

March 15, 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 for the Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, March 16, 2020

8:00 AM Gaetana, Vincenzo & Angelo Piraino req. by Cosima & Angela Piraino

THURSDAY, March 19, 2020

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Scalisi & Marie Starck req. by Family
John Donaruma req. by Children

SATURDAY, March 21, 2020

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

SUNDAY, March 22, 2020

8:00 AM Pro Popolo - For Your Intentions
9:30 AM Maria Mantione req. by Concetta Tabone
Alphonso & Marie Giglia req. by Family



The **Blessed Mother Light** will glow this week as a Birthday Remembrance for Anita Donaruma req. by Children

The **second collection** this morning will be taken up for Easter Flowers to make our church beautiful in celebration of The Resurrection of our Lord. We thank you for your generosity.



Your Easter Flowers envelopes with the names of your family and friends whom you would like remembered will be placed on the Altar during the Easter Season.

Men's Retreat on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 am to 12 noon at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 950 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga. Deacon Don Weigel will present "Lenten Journey – We are all Migrants." Registration and refreshments from 8:30-9 am. To register, call Marilyn Fronczak at 668-8472.



FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

March 1, 2020 Correction: Offertory was - \$2,975. (Not \$5,543 as listed)

March 8, 2020

Offertory.....	\$3,042.31
Black & Native American.....	\$ 432.00
Shrines	\$ 33.60
Electronic Giving.....	\$ 210.00

Assisting on the Altar March 22, 2019

Lector: 8:00 - Hugh Goulding
9:30 - Rick Cronin

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 Jim Devlin, Bob Esposito, Cheri Frank
9:30 Joanne Cavalieri, 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. Congratulations to Sophia Nieves (St. Margaret), and A.J. Jurado, Gianna Giambrone, Tessa Wolf, and Jaelle Mortellaro (Holy Spirit), who celebrated Reconciliation yesterday. Today students in Grades 7-10 will be going to confession during class time.

At 10:15 our First Communion Parent Meeting will be in the Winter Chapel. The theme is "Giving Thanks for New Life." The students will receive a symbol of "new life" at the 11:00 Mass.

Next week Grades 1-8 will be attending Stations of The Cross in the church from 9:45-10:30. Please join us if you wish.

Our Confirmation Class is starting their service project "CASES FOR KIDS" Their goal is to prepare sixteen suitcases/small duffle bags for kids going into foster care with such items as: socks, blankets, books, coloring books, journals/pens, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, brush/comb, shampoo, soap, etc. If you can help with providing suitcases or small duffle bags or any of the items used to fill the cases, please place items on or near the table in the church breezeway. Thank you for your support!

Heavenly Pennies & More... Our Religious Education Program continues to collect pennies, nickels, quarters, etc. during Lent for Catholic Charities. Your wonderful support and the students' great enthusiasm has helped us reach or surpass our goal every year! Penny canisters are at the doors of the Church. Thank you!



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.



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 FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

A recent message from the Diocese regarding cold and flu season precautions may be useful to share, given that the daily news has made many fearful. The following quotes come from that message.

"In the midst of the cold and flu season, each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of these and other illnesses. Frequent hand-washing, covering of mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, and vigilance regarding habits and procedures for disease prevention in high risk areas should be common practice. As we face a severe flu outbreak in our community, greater attention must be given to keeping one another healthy. Some practical steps, along with common sense are critical to achieving this."

"The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days of Obligation is the ordinary expectation for Roman Catholics (Canon 1247). However, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you suspect you have the flu or are suffering from a serious cold or other contagious illness, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others."

"Please do not take offense should someone choose not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to clasp your hands together and with a smile say 'Peace be with you'."

"Roman Catholics believe that both the Body and the Blood of Christ are contained fully in the Holy Eucharist under the form of either the Consecrated Host or the Precious Blood; that is, whether one receives only the Host or only the Precious Blood, one receives Jesus fully...Pastors may exercise discretion as to temporarily refraining from distributing Holy Communion under both Forms, depending on the severity of an outbreak and how widespread it has become within the parish boundaries."

"If you've been told by your medical advisor that you are particularly susceptible to infection or to complications due to flu in particular, please refrain from practices that might make you sick, including shaking hands, receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, drinking the Precious Blood from the Chalice, etc."

On a different note, our St. Margaret Lenten Fish Fry is quickly approaching, and will be held in our rectory on Friday March 27th. There are two seatings for the Fish Fry: 4:30 – 6:00pm and 6:30 – 8:00pm. Krolick's BBQ is preparing the meal, and tickets are \$12 for both dine-in and carry-out. The haddock will be fried right here at St. Margaret's. Ticket sales are going well, and are available after Mass today, or at the rectory during the week.

I am grateful to Father Andrew Lauricella for coming to celebrate the 9:30am Mass last Sunday as well as this Sunday. Karen Adamski, our Director of Religious Education, had asked me if I could be available for hearing Confessions for the Religious Education Program, and since the Religious Education classes are at the same time as the 9:30 Mass, I needed someone to help last Sunday and this Sunday with Mass. Father Andrew graciously accepted my invitation, and I am grateful to him for coming again today.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



3RD SUNDAY
OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

A Vocation View. At the sight of the burning bush, Moses was responsive to God's call, while his followers were too self-righteous to hear it. God's call will only lead us to what is best for us. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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.



Fish Fry

FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Tickets are still available for this year's fish fry to be held Friday, March 27. For just \$12 you can enjoy on-site cooked haddock, potato salad, cole slaw, roll, beverage and desert. Rectory dine-in tickets are available for the early seating (4:30-6:00) or later seating (6:30-8:00). Take-out tickets are available for advance purchase or at the door. Many hands make for light work; we still need a few volunteers and welcome your participation. Enjoy making theme baskets? Your donated basket would be offered alongside the others we have received. Please call Diane in the rectory at 876-5318 or Pam Cercone at 835-6315 if you would like to help.



Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and
29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and
17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
[cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

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