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July 12, 2020
**We are not helpless!** The greatest barrier to life in Christ is a sense of helplessness. Sin in our own hearts and the evil we encounter around us can lead to spiritual despair. Despair is often called the “unforgiveable sin” because as long as we are trapped in despair, we cannot do anything positive. In despair we tell ourselves things like “what can I do, I’m only one person?” or “it’s no use, I’m helpless against my own faults.”

The antidote to despair is reliance on God. Jesus tells us we are not alone, our prayer matters, our repentance matters, we can find forgiveness in Jesus, for ourselves and others. Our efforts to do good are blessed by God and, with the grace of Jesus, we can really make a difference.

Right now, our nation is in turmoil. We see demonstrations against racism, racism is a terrible sin, we should all work against it. Sincere efforts to understand and work against racial prejudice do make a difference.

One of the greatest examples of how individual acts of people of goodwill can make a difference is the COVID-19 response. Although there has been a surge of cases in some states, deaths continue to decline from their peak. Here in New York, and in Onondaga County, cases have continued to decline. This is no accident.

I have been so impressed by the number of people at Masses here and everywhere from the supermarket to the gas station who are wearing masks and social distancing. Our efforts are making things better. You and I can make things better through sincere efforts with God’s help. Let’s do this together with God’s help.

**Transfer and new pastor:** As many of you have seen from my weekly letter to the parish, I will be transferred this fall. Our parish will be advertised to all priests to consider applying to be our new pastor. Why is this happening? I have been here at St. Margaret’s for two six-year terms, I arrived in August of 2008! That seems both a short time ago and very long ago! There is a 12-year term limit for pastors (unless they’re near retirement) and my term is up.

I have loved my time here (that’s why I’m still here after 12 years!) I will miss you all. Please pray for me and for us to get a wonderful new pastor here at St. Margaret’s!

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](http://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.

This is a challenging time for our country and world. Pray for America, pray for the world.

In Christ,
Fr. Rob Hyde
Please remember in your prayers all our sick, especially:
Jeremy Conners, Marion Cook, Richard DeFazio, Frank DeFonzo, Sue DePaola, Benny DiBlasi, Angela DiBlasi, Kerry Dunne, Deborah Graham, Josie Giocondo, Jena Green, Jim Maloney, Scott Miller, Gisela Riehl, Addison Sinclair, Madison Showens, Brian Tracey, Paula Trudell, Matthew Watkins, Sid Taillon, Eugene Hope & Timothy Stone. (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:
Jack & Betty Edinger
(requested by Lisa Cartini)
The Sanctuary Lamp in the chapel is lit in memory of:
Jennifer Young
(requested by family)

Through the Waters of Baptism…
Congratulations to Leanna Ann Casler who was baptized on Sunday, June 28th. Leanna is the daughter of Nathan and Patricia Casler. May she continue to grow in Gods love.

Human Development News:
Our Human Development Office was awarded a $5000 McDevitt Grant! We are incredibly grateful to receive this award from the Diocese of Syracuse.
With the unemployment being so high and the uncertainty as to when people can go back to work, their home lives have become compromised. This grant will allow us to purchase more fresh fruits, vegetables and dairy products for the family table of those in need during this difficult time.
We also have received numerous monetary & food donations from our wonderful parishioners for which I am forever grateful.
God Bless,
Donna Skrocki, Human Development Director

While you were out…
Jim and Cheryl Maloney have tended the garden around the statue for years and noted that the wind and weather had faded the colors of Mary’s statue. Their granddaughter agreed to give her a touch-up and Mary has now returned looking much better. A special thanks to the Maloney family for giving Mary a spa day!

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.

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 July 13th, 6:45 AM
John & Marion Bognacki (family)
Tuesday July 14th, 6:45 AM
6th Ann. Jennifer Young (family)
Wednesday July 15th
No mass today
Thursday July 16th, 6:45 AM
Zay Hyde (St. Margaret’s Youth Group)
Friday July 17th, 6:45 AM
Bernie Moran (Dave & Judy Kenyon)
Saturday July 18th, 4:30 PM
Anthony Bamonte (Mary Louise Merle)
Sunday July 19th, 8:00 AM
For the people
Sunday July 20th, 10:45 AM
1st Ann. Connie Rice (family)

Church Support
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!
Regular Collections: $7147.00
Electronic Giving: $2844.00
Misc. Collections: $1110.00
Total : $11,101.00

Rest in Peace
Krystyna Sterio
Patricia Meyers
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: What year was the school gymnasium renamed McNeill Auditorium in honor of Father McNeill?

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. Also, please remember to return your registration forms for fall classes or drop them in the rectory mail slot. They can be found on our website and look for them in the mail soon!

From the Syracuse Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
In order to foster the next generation of organists, the Syracuse Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is offering the Greg Keefe Memorial Scholarship, for young pianists who may be interested in becoming organists --- If you know of a talented young pianist, or a young fan of the Pipe Organ, please contact Mrs. Deborah Cunningham for more information, or for a scholarship application --- cunning@twcny.rr.com Attached, please find a flyer advertising the Greg Keefe Memorial Scholarship ---

Defying all Logic
A brilliant orange flower is growing on, or rather, in our front porch. It appears to be rooted in pavement. Its stern leans alongside a fracture of a small cement retaining wall. While improbable, there is no denying that seed fell and that it is now blooming and bright with color.
A flower growing in circumstances defying logic and probability makes me think about the still deeper power of God’s word that is scattered on different terrains. I pray that my heart be good soil, where I listen and understand so that the word takes hold and pushes through to fullness and beauty— knowing that sometimes my heart is also a terrain that defies logic.
Do I look at the world with that same desire and faith in the power of God’s word? Do I see a neighbor, stranger, the familiar, and the distinct, as places where this seed might well thrive? As people who strive to understand with the heart, we have no idea in which places the word and its beauty will take hold. May the word take hold wildly and freely in this fractured world so that something extraordinary blooms...by grace, rather than logic or probability.
Sr. Kimberly M. King, RSCJ

Key to the Word
The heavens Ancient peoples imagined the heavens as a great vault or dome (the sky) that covers the earth and divides the heavenly waters above it from those below. (Genesis1:6-7). God’s original creative activity is to divide these waters by creating this vault and thus allowing the earth to have dry land. A kind of thinly beaten metallic plate or bowl (the “firmament”) keeps the waters above the heavens from inundating the earth except through doors that, when opened (Genesis 7:11), allow the wind, rain, snow, and hail stored in heaven (Job 37:9, 38:22, 37) to descend to earth.

Permanent Deacon Info Session
Is God calling you to share the Gospel as a lay ecclesial minister or permanent deacon? A Permanent Deacon Formation Online Information Session will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 5th. Register at http://bit.ly/2020InfoSessions or call (315) 470-1491.

National NFP Awareness Week
This event will run July 19th-25th. This year’s theme is “It's about love. It's about life. It’s about freedom. It’s about a gift.” To learn more Natural Family Planning or about the Syracuse Diocese NFP Ministry, visit www.syracusenfp.org or email at NFP@syrdio.org
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