St. Margaret’s Parish

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“WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT THE SON OF MAN IS?”

AND

“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”
Heart Speaks to Heart

Our Deacons: Any priest has deacon stories. I’ve worked with many deacons, some were great at preaching, others at leading people in prayer, others at helping at Mass, others at helping at administration. All the deacons I’ve worked with have been married and had wonderful families whose love and support were evident in their ministry to God’s people. The children and grandchildren, and even occasionally the deacons’ wives, showed up in homilies!

Deacon Don Whiting: Deacon Don is now retired, although he still ministers at the altar here in church whenever possible. When I arrived here Deacon Don was still active. He not only ministered here at St. Margaret’s but also at the Hancock Field Air National Guard Airbase. Deacon Don is a retired Air Force officer.

I was the envy of many priests when I mentioned Deacon Don at priest gatherings. Why? You might think it was his great homilies, but no, most deacons are good preachers. Rather it was that Deacon Don would not only come to every funeral, he would almost always go to the cemetery! This was a real service to me for which I am ever grateful. On Mondays I work at the VA Hospital in Syracuse and my work there is delayed if I have a funeral. Deacon Don’s willingness to go to the cemetery made sure I was able to get to the hospital that much sooner.

Deacon Don and his wife, Joan, have also made me their guest in their home many times. I have appreciated their hospitality and all the news about all their grandchildren, some of whom are following Deacon Don’s example of service to our country.

Deacon David Losito: Deacon Dave was ordained a deacon shortly after my arrival here, so you could say we both started together here. When I was beginning my pastorate here I was transferring from ministry as a chaplain at Crouse Hospital. I knew about Commonwealth Place, a drug rehabilitation and treatment facility on East Molloy Road that is operated by Crouse Hospital. I’d only been able to do a few things a year at Commonwealth Place to minister to the patients there, and I knew the people there needed more. I asked Deacon Dave if he could do a prayer group – Bible study at Commonwealth Place, he said yes.

For the last ten years or so Deacon Dave and his wife, Mary, have done wonderful ministry there. They run the prayer group – Bible study, as well as bring Communion to the Catholic patients. I get brought there every year by Deacon Dave to give ashes on Ash Wednesday and it has shown me how much he is respected there.

I also am so grateful to Deacon Dave for his homilies, they come straight from the heart! Sometimes I get a little teary-eyed listening to his preaching, even when I’m listening to the homily for the second or third time, they are that affecting! I really envy his use of popular songs in his preaching; I wish I had that talent. He doesn’t sing the songs but he always picks one that helps me understand the spiritual message he’s trying to communicate to us.

Deacon Dave is also an accountant in his day job. He has helped me and the parish council understand many things that our finance council tried in vain to get us to understand! I know he will be an invaluable asset to your new pastor.

The word deacon is from the Greek word in the New Testament for service. Deacon Don and Deacon Dave have done great service to me and St. Margaret’s during my time here, for that I am so grateful, thank you Don and Dave!

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, David Burgan, Patricia Halpin & Frank Santorelli (Please call the rectory to add/remove someone)

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church is lit in memory of Mary Gangemi (requested by her husband & family)

Through the Waters of Baptism…
Congratulations to Eliana Grace Kimmel who was baptized on Sunday, August 16th. Eliana is the daughter of Ryan and Stephanie Kimmel. May she continue to grow in God’s love.

SAVE THE DATE: A send-off barbecue reception for Father Hyde will be held on Tuesday, September 8th. Come anytime between 4 and 6pm. It will be held at the main gym doors near the bus loop. For social distancing purposes, some tables and chairs will be available; however, bring a lawn chair if you have one and don’t forget your mask. The gym doors will be open in case of rain.

Faith Formation News
Volunteers are needed to teach in our elementary, middle school and Confirmation programs. 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 love for our Catholic faith, contact Dakota Bateman at 315-679-2693 2693 or dbate-man@syrdio.org. Parents: Register your children before classes fill up! We are only allowed 10 per classroom. Forms can be found on our parish website.

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, 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.

Monday August 24th, 6:45 AM
Mary Dorschel (Pat & Bennie Stagnitta)

Tuesday August 25th, 6:45 AM
Jennifer Young (Mom & family)

Wednesday August 26th, 6:45 AM
No mass

Thursday August 27th, 6:45 AM
Wayne Southmayd (Salvatore & Josephine Borregine)

Friday August 28th, 6:45 AM
Fred Harris (Janice Diffant & Debbie Walker)

Saturday August 29th, 4:30 PM
Rocco J. Losito, Jr (Carleen Smith)

Sunday August 30th, 8:00 AM
For the people

Sunday August 30th, 10:45 AM
Lucky Miller (family)

Church Support
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

Regular Collections: $5710.00
Electronic Giving: $2344.66
Misc. Collections: $1338.00
Total: $9392.66

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!!

Rest in Peace
Catherine Turo
Patricia Stephan
Timothy Stone

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:15 pm in the church. Please wash your hands before coming. Hand wipes are available in the greeting area. Keep distance from others. Make confessions from behind the
Today In Focus (Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary time) Reflecting on our relationship with Christ

In today’s gospel Jesus asks two questions to his disciples: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” and “Who do you say that I am?” Peter’s quick reply to the latter was “You are the Christ.” Did he know what he was saying? Now, 2000 years later, I ponder that second question.

A recent retreat I attended was based on this Scripture passage and provided me with a new perspective. We spent our time for meditation and prayer focusing on reverse questioning. Who am I? How do I see myself? How does Jesus see me? How do I want Jesus to see me?

Reflecting on my relationship with Jesus offered new insights and a desire to follow him more closely. I often take for granted that he is a constant in my life—always present to me, whether or not I acknowledge him. Today’s psalm proclaims, “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart...Your kindness, O Lord endures forever.” How blessed are we!

Barbara K. D’Artois

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.

A Volunteer Opportunity at The Francis House: Would you like to make a difference for others and feel that difference within yourself? Francis House is a home for people who are terminally ill. Our volunteers support our residents by helping in the kitchen, with phones, maintenance and light cleaning. Our house is safe. We sanitize every four hours and keep our volunteers in a protective environment. Volunteer shifts are available ranging from 8:30am to 12 noon, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you would like to give a few hours a month to help, please contact Rea Carver – 315-475-5422. Thank you.

Reminders:

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