

July 5, 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, July 6, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, July 9, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, July 12, 2020

8:15 AM Casper Genco req. by Michael Genco

9:30 AM Samuel Coronado, Sr. req. by Tom & Roe O'Connell

Joseph Alaimo, Anniversary of Death *and*

Mario Alaimo req. by Nina Alaimo & Son



Pope Francis is encouraging us to make our hearts like the Sacred Heart, especially through the graces of Eucharistic adoration. He also advises a simple prayer he learned from his grandmother.

Often translated in English with the more archaic, "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine," the Holy Father led those in St. Peter's Square in praying it after the midday Angelus on Sunday. "Jesus, make my heart more like yours."

The pope said devotion to the Sacred Heart is a "devotion that unites the great spiritual teachers and the simple among the people of God."

"Indeed, the human and divine Heart of Jesus is the wellspring where we can always draw upon God's mercy, forgiveness, and tenderness," he said.

Three tools. To access this wellspring, the pope said, we can **focus on a passage of the Gospel**, "feeling that at the center of every gesture, of every word of Jesus, at the center there is love, the love of the Father who sent His Son, the love of the Holy Spirit that is within us."

"And we can do this by **adoring the Eucharist**, where this love is present in the Sacrament," he said. "Then our heart too, little by little, will become more patient, more generous, more merciful, in imitation of the Heart of Jesus."

There is an **ancient prayer** – I learned it from my grandmother – which said: 'Jesus, make my heart more like yours.' *It is a beautiful prayer. 'Make my heart more like yours.' A beautiful prayer, short, to pray. Shall we say it together now? 'Jesus, make my heart more like yours.' Once more: 'Jesus, make my heart more like yours.'*

Kathleen N. Hattrup

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

Figures for June 28, 2020 will be reported in the July 12 bulletin.

Assisting on the Altar July 12, 2019

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini, Bob Esposito

9:30 Need one, Sister Karen Marie

Parish Outreach Ministry. Our **Community** 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.

Traditionally Summer is in full swing by the 4th of July. We hope that you are celebrating Mass with our parish family. Let's not stop praying with gratitude for all that we have: Thank you for all that has been, is, and is to come!



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.

Instant contact. Instant connection. During a time of frequent changes, you can keep up-to-date on the latest happenings at Catholic Charities on our social media channels. Follow us for important updates on programs and services, as well as information on upcoming events such as food drives and more. We can be found on Facebook, Twitter and now Instagram. Follow us at [Facebook.com/ccbuffalo](https://www.facebook.com/ccbuffalo), [Twitter.com/ccbuffalo](https://twitter.com/ccbuffalo), and [Instagram.com/catholiccharitiesbuffalo](https://www.instagram.com/catholiccharitiesbuffalo).



The Rectory will be closed Monday, July 6 - we hope you enjoyed a safe & healthy Fourth of July!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is 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 entrance to the church. Our Dining Room serves over 100,000 people a year. Your generosity is always appreciated.



A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

I was stationed at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Clarence from 1991 – 1996. I remember one of the teachers at the parish school had posted this sign in his classroom: "Consider the day a loss that you don't learn something." Decades later, I still remember that lesson that he was trying to instill in his students. Each of us is, after all, both student and teacher our whole life long.

So it was that after Mass one day, years ago, a man sought me out in the sacristy to offer his insights into the same Gospel passage that we are hearing at Mass this weekend. He was a native of the Holy Land, but was now living here in the United States. He wanted me to know that where he came from, farmers still plowed their fields using oxen, not tractors, to pull their plows. He wanted to explain to me the phrase used by Jesus in today's Gospel, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me..." He was doing me a tremendous service, of course, by teaching me something that I otherwise would probably never have learned.

I think I had an idea of what the function of the yoke is, that of making of the two animals a team to work together in accomplishing a task. But what I had never considered before was the farmer's task of pairing together the exact team of oxen. This man explained that a farmer would never pair together two strong animals, as they would compete and struggle against one another, accomplishing little. Also, he said, two weak animals would never be yoked together, because they would simply stand still, and nothing would become of the day's work. Rather, he went on to say, a wise farmer would always yoke together a strong ox with a weak ox: the strong would lead, the weak would follow the other's lead, and much would be accomplished.

If this is the case, then the words of Jesus at Mass today can be of great encouragement to us. Jesus – the Crucified and Risen Son of the Father – Jesus is the strong one with whom we are yoked. He accepts us as we are, loves us despite our flaws; in fact, the divine plan of salvation is that he came to live among us precisely because our need for a Savior was so great.

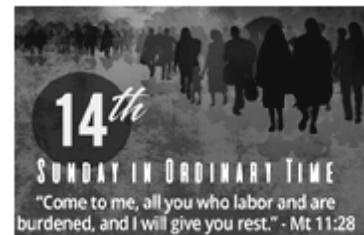
These months of a worldwide pandemic are for all of us uncharted territory. Even the experts offer advice that changes rather remarkably, as the data leads them to conclusions that are at variance with their earlier ones. Many have already tired of the restrictions of this new era, and have decided to return to their own "normal." However, what each of us must do is that which has always been central to Christianity: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If we seek to be "yoked" together with Jesus, our weakness will bond with his strength, and the Church will grow in faith through this international time of crisis.

For our part locally, our volunteers continue to give cheerfully of themselves to sanitize our churches after each Mass, so that those who arrive for the next Mass will find themselves in a safe and welcoming atmosphere. If ever there was a time for celebrating Eucharist, the very source and summit of the Church's life, that time is now.



No burden is too heavy when it's given in love and carried in love. When we yoke our lives with Jesus, he also carries our burdens with us and gives us his strength to follow in his way of love.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

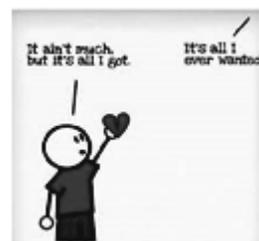


A Vocation View. "The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore, ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest!" Pray for vocations! If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER: A drive-through BW's BBQ chicken dinner, hosted by the Cardinal O'Hara High School Home School Association, will take place from 4:30 to 7:30pm July 10 at the school, 39 O'Hara Road, Town of Tonawanda. The half-chicken dinner will include potato and lettuce salads, dinner roll and butter. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale through July 9 and \$12 the day of the event. Purchase tickets online at Venmo@COHSHomeSchool or at the school by from 9am to 3pm Mondays or Wednesdays. Call first at 695-8091.

VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP: Cardinal O'Hara High School in the Town of Tonawanda is taking its summer camp series virtual. Campers will be able to enjoy camp activities from the comfort and safety of their homes. A variety of camps will be offered, from drama, to creative writing to STEAM, (science, technology, engineering, maths and the arts) something for everyone. Visit cardinalohara.com to learn more.



"Giving opens the way for receiving." Florence Scovel

Readings for the week of July 5, 2020

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/ Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33

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