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Follow us on social media. Links can be found on our parish website www.st.margchurchmattydale.org
Bricks and Mortar and those who build them: You may have noticed that in my last column, where I thanked various people on staff, I omitted our maintenance staff. This was not because I forgot them, but because I wanted to include them in this column of my St. Margaret’s memories, on all we’ve done for our buildings in my time here at our parish.

When I arrived here I naively thought of our buildings as “new” but that might have been true of the church, only 15 years old in 2008, but the other buildings, the church and rectory/convent, were around 50 years old! Fortunately, we had a wonderful maintenance staff at the time to keep these buildings going. Gerry Sellers had been our head of maintenance for many years. He could seemingly fix anything and was very good at advising me and the Parish Council and Finance Council when something needed fixing. Dennis Bell and Ron Vulcano were his able helpers in the church and school.

Some things soon became evident. The windows in the rectory/convent were the original ones. Time and the elements meant these steel framed windows no longer closed properly and they were drafty in the winter. The gym roof and the rectory/convent roof were both aged and the gym roof was actually leaking. With the able help of John Ianuzzi, our parish council member in charge of buildings and grounds (later succeeded by Jake Rein), we assessed what was needed, priced contractors, and put out to bid the jobs for the windows, and later the roofs.

The roofs were a big job, we had to fund raise for the job. The campaign, like our present Capital Campaign, looked like it would take a few months to raise the money. However, our late parishioner, Faye Brooks, decided to give a very generous gift to the parish that completed the campaign in just a few weeks! Faye was just thrilled that she could help us and we are forever grateful to her and the whole Brooks family. As a gesture of thanks, we named the school lobby after her husband, Faye was thrilled.

Gerry Sellers was succeeded has head of maintenance by Patrick Sweet, who’d worked as Gerry’s number two for a few years. Gerry retired but is not a stranger, he still volunteers at the Food Pantry once a week. Stop by and say hello if you have a chance! Patrick is helped by Eddie Wilmot and Patricia Carter, who recently retired helped with cleaning the church and rectory.

George Lowe and Mike Skrocki, both experienced in buildings and all their systems, have helped us over the years with advice and work. George was invaluable in advising us on the repainting of the church interior a few years ago and has worked on many other projects over the years in all the buildings here at St. Margaret’s.

Mike Skrocki has been very helpful with our current project of replacing the church HVAC units and our new roof for the church, still in process. I want to thank all those who’ve worked here at St. Margaret’s on all those things that have kept our buildings and grounds, sound, safe, clean, and beautiful. Our maintenance staff and helpful parishioners have done wonders and I was so blessed to have had such help!

Don’t forget! Our Capital Campaign continues! Please give generously as we work to keep our church roof strong and whole, no roof, no building!

In Christ,
Fr. Rob Hyde
Church Support

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

Regular Collections: $3897.00
Electronic Giving: $2479.00
Misc. Collections: $244.00
Total: $6620.00

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 August 3rd, 6:45 AM
Linda Meyers (Maryann Dahlberg)

Tuesday August 4th, 6:45 AM
Leonard Selicato (Leonard Medico)

Wednesday August 5th
No mass today

Thursday August 6th, 6:45 AM
John & Josephine Spina (family)

Friday August 7th, 6:45 AM
Roger Lansing (Carleen Smith)

Saturday August 8th, 4:30 PM
Mark Stagnetta (Patti Klein)

Sunday August 9th, 8:00 AM
For the people

Sunday August 9th, 10:45 AM
Chester & Mary Galka (family)

Rest in Peace

Madeline Guido
Marlene Kuryla

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.
Sign in upon arriving for Mass - sign in sheets are available on the table at the entrance.
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: Parish Secretary, Housekeeper/ Cook and Maintenance/Janitorial employee. Job descriptions can be found on our website and the Diocesan website at www.syracusediocese.org or call the rectory for details.

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, 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, Nancy Grethel-Palumbo, Patricia Stephan & Patricia Halpin.
(Please call the rectory to add or remove someone)
Today In Focus (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time)

Milades await us!
In today's "instant" world it is often difficult to find the right balance. We rush everywhere, and many demands weigh on us. It can sometimes make us feel so weak we forget the love Jesus taught us.

Living by his example—being loving, slow to anger, without acting hastily—requires us to dramatically slow down in this fast-paced world, to contemplate and pray. As a reward, God's abundant blessings will rain down on us in the form of spiritual food and nourishment. We need to find the time, make the commitment to prayer, and deepen our relationship with God.

Prayer is the food we need to be nourished spiritually so we can meet all our demands. No sickness, hardship or sorrow need distance us from God's love. With God's help we can rise above adversity or hardship and find the way and strength to do good for others.

Jesus' feeding the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish was a miracle indeed. If Jesus was able to satisfy their physical hunger in such a radical way, we can only imagine the miracles that await us when we ask him to feed us too.

Ildiko O'Dacre

Living with Christ This Month

What thought has most nourished you during these many months of anxiety and suffering and enforced isolation? For me, these days have been a powerful reminder that, in this enormous world of billions of people, we are all connected. When I was a kid, my mother told us to eat our vegetables because so many children in the world were starving. I confess, that didn't motivate me. We're naturally inclined to narrow our world down to what we can see and touch and experience directly. But in fact, we are shaped by the people and events at great distance from us.

Thoughts of that bigger interconnected world came to mind when I saw the list of saints we celebrate this month: a first-century apostle in Palestine and a fifth-century bishop in Africa, a thirteenth-century contemplative nun and a twentieth-century Polish Franciscan. They have all had an impact on our world, and they continue to shape us. And just as my awareness of a connected world has led me to try to keep in touch with friends and family members who are at a distance, maybe this is an invitation to get to know better all those great men and women who can help us follow the Christ they loved so much. What kind of relationship do you have with John the Baptist and Clare, with Monica and John Vianney? Fr. Richard Lamoureux, AA

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.
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