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FAITH
is not believing that God can it is knowing that He will.

August 9, 2020
Priests serving our people: My time here at St. Margaret’s is drawing to a close. I would be remiss if I did not thank the wonderful priests who served with me during my time here.

When I arrived, I knew that St. Margaret’s had a priest from Kenya, Fr. Joachim Kinuthia. I remember two things about Fr. Joachim, one was his smile, it was the most beaming, joyful smile that I can recall. The other was cooking!

I knew Fr. Joachim often cooked meals (Fr. Tim often dined with family or friends). I let him know that I cooked and proposed that we take turns cooking here. I told him I would start cooking and he could let me know when he would like to take a turn. Well, Fr. Joachim must have liked my cooking because he never asked to cook! I have no complaints; he always did the dishes!

Fr. Joachim was succeeded by Fr. Cleophas Tuka. Fr. Tuka was a great preacher, he was also an athlete, he played in a soccer league across town. Fr. Tuka is tall, over six feet, and has quite a physical presence. At the time we had a problem with skateboarders using the steps of the school opposite the rectory. I’d ask them to stop and they’d leave but they’d simply return another day. One day I noticed the skateboarding had stopped. I remarked about that to Fr. Tuka and he stated that he’d asked them to leave and not return. I realized then that requests from someone taller and stronger than I, like Fr. Tuka, left a permanent impression!

Fr. Frederick Mwangi Kooro succeeded Fr. Tuka. Fr. Frederick was the priest from Kenya who served with me the longest. Fr. Frederick has a ready smile and boundless energy. He arrived in late fall and had been to the USA before, but only in the summer. He remarked that when he was flying into Syracuse he looked out the window and noticed that the trees were bare. He thought, “Was there a fire, or maybe a drought? How did the trees all lose their leaves?” He had never seen the fall season since he came from a tropical country, right on the equator!

Fr. Frederick had also never seen snow. When he saw the first snowfall, he was so excited, like a little kid! He grabbed his laptop and Skyped people in Kenya, showing them video of him in the snow, holding up handfuls of it! That winter was a fairly mild one, and we didn’t have much snow. He kept asking me, “Why isn’t it snowing? We should have more snow!” I tried to explain to him that many people didn’t want snow. His reply, “Why not? Snow is great!”

The next winter was different, it was quite harsh, with lots of snow for a long time. Fr. Frederick had returned to Kenya to see his family for the month of January. He returned in February and asked me, “Why is it still snowing?” I noted that this was normally how it worked. After a few weeks of lots of snow he stated, “Too much snow is not good!” He finally was a real Central New Yorker!

I am so grateful for all these priests did for our parish. Please pray for all of them. On my bucket list is to visit them all in Kenya some day! Next week, our deacons!

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, 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 & Frank Santorelli. (Call the rectory to add/remove someone)

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church is lit in memory of the deceased members of the O’Leary family (requested by Sheila Stone)

Faith Formation News:
It appears that if the spread of COVID-19 remains low, we will be able to have in-person Faith Formation this fall! More teachers are needed for our program as well as a teacher for our Confirmation 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.
Parents please remember to register your children. Registration forms can be found on our website.

Through the Waters of Baptism...
Congratulations to Remington Blake Sayre who was baptized on Sunday, August 2nd. Remington is the son of Michael and Margaret Sayre. May he continue to grow in God’s love.

Food Pantry News
Thanks everyone for the much needed and appreciated donations and all who helped keep our pantry well stocked with food and toiletries. Monetary and actual food is always needed. It has helped so many needy families. During July, we fed 44 children, 84 adults and 26 seniors. We suspect it will be busier in the next several months due to unemployment. May God bless you and keep you safe during this pandemic.
Donna Skrocki, Human Development Director

Church Support
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

Regular Collections: $7015.00
Electronic Giving: $1839.00
Misc. Collections: $2352.00
Total: $11,206.00

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.

CONFESS: 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 August 10th, 6:45 AM
Margaret Hoffsher (Patti & Dick Klein)
Tuesday August 11th, 6:45 AM
Jack Moriarty (James Hewvine)
Wednesday August 12th
No mass today
Thursday August 13th, 6:45 AM
9th Ann. Sr. Mary Gregoria (Tim Gangemi)
Friday August 14th, 6:45 AM
Jim Dunn (wife & family)
Saturday August 15th, 4:30 PM
Kathleen Betar (Judy Ashe & family)
Sunday August 16th, 8:00 AM
Cosmo Medico (Dad & family)
Sunday August 16th, 10:45 AM
For the people

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Living With Christ This Week (Nineteenth week in Ordinary time)
Our Eucharist invites us to discover Christ’s presence with us. In the Old Testament readings, Ezekiel is surprised that God is not confined to the Jerusalem temple but can appear in Babylon to promise restoration. In the gospels, Jesus shows us how responding to God’s presence transforms situations by allowing us to act with civic responsibility, self-sacrifice, reconciliation, fidelity and protection of the vulnerable.

Today In Focus (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time)
The promise of God’s presence
I have never been called to go and stand on a mountain, like Elijah was. I have never been invited to walk to Jesus on water, like Peter was. I once got a job offer—a summer job, teaching basic reading and math in a men’s prison. Everything about this was scary, but it was my only job offer, and I needed the money. Like Peter, I cried out, "Lord, save me." Knowing that God was with me, I broke through the fear, got the job, and that wonderful prison experience has colored my life to this day.
We have all taken steps out in faith. In scary moments, when we are faced with a life-changing, faith-testing decision—the new job, the new relationship, the new life path—faith in God is all we have. Our faith emboldens us to call out to the One who says, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Things might not always turn out the way we want them to. But God remains with us to see us through it. Let us give thanks for God’s presence and for our calling, as we step forth in faith to answer that call. Margaret Bick

Missionary Appeal
Fr. Peter Major, a retired missionary priest will be speaking here at St. Margaret’s on the weekend of August 15th & 16th. While here, Father Peter of the Mill Hill Missionaries will speak on behalf of the mission. The Mission Appeal is for the people of South Sudan, one of the newest countries in the world. Father Peter is a native of Skaneateles, and has worked in Sudan and South Sudan for many years. Sudan is now undergoing a terrible civil war and the people there are in need of our help. We thank you in advance for your generosity to this mission appeal.

Blood Drive
St. Margaret’s will be hosting the American Red Cross Blood drive one last time this summer. Blood Drives now test for COVID19 antibodies! If you have COVID19 antibodies that means you once had COVID19 but have recovered. So giving blood will give you an extra assurance that you’ve come through the pandemic whole! The blood drive will take place in St. Margaret’s McNeil Auditorium (the gym) on Thursday, August 20th from 9:30 am- 4:30 pm. Please give blood, if you can. They still prefer you make an appointment, but our blood drive will accept walk-ins too. You can make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Reminders and Updates
Although the rectory remains closed to the public, we are still open. Please call 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.
Temperature Checks. If you are interested in volunteering to take temperatures upon parishioners arriving before mass, please call the rectory.
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 Opening: Maintenance/Janitorial employee. Part-time or Full time. The job description can be found on our website and the Diocesan website at www.syracusediocese.org or call the rectory for details.
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

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