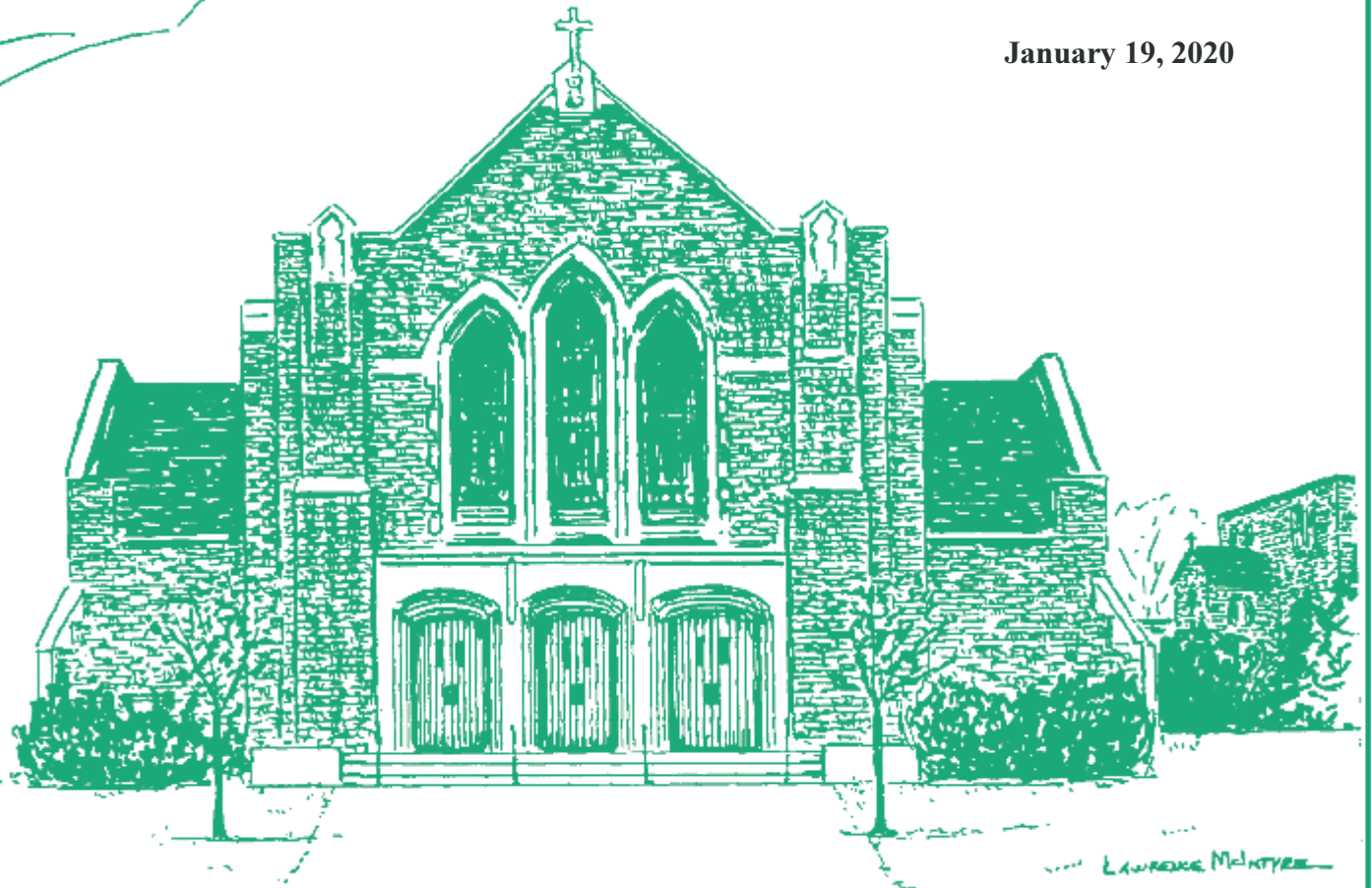


January 19, 2020



st. margaret's parish news

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Sr. Karen Marie, GNSH, Pastoral Associate (Phone 331-8846).

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 20, 2020

8:00 AM Joseph & Grace Campiere & Nancy Savarino

THURSDAY, January 23, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SATURDAY, January 25, 2020

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

SUNDAY, January 26, 2020

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Rosaria Tornambe req. by Estate



The Rectory will be closed Monday, January 20 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

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 .



January 22nd is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Prayer for the Unborn: "Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Your Power and Grace transcends all time and space. Cast now Your compassionate glance upon all life in the womb from the moment of conception until the moment of birth. Caress these innocent souls in Your Merciful Love. Protect this life from any marauder. Bestow upon each soul You create a spiritual baptism. In Your Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen."

