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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 27, 2020

8:00 AM Quinto Cappellini & Evan McDonald req. by Mary Lou Cappellini

THURSDAY, July 30, 2020

8:00 AM Annie Gertrude & Patrick J. Dowdall req. by Estate

SUNDAY, August 2, 2020

8:15 AM Deborah Vacanti Hutchison, Birthday Remembrance req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Burgholzer

9:30 AM Antonina, Prospero & Giuseppe Tabone req. by Concetta Tabone
Maria D'alesandro req. by Daughter

What Is God Asking of You? What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we? *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

The **second collection** this morning will be taken up for Peter's Pence. We appreciate your generosity.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP



July 19, 2020

Offertory	\$3,275.95
Shrines	\$ 45.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 110.00

Assisting on the Altar August 2, 2020

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini, Kate Mazzarini
9:30 Maria Garozzo-Payne, Sr. 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. How are our listening skills? What is Jesus doing or saying to us this week in the Gospel? Listen hard so that you can talk about the Gospel (for a little bit) on the way home.

Religious Education classes will begin after regular school classes start. Our classrooms and class sizes are large enough, and small enough, to have more than adequate social distancing.

If your child attends a Catholic school and will be in Grade 2 or Grade 3 in the fall, don't forget to register him or her for First Reconciliation (Gr.2) or First Communion (Gr. 3) classes. We prepare for the celebration of these sacraments in the parish, not in the school. Call the rectory of Holy Spirit or St. Margaret to register. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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

The Gospel readings at Mass on recent weekends give us examples of Jesus teaching the crowds and his own disciples. A recurring phrase that Jesus uses is, "The kingdom of heaven is like..." Last Sunday, Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to a farmer sowing seed on soil of various conditions. This weekend, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven first to a treasure buried in a field, then to a pearl of great price, and lastly to a net cast into the sea which collects fish both good and bad. What do these comparisons mean to us today, in a world in the grips of the first major pandemic in 100 years?

Like any good teacher, Jesus used examples familiar to his listeners, examples drawn from their daily lives in the Holy Land of 2,000 years ago. We may be able to relate to some of these examples more easily than to others. I would venture to guess that most of us have planted a seed at some point in our lives. Perhaps we remember being a child and participating in a Mother's Day project of planting flower seeds in a paper cup in school on a March or April day long ago. Maybe some of us have had the experience of casting our fishing line into a pond, lake or stream.

When I received my very first fishing pole at the age of 8 or 9, I excitedly threaded the fishing line through the pole, attached a lead sinker, wound back the pole and with all the energy I could muster, and let out my pole for my very first cast...Of course, being rather enthusiastic, I had done all of this while still in the house. For this reason, I remember my very first "catch": the ceiling glass lamp cover came down instantly all around me when hit by the lead sinker. You may have similarly memorable experiences of planting, fishing, treasure-hunting, etc.

Were Jesus to teach about the kingdom of heaven to crowds or disciples today, what kinds of examples from our daily lives might he employ? Might he make reference to technology, or to a Google search, or to the myriad parts of a car's engine, for example?

In other words, what is Jesus – come down to earth from heaven – trying to teach us about the kingdom of heaven? At the very least, he was trying to convey something of the hidden, mysterious, remarkable growth of the kingdom of heaven, as evidenced by the analogy of a seed's germination, growth and bearing fruit. Jesus, divine and human, was touching upon our human experiences of discovery, beauty and priceless value to help us begin to grasp the divine experiences which await us in God's plan of salvation. In Greek, there are two words for our one English word, "time." One is "chronos", the other is "kairos". Chronos is what we typically mean when we refer to time, as it means time being measured (seconds, minutes, years, etc.). But kairos is sort of like those moments when time seems to stand still, when we experience an insight that is timeless, as if time itself is being fulfilled.

Currently, all of us await a return to "normal" times when the pandemic passes. But there are special moments that were delayed by the pandemic – First Communion and Confirmations, for example – which are soon to be rescheduled. We are awaiting guidance from Albany regarding the re-opening of schools, an announcement which will be soon forthcoming. If schools locally are deemed ready to re-open, then at that point our Religious Education classes will resume as well, with the same required face

masks and social distancing which will be in place in all schools. In this scenario, First Communion and Confirmations would then take place in our two parishes in September. Perhaps the unusual circumstances of these months may make each of us more open to the meaning of the kingdom of heaven as these milestones of First Eucharist and Confirmation are celebrated. In other words, the pandemic may open for us the mystery of kairos that is always present within chronos, though it is a mystery which can otherwise be so easily – and unfortunately – taken for granted.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

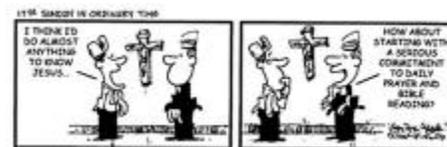


17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

A Vocation View. When we consider our vocation, we may feel called to priesthood or religious life, but not feel strong or qualified enough to pursue our call. God knows all that we lack, and is ready to grant what we need if only we ask. 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.



Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

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