

February 23, 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 24, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM For All Parishioners' Intentions

4:30 PM All Souls

THURSDAY, February 27, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SATURDAY, February 29, 2020

8:00 AM Communion Service (Sister Karen Marie)

(followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

SUNDAY, March 1, 2020

8:00 AM For All Parishioners' Intentions

9:30 AM John Alaimo req. by Joanne Cavalieri

Karyn Porempski req. by Niagara Frontier American Legion 1041



St. Margaret Events Committee will host the seventh annual Lenten Fish Fry in our rectory on **Friday, March 27**. The freshly-cooked haddock meal is being catered by Krolick's BBQ. Meal includes fish, two side dishes, roll, dessert and a beverage. **Dine in or carryout tickets are \$12 and can be**

purchased beginning today after both Sunday Masses, and also in the rectory during normal business hours. Reserve your place at the table for either the first seating (4:30-6:00pm) or second seating (6:30-8:00pm). Take out dinners can be purchased 4:30-7:00pm. We will also conduct 50-50 split and basket raffles throughout the evening. Like to bake? We will need help with baked goods, which will serve as dessert, and welcome your home-baked cookies. Questions can be directed to Pam Cercone (835-6315) or Diane in the rectory office (876-5318).

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

February 16, 2020

Offertory.....	\$3,032.96
Church in Poland.....	\$ 422.75
Electronic Giving.....	\$ 105.00

Assisting on the Altar March 1, 2019

Altar Servers: 8:00 - Jack O'Rourke, William O'Rourke
9:30 - Jeffrey Coleman

Lector: 8:00 - Dan Szyklinski
9:30 - Frank DiLeo

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 Larry Brooks, Mary Lou Cappellini, Jim Devlin, 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. This Wednesday we begin our journey up the mountain with Jesus. Our students will be finding practical and realistic ways to exercise their prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. It's the only way we can climb the mountain with Jesus as He goes to Jerusalem and the Cross and Resurrection. What ways can your family exercise together?

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.



St. Margaret's Prayer Ministry. Please join us as we gather together to pray and seek God.

Our next Prayer Meeting will be Thursday, March 5 in St. Margaret's Church at 2:30pm.

Prayers will be offered for special intentions, individual intentions, Vocations, peace, recent tragedies, our Faith, our family, our friends and our country. We will end the Prayer Service with the Patriotic Rosary.

"Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them". Prayer is powerful. Please join us, all are welcome. Marian Lauricella

"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 Wednesday (**February 26th**) is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. Although church attendance throughout America has certainly declined since my childhood, I would venture to guess that there remains something about Ash Wednesday that even today continues to attract many, if not most. Perhaps it is that the Lenten call to fasting, prayer and almsgiving speaks to a profound need for change in our lives. From the earliest chapters of Genesis, it is evident that each of us is radically incomplete. In the words of St. Augustine, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, o God." When the ashes are imposed on our foreheads this Wednesday, we will hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This sobering message serves us well not only on Ash Wednesday, but for our entire earthly journey. Here we are but pilgrims; there – when ashes are refashioned into the image of Christ's Risen Body – we shall meet God face to face.

The Church invites us each Lent to conversion of mind and heart through various disciplines. All of us 14 years of age and older are to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. All of us between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting ourselves to a single full meal and taking just light sustenance on two other occasions on each of those two days. All of us are called also to perform acts of charity ("almsgiving"), so that our own response to God's call to conversion of heart may bear fruit by lightening the burden of those less fortunate than ourselves. Each of these three practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) is symbolized in those words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

On Ash Wednesday there will be a total of four Masses. Masses will be at 8:00am at St. Margaret, at 12 noon at Holy Spirit, at 4:30pm at St. Margaret, and at 6:15pm at Holy Spirit. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass. Lent is a personal invitation from the Lord to each of us. Practices of prayer, fasting and works of charity are, in a spiritual sense, similar to the physical training that is required of athletes. As we pray, as we deny ourselves some particular food or pleasure, as we sacrifice some of our treasure so that a brother or sister in need may experience God's providence through us, we are "in training" in a spiritual sense, since each of these require making the Lord and our relationship with Him a higher priority in our lives.

The Feast of St. Joseph (March 19th) always takes place during Lent. The Holy Spirit St. Joseph's Table will be on Saturday March 21st, following the 4:00pm Mass. Tickets for the St. Joseph's Table are \$15, and are available after the Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am Masses, and then at Holy Spirit Rectory during the week. **Holy Spirit's Lenten Fish Fry is this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), from 4:00 – 8:00pm downstairs in the Church Hall.** Tickets are available after the Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am Mass today, and at Holy Spirit rectory during the week, and some tickets should also be available at the door on Wednesday. **St. Margaret's Lenten Fish Fry is next month on Friday March 27th**, from 4:30 – 8:00pm in St. Margaret Rectory. Tickets are now available after the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses, and at St. Margaret Rectory during normal business hours.

Remember to pray for one another. Pray that these days of Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving may open our minds, bodies and souls to the beauty and new life of Christ's triumph over the grave.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Vocation View. We are reminded today that when we are wronged we are to seek reconciliation rather than revenge. Jesus set the tone for such reconciliation by giving his life so that we may be forgiven for our sins. How is God calling you to be an instrument of His mercy? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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.

St. Andrew's Open House. St. Andrew's Country Day School will hold an Open House for prospective families interested in Pre-Kindergarten through Grades 8. We offer part-time and full-time Pre-Kindergarten programs for ages three and four. Guided tours will be held on Wednesday, March 4 from 6 to 7:30pm. Children are welcome to accompany their parents and explore our campus and meet members of our St. Andrew's community.



"I believe that life is valuable, even when it is unwanted, even when it is physically imperfect. I believe our society has a responsibility to defend the vulnerable and the weak. And I believe our nation should set a goal that unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law." President George W. Bush

Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
[8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/
Lk 5:27-32

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