

January 26, 2020



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 27, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions

THURSDAY, January 30, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls Intentions

SATURDAY, February 1, 2020

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

SUNDAY, 2, 2020

8:00 AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 AM Michela & Archangela Guiliana req. by
Cologero & Graziella Giuliana

Karyn Porempski req. by Tom & Rosemary
O'Connell

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.



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.

This morning's **second collection** will be taken up for Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

January 19, 2020

Offertory.....\$2,763.00

Electronic Giving.....\$ 125.00

Assisting on the Altar February 2, 2019

Altar Servers: 8:00 - Jeffrey Coleman

9:30 - Kaitlin Burnett

Lector: 8:00 - Mary Lou Cappellini

9:30 - Frank DiLeo

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 Cheri Frank, Marian Lauricella, Michael Lauricella,
Kate Mazzarini, Donna Steele

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 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. The children being prepared for First Reconciliation are having their 3rd class. Reconciliation will be celebrated at the beginning of March.



First Communion students and parents are learning about how "The Eucharist is about Making Peace with God and Others". Parents are meeting in the Holy Spirit Winter Chapel at 10:15.

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.



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.

Marian Consecration, "33 Days to Morning Glory," on Facebook LIVE at "Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels Olean" daily at 7pm through February 2. Fr. David Tourville leads us in prayer and adoration as we continue the Marian Consecration, "33 Days to Morning Glory." What a gift of healing and grace! It's never too late to jump in and complete this beautiful retreat. It will change your life!

Open House on **Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 pm** at St. John the Baptist School, 1085 Englewood Ave., Kenmore. We offer a half-day (3 days a week) and a full day (5 days a week) Pre-K3 program, full day Pre-K4 program, as well as classes for Kindergarten to Grade 8. We also have early drop-off and on-site after school care. Visit us at www.stjohnskenmore.com or call 877-6401 to arrange for a private tour or shadow day.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Our Roman Catholic Church is structured sacramentally. Through the course of these past two thousand or so years, our faith has come to be celebrated through these seven Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Priesthood and the Anointing of the Sick. We believe that Jesus Christ is actually present in and through each of these sacraments. In this article I would like to share some thoughts regarding the Anointing of the Sick, which is sometimes called the Sacrament of the Sick as well as "Last Rites."

In fact, it seems to me that there once was a time when the Sacrament of the Sick was thought of almost exclusively as being for the last moments of life. And, of course, it is especially appropriate when one is dying, as it is a sacrament of healing in all ways, that is, both physical and spiritual. But it is also well-celebrated whenever along life's journey someone is in need of the healing power and grace of Jesus. I have received the Sacrament of the Sick twice in my own life, first when I was hospitalized at the age of twenty, and then again ten years ago before undergoing surgery. I was grateful to the priests who Anointed me. I found it to be a rather profound experience, both spiritually and emotionally, one which I still recall all these years later.

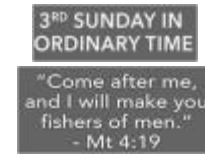
But far more important have been the countless times I have had the graced experience of administering this Sacrament of the Sick to others, usually parishioners. I remember a particular call at 2:00am years ago from a hospital's Emergency Room. I remember walking over a bloodied floor as I approached the accident victim, himself near death. I recognized him from his faithful presence at Mass. After I Anointed him, I quietly promised him I would pray for him, and asked him to pray for me. I later walked back out into a star-filled sky, very aware of how grateful I was to have been called to go see him. He died by the time morning dawned. But he died having been Anointed. And I was glad I went when I did.

Last week, a parishioner kept me informed about a fellow parishioner who had been hospitalized during the night. When I went to see him he kept saying the same thing over and over, "I think I am dying." And he asked me for a blessing. As of this writing he is still living. But I found the experience to be profound. After all, I (and you) may also someday become deeply aware of our own mortality, of our own dying, and of our desire for blessing. I could not have given him the Sacrament of the Sick had it not been for the parishioner who had told me of his hospitalization. I am grateful to her for this basic act of Christian charity on his behalf. If you know someone who is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please let me know, since without you telling me, chances are that I may not otherwise be aware. And would it not be a terrible thing for someone to wonder why their priest did not come to see them, when in fact it was simply because no one told me that they were sick?

Please pray for our sisters and brothers who are in hospitals and nursing homes.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A Vocation View. When Jesus read before the crowd today, he made known to us his vocation. What is yours? Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools.

The BISON Children's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten - 8th grade throughout the eight counties of Western New York. The BISON Fund's scholarship pre-application is now available for NEW families for the 2020-21 school year. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com/our-scholarships/. For more information, visit our website at www.bisonfund.com or call 854-0869.

Americana-themed Wine Tasting & Craft Beer Tasting

on Friday, February 7 from 6-9pm at Assumption Church, 435 Amherst St., Buffalo. Wines crafted by O-Neh-Da and Eagle Crest Vineyards and Craft Beer from Try-It Distributing. Includes unlimited tasting and new American themed food pairings. Pull out your red, white and blue and join us for some fun and games of chance as well. Call 875-7626 for tickets and more information.



Msgr. David LiPuma, Pastor & Rector, Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica presents: "The Venerable Nelson Baker: The True Story Behind the Life & Legacy of Father Baker." Monday, February 10 from 7-8PM at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster. All are welcome! Refreshments to follow! www.olpparish.com 683-6522

Readings for the week of January 26, 2020

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [8
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,
13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,
6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15
16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41

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