

March 1, 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, March 2, 2020**

8:00 AM All Souls

**THURSDAY, March 5, 2020**

8:00 AM All Souls

**SATURDAY, March 7, 2020**

8:00 AM Communion Service (Sister Karen Marie)

*(followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)*

**SUNDAY, March 8, 2020**

8:00 AM Gabrielle D. Piazza req. by Family

9:30 AM Maria Mantione req. by Josephine Tabone  
Joseph Alaimo, Birthday Remembrance **and**  
Mario Alaimo, Anniversary of Death req. by  
Nina Alaimo & Son

**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.



**Second Sunday Social.** Please join us in the Rectory next Sunday, March 8, for coffee, pastries and fellowship following the 9:30 Mass. Remember next weekend to "Spring Ahead" so you can drink a coffee toast to Daylight Savings Time at the Social! All are welcome.



This morning's **second collection** is the regular monthly offering for repairs and upkeep of our church and property. We thank you for your generous support of our parish.

## FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

**February 23, 2020**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Offertory.....         | \$2,800.36 |
| Shrines .....          | \$ 69.00   |
| Electronic Giving..... | \$ 20.00   |

## Assisting on the Altar March 8, 2019

*Altar Servers:* 8:00 - Isabella Sciortino

9:30 - Need One

*Lector:* 8:00 - Mary Lou Cappellini

9:30 - Rosemary O'Connell

## Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 Bob Esposito, Cheri Frank, Marian Lauricella, Michael Lauricella, Dan Szyklinski

9:30 Joanne Cavalieri, Tom O'Connell, 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.** The children in the First Reconciliation class continue to prepare for their celebration. All of the other children will also begin preparing to receive the sacrament during Lent. Thank you to all who are sending in their Pennies!



Help out our Religious Education students by contributing your **"Pennies from Heaven"** for Catholic Charities! Canisters are placed on the bulletin tables at each church entrance.

**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

**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 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).



**HONOR ROLL.** Congratulations to parishioner Carmelo Natoli who has been named to the second quarter honor roll at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Great job, Carmelo!

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

I sometimes think that – as a priest – I am the luckiest person in the world. What I mean by that is, priesthood affords me privileged moments with you and your families. Last Sunday, there were two such occasions– both during the celebration of Mass. One regarded Baptism, the other Matrimony, and both regarded Eucharist. The classical definition of a sacrament is, “a visible sign of God’s invisible grace.” And last Sunday was a perfect example.

During the 9:30am Mass last Sunday at St. Margaret we celebrated the Baptism of Liam. I cannot describe the experience of grace I feel when called upon to welcome into the Church a newborn infant, a recent arrival from the creative hand of God himself. For his Baptism his parents brought with them their extended family, which considerably added to the size of our congregation that day. Welcome, Liam!

During the 11:00am Mass last Sunday at Holy Spirit we celebrated a very special day as well, as we witnessed the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Renewal of Vows of Michael and Anna Martin. Mike and Anna were married on February 20, 1960 at Holy Family Church in South Buffalo. Their love for God and for one another has borne much fruit: 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. And that same love has built up the family of Holy Spirit Church throughout these 60 years through Mike’s and Anna’s prayerful, faithful, active participation in our parish. Their faith, hope and love were so evident as they renewed their vows, and I believe that such a joyful experience serves as encouragement for all our young couples who strive to live the grace of the sacrament of Matrimony each day.

This thought for Lent comes to us from Pope Francis, “God never tires of reaching out to us and is always ready to listen. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation and submit oneself to God.”

I want to thank all of you who continue to support the Upon This Rock Appeal. On January 31<sup>st</sup> the Appeal’s semi-annual disbursements were deposited into the parishes’ bank accounts. This recent disbursement to St. Margaret’s account was \$2,147, bringing the total disbursement at St. Margaret to date to \$31,724. This helped us in our recent plaster and painting in the church, necessitated by the water infiltration through the walls of St. Margaret. This recent disbursement to Holy Spirit’s account was \$11,256, bringing the total disbursement to date at Holy Spirit to \$79,754. This helped us to design and purchase the new church sign and the electrical service upgrade needed to operate the sign. And thanks to the technology of the sign, we were able to share a beautiful photo of Mike and Anna Martin as we shared the blessing of their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with our North Buffalo neighbors!

Let us pray for one another, that this Lent be a time of spiritual renewal for us all,



Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe



**A Vocation View.** Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**St. Margaret’s Travel Club.** Travel with St. Margaret’s Seniors to beautiful New England, Sept. 17-21. From Boston and Faneuil Marketplace, JFK Library, Old Ironsides, Cheers, to Salem and the Witchcraft trials. Cape Ann, Gloucester, and Rockport, vintage scenic New England coastal towns. Lexington and Concord, birthplace of the American Revolution. \$619 includes bus, hotel, eight meals, entertainment and guided tours. Call 830-0848 for reservations.



**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.

**“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.

### Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,  
7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/  
Mt 5:43-48

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