, especially:
(If you would like to add/remove someone, please call the rectory. Thank you)

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church is lit in memory of:
James & Donna Culotti
(requested by daughters)

Masses Online: We will continue to have Masses on Facebook live and YouTube. You can link to our Facebook page & YouTube channel on our parish webpage: www.stmargchurchmattydale.org. Mass times for livestreaming are posted on the parish Facebook page. The YouTube page has Masses available for viewing throughout the day.

Public Masses: We have resumed our normal weekend Mass times: Saturday at 4:30PM, Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM. If you would like to attend in church, please call the rectory Wednesday - Friday at 315-455-5534 to make a reservation. We have room for 104 people at each Mass, 312 each weekend. If this fills up, don’t worry, you can still attend in your cars in the parking lot where you can hear and see the Mass livestreamed on Facebook live over your cellphones. Communion will be brought out to you.
For those attending mass in the church you need to wear a mask and sign in when you enter. Please enter through the Rte. 11 side main entrance and exit through the church doors to the right and left of the Altar (on Kirsch drive).

The touchless hand sanitizer dispensers arrived. They will be installed in various areas of the church and school within the next few weeks!

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

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Church Support
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

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Collections (ways to give)

Online giving: at www.stmargchurchmattydale.org. Simply scroll down to the bottom of the webpage and click “donate to St. Margaret’s”.

Drop off: at the parish offices by putting the envelopes through the mail slot.

By mail: If you would like a stamped address envelope sent to you, please call the rectory.

NOTE: If you choose online giving and would like to stop receiving envelopes, please notify the Rectory. Thank you!!

Confessions: Confessions will be available on Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:15 pm in the church. Please wash your hands before coming, or hand wipes are available in the greeting area. Keep distance from others in church. Make confessions from behind the screen.

Rest in Peace
Robert F. Smith
Marjorie Gorman
**Capital Campaign Corner**
Submit your answers to our Capital Campaign trivia contest anytime! You can play individually or as a team. Trivia questions are on our parish website, Facebook page & right here. Good Luck!
Submit your answers by email to ssstone@syrdio.org or mail them to the rectory.

This week’s question: In what year did the Altar Rosary Society become established at St. Margaret’s Parish?

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**Is God Calling You?**
Are you a creative person who enjoys working with children and teens? Interested in volunteering to become a Catechist? We have the job for you!
Please contact our Faith Formation Director, Dakota Bateman for details at dbateman@syrdio.org or call 315-679-2693.

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**The light burden we carry**
In the gospel on July 5, Jesus says that his yoke is easy and his burden is light. His expressions seem to be contradictions, with words that vie against each other. If a burden is light, how can it be a burden? An easy yoke makes about as much sense as a delightful disaster or a healthy poison. Although Jesus’ words seem confusing, they point to something we know to be true in our own experience.

A yoke binds one thing to another. We know that when we bind ourselves to someone or something of value, the result will be a mixture of what is easy and what is difficult, a combination of joyful and what is painful. Parents know this to be true. There are few greater joys in life than knowing and loving a daughter or son.

Yet those relationships can cause tremendous pain if we have to see a child suffer or if our relationship with our child begins to deteriorate. Spouses see the meaning of Jesus’ words. It is a blessing to find another person with whom we can share life intellectually, spiritually, and sexually. Yet what a challenge it is to find patience and forgiveness when we feel our spouse is being thoughtless or begins to grow in a new direction.

Jesus’ words certainly ring true to anyone who has ever tried to accomplish some significant good thing, such as bringing greater justice into our world. Such an effort is filled with frustrations caused by ignorance, bureaucracy and indifference. Yet there are moments of bliss when one step is taken in the right direction or even a few people begin to understand.

Any life is a mixture of the easy and difficult. It is a burden that is also light. That is why Jesus says, "Come to me. Learn from me." Jesus invites us to place our light burden into his care. He calls us to be thankful for all the joys and blessings in our life and to learn from the mistakes and pain we must endure. We believe that our God is with us, directing all we experience toward what is best. This is what Paul expresses on July 26. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

Human life is not completely easy or completely difficult. It is both. It is the light burden, the easy yoke that we must take up. That is why it is good news for us to believe that God’s purpose is to make the easy and the difficult work together for the good. This allows us to learn from what we suffer and provides greater reason to give thanks to the God who continues to love us. Fr.GeorgeSmiga www.buildingontheword.org

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**Independence Day Prayer**
Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, I am so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, I am grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help me never to take these blessings for granted.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ.

In your name, I pray. Amen.
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