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

January 12, 2020

Offertory.....	\$2,172.00
Shrines.....	\$ 37.21
Electronic Giving.....	\$ 40.00

Assisting on the Altar January 26, 2019

Altar Servers: 8:00 - Isabella Sciortino
9:30 - Need One
Lector: 8:00 - Kate Mazzarini
9:30 - Rick Cronin

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 Larry Brooks, Mary Lou Cappellini, Jim Devlin, Bob Esposito, Donna Steele
9:30 Joanne Cavalieri, Pam Cercone, Paul Shea, Anne Simon, 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 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. There are no classes today due to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Many people consider it a "day of service".

Next week is the third class for First Reconciliation students.

There will be a meeting of the First Communion Parents and students. "The Eucharist is about Making Peace". How do we make peace with God and each other at the Eucharist?

Parents will meet at 10:15 in the Winter Chapel.

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.



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.

A Great Religious Movie: "A Hidden Life" showing from January 17-23 at the North Park Theatre. A true story of an Austrian farmer, Franz Jägerstätter, a husband and father, who defied Hitler even when faced with the threat of execution for treason. Jägerstätter was beatified in 2007. One of the year's best movies: Four stars. PG-13

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Margaret for their generous donations to the food drive for our downtown Dining Room over the holidays. God bless you, from the members of St. Vincent de Paul.



A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

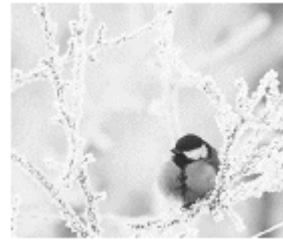
Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is the official conclusion of the Church's celebration of the Christmas Season. This past Thursday Mark Hardie took down all the decorations, and the church has returned to its normal appearance. There may be some poinsettias left today, and, if so, you are invited to take home with you as many of them as you would like. The flowers were certainly beautiful this year, and stayed beautiful throughout the season. I always find it rather sad to see all the decorations come down. Perhaps there is something of the child in each of us, inasmuch as we wait so long for Christmas to come, and then it so swiftly passes. Yet, perhaps that is the message of the Feast of the Lord's Baptism. After all, Jesus did not remain a baby in the manger for long. Nor do we have the luxury to linger too long in the warm glow of Bethlehem. Rather, just as Jesus had a mission in this world, so do we. The decorations of the Christmas Season are put away for another year; but our living faith in Christ has now again the opportunity to shine.

As I mentioned last weekend, St. Margaret's 2020 envelopes should be arriving soon. The last time I heard, the Cathedral Corporation in Rome, New York said they should be here by the end of this week. And as I also mentioned, parishes throughout the United States are experiencing the exact same difficulty of having no envelopes for the beginning of this year. I am grateful to you for your patience, and for your continued generosity to St. Margaret. Let's hope that the new envelopes arrive soon.

Speaking of generosity, your support of the St. Margaret Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to make possible the many good works of our parishioners who serve in your name in this vital work of Christian charity. Each and every time I am told of the neighbors here in North Buffalo who now have beds and bedding, furniture and appliances – all because of St. Vincent de Paul – I am truly encouraged. Actually, I am amazed. Each year on Thanksgiving Day at St. Margaret's a collection is taken up at Mass for the benefit of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. This past Thanksgiving that collection totaled \$506. And before we know it, Lent will be here, beginning as it does on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. And at St. Margaret there is the tradition of taking up a collection at the Ash Wednesday Masses which is again to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Margaret's in their works of Christian charity. Your support enables them to help so many who are in need. And their work continues long after the last of the Christmas decorations are put away. I am grateful to you for the support you give them, for without your support they would not be able to serve Christ in our neighbor in need.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



2ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and
testified that he is
the Son of God."
- Jn 1:34

A Vocation View. The miracle that Jesus performed at the Wedding at Cana made it clear that Jesus came to do remarkable acts of love for us. These acts continue, and Jesus asks some of us to assist him in very privileged ways. Is God calling you to the commitment of being a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has launched a greeting card ministry. We are looking for parishioners to join the Society and write greeting cards to our parish community.



In the words of Frederic Ozanam, our founder: "We seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that we may bring them Your love." Come join us in our new ministry or see what else we do. Call Cheri Frank at 864-0064.

*"Whatever your skill, whatever your expertise, there's
a way to apply that to help people you care about."*

Matt Flannery

Readings for the week of January 19, 2020

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
[23b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
[1]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,
12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/
Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2
[Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

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