

February 16, 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, February 17, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, February 20, 2020

8:00 AM In Gratitude to St. Anthony req. by Grace DiBella

SATURDAY, February 22, 2020

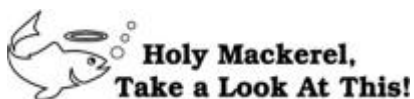
8:00 AM Communion Service (Sister Karen Marie)
(followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

SUNDAY, February 23, 2020

8:00 AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 AM Lucia Garozzo - Birthday Remembrance req. by Daughter & Family

Prospero, Antonina & Giuseppe Tabone req. by Concetta Tabone



FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE: SAVE THE DATE:

The 7th Annual St. Margaret Lenten Fish Fry is coming soon - **Friday, March 27**, in our rectory. Catered by Krolick's BBQ. There will be two seatings: 4:00-5:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm. Tickets are \$12 and include a freshly-cooked haddock, two sides, roll, butter, dessert and a beverage. Take out will be available 4:30 – 7:00pm. Tickets go on sale beginning February 23 and can be purchased after Sunday Masses and in the rectory during normal business hours.

This morning's **second collection** will be taken up for Church in Eastern Europe and Poland. Your generosity is appreciated.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

February 9, 2020

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| Offertory..... | \$3,462.77 |
| Shrines | \$ 37.81 |
| Electronic Giving..... | \$ 230.00 |

Assisting on the Altar February 23, 2019

Altar Servers: 8:00 - Naomi Guemes
9:30 - Jeffrey Coleman
Lector: 8:00 - Kate Mazzarini
9:30 - Rick Cronin

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 Jim Devlin, Bob Esposito, Cheri Frank, Marian Lauricella, Michael Lauricella
9:30 Joanne Cavalieri, Pam Cercone, Maria Garozzo-Payne, 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 Presidents' day holiday and winter break. Next week is the Sunday before Lent. We will be preparing the students for an "active" Lent - exercising our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. As in years past, we will be collecting Pennies from Heaven. Won't you please help us again this year? Thank you.



The Rectory will be closed Monday, February 17 for the Presidents Day Holiday.

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.

"What is done in love is done well." Vincent van Gogh



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.

"The Healing Effects of the Psalms." St. Gregory the Great Parish is excited to welcome international conference speaker, Dr. John Bergsma, to their Lenten Parish Mission on March 2, 3 & 4. Dr. Bergsma is a former Protestant Pastor; he has authored many books and is currently a professor of Theology at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. He will speak twice each day, first at 12:30pm and again at 7pm in the church, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Cost is free and all are welcome. For more information, contact Brian Ruh at 688-5678.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

This past week I attended a Priest Study Day which was held at Christ the King Seminary, in East Aurora. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger had invited all the priests of the diocese to join him in reflecting upon the theme, "Being a priest in an uncertain time." Truthfully, even prior to that day, I had been pondering the same topic, but in a wider context, something akin to, "Being a Catholic in America during troubled times." In fact, ever since the recent announcement of the imminent closing of Christ the King Seminary, I have felt myself obligated to share with you some thoughts which could address concerns that you and I may be experiencing.

Sometimes I find it helpful to draw lessons from our 2,000-year (and counting) history as a Catholic Church. A study of Church history would reveal times of profound grace, as well as other times of utter distress. For example, rather early in the Church's history there arose a heresy called Arianism, which basically denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. Even to this day, there are churches in Ravenna (Italy) with beautiful mosaics, but mosaics which portray Jesus as merely human. It was one of the most devastating of heresies, one which must have led to profound confusion for both laity and clergy alike.

As depressing as the crisis today in our diocese of Buffalo may feel, it does not begin to compare with the hopelessness that followed from Arianism's vision of life with no possibility of redemption. Instead, our crisis today actually has much to teach us about who Jesus truly is, and the genuine necessity to follow Him, *especially* now. Bishop Scharfenberger invited all of us – you and me – to continually accept the fact that Jesus loves each of us. He provided examples from Scripture of Jesus seeking out the sinners, reaching out to them, calling them – calling us – to accept His merciful embrace.

During the brief interlude between his talk and the question and answer session, I had the opportunity to meet him. I discovered why much of what he had been saying resonated with me. It turns out that he and I both were graduates of the same seminary, the North American College in Rome, Italy. He and I had also both received degrees in moral theology from the same graduate school in Rome, the Alphonsianum. And although he had been a student in Rome some fifteen years prior to my arrival there, we had nonetheless had some of the same professors at the Alphonsianum. Suddenly I began to understand why Bishop Scharfenberger's emphasis on God's mercy and God's call to all of us, even (and especially) in our experiences of human brokenness, sounded so familiar to me: we had each been privileged to have learned from some of the same teachers in Rome.

Simply put, I want to share with you that our task is the same as has been true since the first Christmas, the call of the first disciples, the Crucifixion and Resurrection: to believe in the love of Jesus Christ for each person. In light of this mystery, there is no room for despair. There is room for only hope, and mercy. And our world needs hope and mercy.

I would like to remind you also of the Fish Fry at Holy Spirit on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, from 4:00 – 8:00pm, downstairs in the Church Hall. All the side dishes will be homemade at Amici's Restaurant, and the fish will be fried at Holy Spirit. Tickets are available after the Masses at Holy Spirit today, as well as at Holy Spirit's rectory office during the week.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

A Vocation View. Proclaiming the Lord's name and love is not always easy, and sometimes must be done in the face of persecution. Still, God promises that those who bear insult for the sake of His name will be rewarded greatly in heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His name and love? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Events Committee. Would you like to help with any of their activities - baking, making phone calls, set up and clean up? All offers are appreciated! Please call Sue Giambra at 834-6163 or Pam Cercone at 835-6315.

Just as our Appeal patron saint, St. Joseph, used tools as a carpenter, **Catholic Charities** aims to give tools to those in need to help them protect, strengthen, and empower their lives. Whether it be satisfying hunger through one of our nine food pantries or teaching a family or individual how to successfully navigate the world of healthcare through our Care Coordination programs, Catholic Charities stands ready to be a provider of help and hope. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal can bolster our efforts. Join us by making a secure donation online at www.ccnny.org/donation or by calling 218-1400. **Think of Me.**



All Young Adults and friends 21+ are invited and welcome! St. Amelia Church will host Theology On Tap, a Catholic speaker series for young adults that takes place in a public bar/restaurant. Our session is

February 20th, 7:30 p.m. at Lakeward Event Center in The Barrel Factory - 65 Vandalia St., Buffalo. Father Dave Richards' talk will be titled: "Marriage: Why Bother?"

This is a 21+ event.

Readings for the week of February 16, 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]

1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

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