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Heart Speaks to Heart

Fr. Peter Major: Fr. Major is helping us with Masses this weekend and his mission appeal will be our sermon. Please give generously to his appeal. You can give by giving cash, all cash donations for this weekend will go toward Fr. Major’s appeal. You can also give by check, checks should be made out to “St. Margaret’s Church” please note on the memo section of the check “Mission Appeal.” Checks made out this way that are given this weekend or later will go to Fr. Major’s appeal. Unfortunately, there is not a way to give to Fr. Major’s appeal online, you can only give by cash or check.

Fr. Major has a message for us about his appeal:

My appeal will be for the people of the new country of South Sudan. I worked there many years. It is a place of real need, mainly due to civil war which had been going on and off for 59 years, first with the Arab government in the North, and since 2011 tribal conflicts among ourselves.

Any money I receive I will wire it to the Sacred Heart Sisters whom I have known for many years. Thank you, Fr. Peter Major.

Fr. Major is the real deal he has worked all his life for his people in South Sudan and considers himself one of them. The situation in South Sudan is terrible for everyone, particularly for children. Your donation can make a real difference.

Birthday wishes: Birthdays are not a big thing with me. However, even I must admit that turning 60 is a real milestone! I am very grateful for the cards and good wishes, as well as gifts, from so many parishioners. The parish staff even had a pizza party for me! Dakota Bateman, our Faith Formation Director, even went so far as to bake me, a diabetic, a sugar-free chocolate cake!

St. Margaret’s is a great parish and I couldn’t have spent my last years in a better place before officially becoming a senior citizen!

Pray for Bishop Douglas Lucia and Fr. John Manno: Bishop Lucia and Father Manno are in charge of the priest personnel process. They and the Priest Personnel Committee will be picking our new pastor. Please pray for them and any priests who may be considering applying for St. Margaret’s. Ask God to guide them so that we can have a great new pastor!

In Christ,
Fr. Rob Hyde
Please remember in your prayers all our sick, especially
Jeremy Conners, Marion Cook, Richard DeFazio, Frank DeFonzo, 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.
(please call the rectory to add/remove someone)

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church is lit in memory of
the 1st Ann. Rose Fiumano
(requested by the family)
The Sanctuary Lamp in the chapel is lit in memory of
Mary Gangemi
(requested by her husband)

Missionary Appeal Reminder:
Fr. Peter Major of the Mill Hill Missionaries, will be speaking at St. Margaret’s the weekend of August 15th & 16th. The Mission Appeal is for the people of South Sudan, one of the newest countries in the world. A native of Skaneateles, Fr. Major 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this mission appeal.

Faith Formation News
Great News!! We plan to have in person Faith Formation this fall. We are in need of teachers for our elementary, middle school program and Confirmation program. No experience is necessary! We use books that guide teachers through the lessons and our Faith Formation Director is onsite to answer any questions. 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 dbateman@syrdio.org.

Food Pantry News
Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry. Presently the pantry is in need of the following items: ketchup, mustard, jarred spaghetti sauce, french green beans, baked beans, kid’s cereal and chunk canned chicken.

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.
There are no daily masses for this week.
Saturday August 22nd, 4:30 PM
For the people
Sunday August 23rd, 8:00 AM
Ralph & Mary Palladino (Michael & Annette krisck)
Sunday August 23rd, 10:45 AM
Harry & Regina Carl (Wendy & Rich Isome)

Through the Waters of Baptism…
Congratulations to Remington Blake Sayre who was baptized on Sunday, August 9th.
Remington is the son of Michael and Margaret Sayre. May he continue to grow in God’s love.

Church Support
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!
Regular Collections: $6779.00
Electronic Giving: $2359.00
Misc. Collections: $2103.00
Total: $11241.00

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.
**Living With Christ This Week (Twentieth week in Ordinary time)**
When God breaks into our lives, everything gets turned around. In the first readings, the prophet Ezekiel discovers that haughty and irresponsible leaders will be brought low and that God’s Spirit will give life where only death seems to flourish. In the gospel, Jesus tells us that our sacrifice will be rewarded, that God always invites us to greater responses of love, and that our challenge is to practice what we preach.

**Today In Focus (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time)**

**A prayer of abandonment**

The Magi’s silent adoration of the infant Jesus is one of the purest prayers in the New Testament. These men put aside everything in their lives to travel across the desert to kneel down and pay homage to Jesus. They bring him precious gifts and ask nothing for themselves.

In contrast stands the disruptive Canaanite woman in today’s gospel who comes to Jesus demanding that he cast out the demon which oppresses her daughter. Jesus says nothing. Her tune changes upon hearing Jesus say that he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. She kneels before him and says a prayer of abandonment: “Lord, help me.” Now she no longer demands favors but places herself at his feet. It is a moment of vulnerability and conversion.

Like the foreign woman and the foreign wise men, we can come to Jesus, not to make him hop to our agenda, but rather to bow before him. Praise and worship are the stance of faith. Our right relationship with Jesus is to pay him homage and to humbly beg, “Jesus, help me.”

**Glen Argan**

**Franciscan Northside Ministries**
Franciscan Northside Ministries, located at 808 North Salina St. hosts a free legal assistance clinic on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4pm. Consultation is free and confidential. For an appointment call 315-423-9951. Poverello Health Center also located at 808 North Salina St. is open on Wednesday evenings from 5-7 pm. Services are for uninsured. Appointments are necessary. To make an appointment call 315-423-9961.

**Enjoy a Free Take-Out Community Dinner:**
Hosted by Cicero and Brewerton United Methodist Churches. Sausage sandwiches (with pepper & onions), pasta salads and great desserts. Thursday, August 27th from 4:30pm-6:00pm at the St. Margaret’s Church bus loop. This is a TAKE-OUT Meal Only. Free will offering is available.

**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:**
- Although the rectory remains closed to the public, we are still open. Please call if you are in need of anything.
- 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.
- **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