

March 8, 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 9, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, March 12, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SATURDAY, March 14, 2020

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

SUNDAY, March 15, 2020

8:00 AM Gasper Genco req. by Michael Genco
Andrea Pizzuto-Fink req. by Family

9:30 AM Bonnie Carrol Kowalski req. by Michael
Guerra, Jr.

Antonina, Giuseppe & Prospero Tabone req. by
Concetta Tabone

Think of Me. What we do with the 24 hours in a day can affect countless hours and days ahead. Our volunteers at Catholic Charities know that to be true. Through our agency, volunteers can mentor and tutor children by being Foster Grandparents, serve the community through one of our nine food pantries, lend a supportive ear through the Friendly Phones and Telephone Assurance programs and much more. Your gift to the **2020 Appeal** can help continue to move hands and hearts through the important work we do each day for those in need in Western New York. Make a secure donation online at www.ccwny.org/donation or by calling 218-1400.



Second Sunday Social. Please join us in the Rectory this morning for coffee, pastries and fellowship following the 9:30 Mass. Everyone is welcome!

The **second collection** will be taken up today for Black and Native American Ministries. We are grateful for your generosity.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

March 1, 2020

Offertory.....	\$5,543.31
Monthly.....	\$ 931.75
Shrines	\$ 47.91
Electronic Giving.....	\$ 495.00

Assisting on the Altar March 15, 2019

Altar Servers: 8:00 - Kaitlin Burnett
9:30 - Jeffrey Coleman

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Esposito
9:30 - Georgia Salvamoser

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 Larry Brooks, Mary Lou Cappellini, Kate Mazzarini, Donna Steele, Dan Szyklinski

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 Saturday, March 14, at 11:00 our First Reconciliation class will celebrate this sacrament for the first time. Please pray for them and their families.

Our students in Grades 3-6 will be going to confession this Sunday.

Lent is a perfect time to go to confession to receive the graces of forgiveness and mercy. When was the last time you received this sacrament?

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.



Did you remember to set your clocks ahead?!

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.

Keeping Lent. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting cans of food for our Dining Room on Main St. to help with meals for our guests. We are looking for the restaurant-size cans of fruits, vegetables, coffee or powdered drinks. Mustard, ketchup and 6-inch paper plates are especially needed. There are collection boxes at the parking lot and Hertel church entrances. Our Dining Room serves over 100,000 people a year. Your generosity is always appreciated.



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 LETTER FROM BISHOP EDWARD SCHARFENBERGER

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

By now, you will have heard that on Friday, the Diocese of Buffalo filed for Chapter 11 Reorganization. This is a decision arrived at after much prayer, discernment and consultation with the College of Consultors and our Diocesan Finance Council, and is based on our belief that this approach will enable the most number of victim-survivors of past sexual abuse in achieving fairness and a sense of restorative justice for the harm they have experienced. This filing for reorganization will also allow the vital, mission-driven work of faith that is so essential to the residents of Western New York to continue uninterrupted.

This decision is no way an attempt to avoid our responsibilities. Instead, this step will make possible a more equitable resolution for the largest number of abuse claimants. Were the Diocese to delay or avoid filing for Chapter 11 reorganization, the result would inevitably be protracted litigation and potentially large jury awards for some, which would only deplete limited Diocesan resources in favor of those whose cases were heard and/or settled in the earliest stage. Under this scenario, many victims might be left with little or no recovery for their claims, and the Diocese might be forced to seek Chapter 11 protection anyway, though under far more dire circumstances.

We have no more urgent work than to bring about justice and healing for those harmed by the scourge of sexual abuse. The intense emotional, mental and spiritual pain inflicted on these innocent victim-survivors is a heavy burden they are forced to carry throughout their lives. There is no excuse, no adequate explanation that will satisfy the gnawing questions of why and how our Church has come to this place - how our Catholic Faith has been obscured by the evil acts of those who presented themselves as trusted ministers of Christ. This crisis, as we know, has confronted our Church locally, nationally and internationally. It has preoccupied the faithful in our parishes, as well as our priests, deacons and religious, bishops everywhere, and our Holy Father, Pope Francis. It also preoccupies me.

You will, no doubt, have many questions about the impact of this decision on the daily operations of parishes and schools, and diocesan departments, programs and outreach that accomplish so much good in our communities. It is important to understand that parishes are separately incorporated under New York State's Religious Corporation Law and not included in this filing. Our Catholic elementary and secondary schools will also not be part of the Chapter 11 case because they are owned by parishes or are separately incorporated entities. Catholic Charities, similarly, with its extensive ministries that serve so many critical needs, is separately incorporated under New York's Not for Profit Corporation Law and will not be part of the filing. This is also true for the Upon This Rock Campaign and its case elements.

It is our firm intent to complete, at the earliest opportunity, the reorganization plan that a Chapter 11 filing requires, although we recognize it may take more than a year to achieve this. This process will enable us to resolve victim claims with available assets and insurance coverages, while ensuring that the Diocese can continue to fund its essential mission throughout Western New York. In this respect, I humbly point out that the financial generosity of so many continues to be vital for this purpose - proclaiming and living out the Good News of the Gospel as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Recognizing your need for as much information as possible about our decision to pursue reorganization, we have established an information resource page on our Diocesan website at: www.buffalodiocese.org/reorganization. There you will find frequently asked questions and answers, as well as information updated as it becomes available throughout this process. We have also established an **Information Help Line at: (833) 302-0061** to answer your questions and concerns more immediately. Please know that we will be communicating often with you as we work through the issues now before us.

I am deeply grateful for your steadfast commitment, and that of our priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers, and for all that each of you do to demonstrate your devotion to Christ the Lord. You have my full commitment to walk every step of the way with you throughout this period of reorganization - as long as the Holy Father should wish of me, personally. I am fully confident that as a Diocesan family we will forge a path toward renewal and greater stability, emerging stronger, more united and confident about the future of our local Church.

As we continue our Lenten journey, a time for conversion and renewal, may God in his infinite mercy grant you peace, and instill in us all the assurance of his abiding grace, love and protection.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger
Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Buffalo



A Vocation View. On Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed a glimpse of his glory, not to show off, but to express his desire to share his glory with us. Thanks to Christ, it is this glory that we are destined for. The same Christ calls some to priesthood and religious life to show his followers how to live for this glory. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



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).

Congratulations to Monet Thongchanh, who was named to the 2nd quarter 2019-20 Honor Roll at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart. Good job, Monet!



Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
[cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
[23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
[8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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