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st. margaret's parish news

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 8:00 am (Communion Service)

(Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm at Holy Spirit)

Sunday - 8:00 and 9:30 am at St. Margaret's
(11:00 am at Holy Spirit)

HOLY DAY MASSES:

Please see Mass schedule in Bulletin

DAILY MASSES: Mon. & Thurs. 8:00 am

Wed. 6:15 pm Holy Spirit

Fri. 8:00 am Holy Spirit

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm;

Wed. 2:00 - 6:00 pm

NOVENA: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday - after 8:00 am Communion Service.



CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:15 pm at Holy Spirit.
Sunday following 8:00 am Mass at St. Margaret's.
Please call the rectory for individual appointments
or for Pastoral counseling appointments.

BAPTISMS: By prior appointment. Preparation
course required.

MARRIAGES: Make arrangements well in
advance of date by contacting your parish priest
at St. Margaret's.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Grades 1-10 at Holy
Spirit, Sunday 9:30 - 10:45 am.
Miss Karen Adamski (Phone: 876-5318).

ST. MARGARET'S CREDIT UNION: All parish-
ioners and their families can join the Crossroads
Community Credit Union located at 971 Kenmore
Ave. Buffalo, NY 14217 (874-7284).

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, January 13, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, January 16, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SATURDAY, January 18, 2020

8:00 AM Communion Service (Sister Karen Marie)
(followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

SUNDAY, January 19, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

9:30 AM For the Intentions of Parishioners

Second Sunday Social. Please

join us in the Rectory today following the 9:30 Mass. Warm up by the fireplace while you enjoy coffee, pastries and fellowship! All are welcome.



You can help the St. Vincent de Paul Society by donating your broken watches or small clocks. We repair them and then sell them at the St Vincent de Paul store on Main St. There will be a box at the parking lot side of the church to collect these items or unwanted jewelry.

Also, remember the blue bin behind the rectory for used clothing, linens, towels or blankets. Please put these items in plastic bags. Thank you!

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

December 24 & 25, 2019

Offertory.....\$ 824.00

Monthly\$ 820.55

Christmas.....\$1,995.81

December 29, 2019

Offertory.....\$2,225.00

Monthly.....\$ 350.00

Christmas.....\$1,339.00

January 5, 2020

Offertory \$2,335.10

Shrines \$ 226.58

Electronic Giving \$ 685.00

Assisting on the Altar January 19, 2019

Altar Servers: 8:00 - Jack O'Rourke, William O'Rourke
9:30 - Kaitlin Burnett

Lector: 8:00 - Hugh Goulding

9:30 - Georgia Salvamoser

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 Bob Esposito, Cheri Frank, Marian Lauricella,
Michael Lauricella, Kate Mazzarini

9:30 Rick Cronin, Joe DiLeo, Toni DiLeo, Maria Garozzo-
Payne, Sister Karen Marie

Parish Outreach Ministry. Our personal care donation ministry is ongoing and we continue to be thankful for the generosity of St. Margaret's parishioners. As a reminder, items that are requested are all new, unopened, personal care items (personal hygiene for adults, children and infants); baby diapers and wipes are always appreciated. If you are aware of any agencies that could benefit by the generous donations of our parishioners, please let us know by calling the rectory office (876-5318). Once again, thank you for your continued generosity!



Religious Education News. Today is the Parent Meeting at 9:30 in the Winter Chapel.

There are no classes next week, January 19, due to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.



St. Andrew's School Open House. St. Andrew's Country Day School will hold an Open House for prospective families interested in Pre-Kindergarten through Grades 8. St. Andrew's offers part-time and full-time Pre-Kindergarten programs for ages three and four. Guided tours will be held on Sunday, January 26 from 12pm to 2p.m. Children are welcome to accompany their parents and explore our campus and meet members of our St. Andrew's community.

LIVE CONCERTS: The Cardinal O'Hara High School Alumni Association will present the BBC Band concert 8pm Jan. 31 and Strictly Hip concert at 8pm Feb. 21 at Cardinal O'Hara. Tickets for the BBC concert are \$20 each or five for the cost of four. The Strictly Hip tickets are \$5. A cash bar will be available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cardinalohara.com or call 695-2600, ext. 311. Proceeds benefit the continuing restoration of the Performing Arts Center and the alumni scholarship fund.

A Light to All Nations - Celebrating

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 10:00AM
Sunday, January 19, 2020, St. Martin de Porres, 555 Northampton, Buffalo 14208.

