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July 26, 2020
St. Margaret’s, always in my heart: I have been at St. Margaret’s longer than anywhere! My family moved around a bit when I was growing up and the longest we lived anywhere was in Cazenovia, and I lived there 11 years. My parish assignments as a priest were shorter, the longest, St. Patrick’s, Whitney Point, my first pastorate, was 7 years. I have been at St. Margaret’s 12 years, so I have never lived anywhere longer.

I remember arriving here at St. Margaret’s. I was very worried I might not be equal to such a parish. We have a school, we have such a beautiful church, we have a gym, and a large rectory/convent building. Would I be up to such a busy place, with all God’s people, plus buildings to take care of?

I needn’t have worried. The first thing I became aware of was our wonderful parish council, the members really put me at my ease, some have since died, but others remain active parishioners. The parish council here is lively, filled with good ideas, and supported me with advice I’d have been a fool not to take.

The parish finance council is also great. We’ve had great parish trustees, most recently Mike Dunne and Kelly Merrill, as well as great parish business managers, Elaine Quick, and now, Christina Marcuccio. Finances are not my strength, but the finance council was able to lay everything out so I could understand it and we’ve kept the parish, including the school, going without going into debt.

The parish staff supported me wonderfully. I’ve already mentioned Elaine and Christina as business managers. Carleen Smith, who recently resigned, was our parish secretary. Carleen was a wonderful presence to all who stopped by the rectory or called on the telephone. Carleen was also our parish memory. We might have a baptism, wedding or funeral, and Carleen would make a connection for me. “This, (baby, bride, or widow) is related to this person, or did this great thing for the parish.” Her knowledge of St. Margaret’s is encyclopedic and has been a great resource for me. Sheila Stone, our temporary parish secretary, also shares this talent, it’s invaluable to me in serving all of you.

Theresa Vaga, who was our longtime Faith Formation Director, like Carleen, knew everybody and everything. Michael Stephan, our music minister, grew up in the parish. All of these staff kept me well advised and on my toes. Sister Lucy Flaherty, our Human Development Director, up until this year, was a great source of ideas for evangelization and showed us all how to care for the poor, sick, those in nursing homes, and the homebound.

The school was great my three principals, Sue Donze, Amanda Hopkins, and our present principal, Michael McAuliff, all were great at keeping the school going. I was welcomed by all the teachers and parents, and Donna Skrocki, now our Human Development Director, was so helpful in supporting the parish in its mission of having a Catholic school.

I know I’ve forgotten someone, or left you out for lack of space, but be assured, I’m so grateful to God and all of you who serve this great parish. I couldn’t have been pastor without you. God bless you all. I don’t know when or where I’ll be going, but when I know, you’ll know.

I am so thankful I have been a part of this wonderful community of faith.

In Christ,

Fr. Rob Hyde
Please remember in your prayers all our sick, especially:
(Please call the rectory to add or remove someone)

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church is lit in memory of:
Michael Haven

Through the Waters of Baptism…
Congratulations to Mila Grace Jacobson who was baptized on Sunday, July 19th. Mila is the daughter of Jeffery and Natasha Jacobson. May she continue to grow in God’s love.

Faith Formation News:
It appears that if our county keeps the spread of COVID-19 as low as it is currently, we will be able to have in person Faith Formation this fall! This means more teachers are needed for our Faith Formation program. If you are interested in working with our children and have a love for our Catholic faith please contact Dakota Bateman at 315-679-2693 or dbateman@syrdio.org. No experience necessary. We use books that guide our teachers through the lessons and will be there to answer any questions so that you are confident in teaching our students.

Reminders and Updates:
Although the rectory remains closed to the public, we are still open. Feel free to call us if you are in need of anything such as a mass card. We will make arrangements to get it to you.

New Lectors and Eucharistic Minister schedules are available on the table by the sacristy. Please remember, masks must be on prior to entering the church.

The church is sanitized after each mass. Some of you may have seen our Music Minister, Michael, with a sprayer backpack on (no he is not a Ghostbuster!). He is sanitizing the church and wiping down the pews and spraying the doors and knobs, etc… in order to keep everyone safe.

Job Openings: For a Parish Secretary, Housekeeper/Cook and a Maintenance/Janitorial employee. Job descriptions can be found on our website and the Diocesan website at www.syracusediocese.org

Church Support
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!
Regular Collections: $10,246.00
Electronic Giving: $1199.00
Misc. Collections: $1650.00
Total: $13,095.00

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.

Mass Schedule
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 27th, 6:45 AM
Marilyn Kusch (Caroline Hojaim)

Tuesday July 28th, 6:45 AM
William Mecca (Bess Bamonte & Mardee Wilder)

Wednesday July 29th
No mass today

Thursday July 30th, 6:45 AM
Mary Betts (Bobbie, Melissa & Eddie)

Friday July 31st, 6:45 AM
Beverly Bertolo (Margaret Yankay & family)

Saturday August 1st, 4:30 PM
For the people

Sunday August 2nd, 8:00 AM
8th Ann. Donald “John” Trudell (wife & family)

Sunday August 2nd, 10:45 AM
Isadora Strabo (sister, Cheryl)
Key to the Word

Heart—For Biblical people, the heart did not just identify the physical organ but rather the psychological activity associated with emotional changes (speeding up when we are excited) and physical life (ceasing to beat when we die), “heart” becomes a general word to identify the location of the distinctively human activities of feeling, thinking, and deciding. Today we might describe this as the “self”. So Solomon’s request is not for wealth and power, but rather for the understanding and discernment he will need to be a wise king.

Today In Focus

God’s perfect justice...
The world often feels more random than fair. Sometimes good people seem to be rewarded. But often there seems to be no reason behind who succeeds or fails.

In today’s gospel, Jesus uses our common human desire for wealth and compares God’s kingdom to a fortune waiting to be found in a field or a pearl of immeasurable value.

His final example from fishing is perhaps the most powerful. We can picture the profitable fish being separated from muck and imagine what it will be like when good and evil are literally partitioned from each other in our world. Victims no longer tormented by perpetrators; the vulnerable no longer attacked by predators; the kind-hearted no longer manipulated by the spiteful. Instead, all people will answer for their actions.

It is perhaps the greatest of all images Jesus gives us of God’s kingdom. Perfect justice distributed to all peoples. In God’s kingdom—unlike in our world—no one will be victim of random actions, but rather, moral integrity and personal prosperity will always be the rule. Andrew Hume

Living with Christ This Week

Seventeenth week in Ordinary Time
Our Eucharistic participation helps us to grow in relationship with God. In this week’s first readings, Jeremiah, faced with the imminent destruction of Jerusalem, urges the people to change their ways and invite God into their lives. Some accept his message and others demand his death. In the gospel readings, Jesus, also under threat of death, continues to reveal how to respond to God’s presence through his parables.

Bishop’s Vocation Picnic - The Tenth Hour

Wednesday, August 5, 2020
4:00PM – 8:00PM
THIS EVENT WILL BE 100% OUTDOORS! Please join Bishop Lucia for his annual vocation picnic on Wednesday, August 5th from 4pm to 8pm at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse. The Tenth Hour is an evening of dinner, conversation, prayer, and discernment with our bishops, priests, seminarians, and religious sisters from the Diocese of Syracuse. Jeremy Bobak will be leading us in Praise & Worship!

You must register for this event before Monday, August 3rd. All pastors and their youth and young adult ministers are welcome to attend with their young people.

This event is co-ed and is intended for young people between the ages of 14 and 19 years old. You can register by contacting Elizabeth Garn at vocations@syrdio.org or by visiting our official Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/542774699751240/.

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.
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