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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 13, 2020

8:00 AM Michael LoCurto, Birthday Remembrance req. by Family

THURSDAY, July 16, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, July 19, 2020

8:15 AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 AM Vincenzo, Gaetana & Angelo Piraino req. by Cosima & Angela Piraino

Anne Marrapese req. by Joe & Toni DiLeo



The **Blessed Mother Light** will glow this week in Birthday Remembrance for Michael LoCurto req. by Family

"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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.



This morning's **second collection** will be our usual monthly offering for repairs to our church and property. As always, we thank you for your generosity.



FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

June 28, 2020

Offertory.....	\$2,899.75
Shrines	\$ 16.25

July 5, 2020

Offertory	\$3,583.26
Shrines	\$ 13.05
Electronic Giving	\$ 515.00

Assisting on the Altar July 19, 2020

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini, Donna Steele

9:30 Joe or Toni DiLeo, Sr. Karen Marie

Parish Outreach Ministry. Our **Community Outreach** 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. Are your children participating at Mass, or have they forgotten why we are here? If we still can't use missalettes this week, try to get your child(ren) to respond to the dialogue that Fr. Joe begins all through the Mass. For example, by your speaking up loudly "And with your spirit", or any of the other responses. Remind them to carefully make the sign of the cross; to carefully cross themselves before the Gospel on their forehead, lips, and heart, and to stand up tall to hear the Gospel. They will be listening then with their whole body, and so will we if we model all of these for them!

Focus on the Good. When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who lives their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

When was the last time you planted something? And when was the last time you planted something from seed? The Gospel passage at Mass this weekend comes from a time when society was primarily based on agriculture. Imagery of sowing seed, watering the plant, observing the growth and harvesting the crop would have been much more central to the consciousness of the first hearers of the Gospel than it may be to us. Much of what we eat may have traveled hundreds (or thousands) of miles before reaching our kitchen tables. Yet there is something about growing our own food that may open our eyes – and souls – to the message of Jesus today.

When I had first arrived in North Buffalo, a phone call came in asking if I could bring Communion to a parishioner of Holy Spirit who was homebound. Her daughter had heard that I spoke Italian and thought that this would be helpful for her mother. So it was that I began to visit Leonilda and Mario Costanzo in their home for several years until each was called home to God. There developed a routine that I have missed since their passing. Upon arrival, I would be met at the door by Mario, and the three of us would visit for a little while. Before long I would begin the prayers with Leonilda, who by that point would have already sent Mario into their kitchen to get the espresso coffee started. After giving her Communion, we would join Mario in their kitchen for un caffè' and some cookies. And – to get to the point of all this in relationship to the Gospel today – Mario would then invite me outside to his backyard garden...

It was a little slice of paradise. He had truly transplanted a little bit of "the old country" into their new home here. Every inch of his small backyard was a product of his loving toil. The grapevines that grew overhead provided a bit of shade over the driveway. The beans grew to tremendous heights. There were tomatoes, eggplant, basil...The fig trees were also his pride and joy. He had worked that soil for years, and tended it so faithfully and so lovingly each spring, summer and fall. And he tended even more lovingly and faithfully to the needs of his wife of over 60 years.

Planting a seed in rich soil carries with it a sense of the miracle of creation. To watch a garden grow is both exciting and fulfilling. And, of course, to pick one's own vegetables as part of lunch or supper is incomparably superior to eating that poor tomato which had to traverse several states (or countries) first.

If we can so delight in witnessing the seed planted in rich soil bearing abundant fruit, we can begin to appreciate how the Lord must delight in His seed of faith growing within us. The joys – and especially, the sorrows – of life are enriching the "soil" or our souls. All of us have known those whose very lives yield the "hundred, or sixty or thirty-fold." And this is our vocation, our calling, too.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



15th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

A Vocation View. Since we are all created in Christ, it is only fitting that we live as Christ. How does Christ call YOU to live as He lives? 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.



New Polish American Radio Program.

A new radio show called The Polish American Program, will debut on WEBR 1440 AM at 11am on Saturday, July 11.

The show will be presented in English and Polish, and feature a wide variety of music from Poland, as well as cultural information. It will air 11-Noon every Saturday and be replayed on Sundays at 6pm.

The music presented will range from folk to classical, from religious to modern pop and jazz, in Polish, and in English. The program's host will be Andy Gołębiowski.

In addition to WEBR 1440 AM in WNY and Canada, the program can be heard anywhere in the world, at WEBR1440.com.

New ownership at 1440 AM has changed the station's letters from WJL to WEBR, and unveiled a new format Monday-Friday, called The Great American Songbook.

For more information about the new Polish American program, contact Andy Gołębiowski at andyradio1440@gmail.com, or 716-510-7562.

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/

Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10,
14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,
16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd,
16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/
Mt 12:14-21

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