Celebrant and Homilist: Reverend Chester Smith, SVD
Sponsored by the African American Commission Office of Cultural Diversity, Diocese of Buffalo 847-2217. Reception will follow with theme baskets. Proceeds to the MLK scholarship fund



St. Margaret's Travel Club announces first three 2020 day trips: April 23: Mystery Ride/Dinner Dance (evening) includes transportation, dinner, live band. \$60
May 21: Afternoon Mystery Ride Luncheon & Murder Mystery Play includes transportation, lunch, and show. \$96
June 5: Shea's Buffalo Show, "Escape to Margaritaville" Jimmy Buffet's music. Includes dinner at Hamlin House and transportation. \$115. Contact information 830-0848 for reservations.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

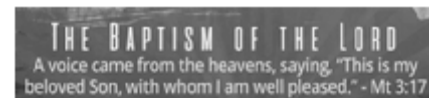
One of my earliest memories, from the days before I learned how to read, is that of Sunday mornings and my father reading the comics to my older brother, John, and me. In those days the only Sunday paper was the Courier Express. And I think my father referred to the comics as "the funnies," or maybe that is what they were called back then. So, when we got home from Mass at Fourteen Holy Helpers in Gardenville, John would sit on my father's left knee and I would sit on his right one. And Dad would read "the funnies" to us. It is only for this reason that I still find myself reading "The Family Circus" in the Sunday Comics section of the Buffalo News. Last Sunday's struck me as particularly poignant. The scene was that of the Christmas decorations being taken down and stored for another year: the ornaments into the compartmentalized boxes, toys scattered *everywhere*. In the midst of this chaos, one of the children entertains his siblings with, "...Then, after Jeffy's birthday comes Easter, then it's vacation time and then PJ's birthday, Dolly's birthday, and **MY** birthday, then comes Halloween and then it's Christmas again!" There is always the temptation to rush ahead.

To the external observer or visitor, it perhaps appears strange that the church is still decorated for Christmas. After all, stores have long-ago marked down their Christmas merchandise, and are already pushing us toward the next season (or two). But the Catholic Church acts from the perspective of 2,000 years of human experience. And one of the lessons learned from such a long history is that some events were (and are) so monumental, so important, that we should take time to enter into the mystery and be profoundly changed in the process. The birth of God's Eternal and Invisible Son in time, taking on a visible, audible human nature like our own, is in fact far more remarkable than could ever be grasped on just Christmas Day. And so our manger has stayed in place, quietly inviting each of us to ponder yet again the message of a God so radically in love with each person.

Some years back, there was a nationwide billboard campaign of a religious nature. On each was a phrase or quote or insight, followed by the signature, "God." But of all the humorous and thought-provoking messages, the one that received the widest and most welcome reception by far was simply the billboard that said, "I love you. I love you. I love you. Signed, God"

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the Church's official end of the Christmas Season. Tomorrow begins the season of "Ordinary Time." Is there some spiritual insight, some lesson learned from this past Christmas that we want to carry with us into our daily lives? If so, try to hold on to that lesson while hearing again the closing words from Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, when the Father's voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A Vocation View. Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

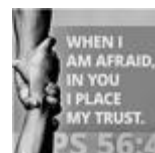
Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners. If you or someone you know from the parish is in a nursing home (or is a shut-in in their own home) and would like Communion brought to them, please call Fr. Joe (876-5318) or Sister Karen Marie (331-8846) and we will be happy to bring Communion to you. Please leave a name and contact phone number.



Interested in learning more about how the **Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System** can help you navigate your fertility and infertility? Whether trying to conceive, avoid or space your pregnancies naturally, we can help! Professional instruction is available through Catholic Health.

Please call with questions or to **pre-register** for any of these upcoming Introductory Sessions: Buffalo Mercy Hospital (828-2493) on Tues. 2/11 at 7pm or Tues. 3/10 at 7pm **OR** at Sisters Hospital (862-1944) on Sat. 2/22 at 10:30am or Sat. 3/28 at 10:30am. www.WomenCareWNY.org

Dash's Store Receipts. We are still accepting Dash's store receipts as a fundraiser for our parish. Donation boxes are located at the parking lot and Hertel Ave. entrances to the Church. Thank you for your support!



Readings for the week of January 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/
Mk 1:40-45

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
[2a]/Mk 2:13-1

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