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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 20, 2020

8:00 AM Giuseppe, Prospero & Antonina Tabone req. by Concetta Tabone  
Carol Wittig, Birthday Remembrance req. by Pam Cercone

## THURSDAY, July 23, 2020

8:00 AM Frederick Waligorski req. by Daughter, Diane

## SUNDAY, July 26, 2020

8:15 AM For All Parishioners' Intentions  
9:30 AM Jennie Bellavia req. b Sr. Karen Marie, GNSH



**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.

**Do What Needs to Be Done.** A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill! — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

## FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

### July 12, 2020

Offertory .....	\$2,448.50
Monthly .....	\$ 981.50
Electronic Giving .....	\$ 40.00

## Assisting on the Altar July 26, 2020

### Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini, Larry Brooks  
9:30 Paul Shea, 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!



**THANK YOU SO MUCH ST. MARGARET'S!** Our Catholic Charities Diocesan Appeal raised \$8,411,138. Catholic Charities helped 29,000 neighbors with food, counseling etc. from mid-March to mid-May alone. Your generous sacrifices make this possible. St. Margaret's parishioners donated \$36,585, exceeding our \$33,000 goal. Every gift and prayer mattered. God bless you! Rick Cronin Appeal 2020 Chair

## Summer Fun at Mount St. Mary Academy.

Mount St. Mary will be hosting "Popsicles with the Principal", a free event on August 4th. Families with middle school aged girls are welcome to drive around the front circle on our Delaware Avenue campus between 2 and 4pm for a brief visit and a popsicle. Families are asked to wear masks and remain in their vehicles. No registration is needed for this event. For more information, please visit [www.msacademy.org/admissions/admissions-events](http://www.msacademy.org/admissions/admissions-events).



**Don't let the pandemic** put your education goals on pause. If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact our Department of Workforce and Education at 893-3500. Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. To learn more, call 893-3500. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit <http://www.ccwny.org>. Join us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

## Crossroads is a Catholic community of single

adults, forty years of age and older, seeking to share diversified spiritual and social needs and blessings. We welcome people of all faiths. Crossroads respects and upholds the spiritual, moral, and ethical teachings of the Catholic Church, including respect for life. Meetings are held once every other month. For more information, contact Barbara at 685-2818.

*"Don't let success go to your head or failure go to your heart." Anonymous*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture.

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.



*"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right." Abraham Lincoln*



**A Vocation View.** God is patient and merciful as we work to sift through the good and evil in our lives. How can you help people determine what is fit and unfit for God's kingdom? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**Do you feel that you might be called to priesthood** or know someone who is? If so, you might want to inquire about two discernment programs. The first is the St. Joseph Club, which is a program for high school boys who wish to take a closer look at the vocation of priesthood and consider the possibility that God is calling them to it. The second is the Response Program, which is for gentlemen of college age and older who believe that God is calling them to priesthood and wish to listen to God's voice more closely while benefitting from discernment resources and the support of fellow discerners. Both of these programs are free of cost. Brochures containing schedules and other details will be sent to parishes soon. Information can also be attained by visiting <http://www.buffalovocations.org> or calling 847-5535.



**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.

### Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/  
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21  
and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/  
Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,  
5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11  
[10a]/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/  
Mt 20:20-28

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