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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, August 3, 2020

8:00 AM Richard & Loretta Manning req. by Daughter

THURSDAY, August 6, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, August 9, 2020

8:15 AM Valerie Ambeau req. by Tom & Pat Somogye

9:30 AM Msgrs. Robert Duggan, Daniel Malloy & Francis Sorci req. by Michael Guerra, Sr.

John W. Williams, Jr. req. by Wife & Family

The Power of a Simple Action. I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow. *Tracy Earl Welliver*



Envelopes for the **Altar & Rosary Society** can be placed in any collection during the month of August.

Today's **second collection** is the regular monthly offering for repairs and maintenance of our church and property. We appreciate your generosity.



FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

July 26, 2020

Offertory	\$2,879.81
Peter's Pence	\$ 257.25
Shrines	\$ 20.57

Assisting on the Altar August 9, 2020

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini, Cheri Frank

9:30 Paul Shea, Sr. 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. 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.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive.

Because of the way the Dining Room is serving guests due to COVID protocols, they especially need "To-Go" items such as juice boxes, fruit cups and individual serving items.

Monetary donations to help offset these costs are also greatly appreciated. Please make any donations payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off in the rectory during regular business hours. If you are mailing your donation, please be sure to make note on the envelope and memo line of your check that your donation is for the St. Vincent de Paul dining room. Thank you for your continued support!

World Breastfeeding Week and Catholic Charities Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program offers breastfeeding education and support to expectant and new mothers. WIC also provides nutrition education and counseling, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and eWIC benefit cards. To celebrate World Breastfeeding Week, Catholic Charities WIC holds its annual Healthy Baby Festivals which will be held virtually this year. Be sure to check our Facebook page for more information on how you and your family can participate. To connect with Catholic Charities WIC in call 218-1484 or visit www.ccnny.org/WIC.

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

If I am not mistaken (a big “if,” I know), the most recent translation of the prayers for Mass several years ago took place first in just the English-speaking countries of the world. Thus, if we were to visit Italy, for example, the prayers of the Mass would be the same today in Italian as they have been for many years now. Since our Roman Catholic Church is worldwide, there is a remarkable complexity involved when considering the cultural diversity among the many nations of the world. Even just among the nations of the English-speaking world there is an amazing variety of cultural experiences. It seems that a governing factor of the newer translation was a desire to return more closely to the Latin translation, which in some cases is directly reminiscent of episodes from Scripture. For example, many of us remember when, just before Communion, we used to respond, “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you...” Now, of course, for several years already, we have been responding with, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...” In essence, each is saying the same thing; but the second one may remind us more directly of the centurion’s words when Jesus offered to go to the man’s house to cure the centurion’s servant. It is, in a sense, more graphic, especially if we can picture what it is like to welcome Jesus into our homes, our lives.

So, if Jesus were to show up at our doorstep today, would He be wearing a mask/facial covering? I am confident that He would be. Doctors tell us that the wearing of a face mask is primarily to protect others. I remember my mother saying to my brothers and me, “Keep your germs to yourself!” I believe that Jesus would wear a face mask *precisely to protect others*. We must do the same, especially when we gather together for Mass. So far, everyone has come to weekend Mass with a face mask, as required. However, a few have worn theirs as if it were a “neck decoration”, covering only their mouth, or covering neither nose nor mouth. Since we breathe through both nose and mouth, our face masks are only effective in *protecting others* if we wear them properly. The novel coronavirus is, after all, a respiratory virus, spread primarily through our respiratory systems. I know it is uncomfortable to wear a mask, especially in the heat of summer, but I ask that the mask be worn *properly*, covering both nose and mouth, out of a Christ-like respect for our neighbor. It is what Jesus Himself would do. For my part, I am trying to keep Mass a bit shorter, for your sake. I am grateful to all of you for your prayerful presence at Mass.

I checked with the Diocese yesterday, and the missalettes can be made available for those who want to use it at Mass on the weekends, and then taking it home with them during the week. So, next weekend, the missalettes will be available at the church entrances. If you would like to take one, please take it home with you after Mass, write your name on it, and bring it back each weekend as you want. It is a shame that they sit unused; and there certainly is no danger from a sanitary point of view if it is in your possession for use only by members of the same household. I am grateful to Mike and Donna Campanella for this suggestion. I always appreciate the thoughtful suggestions of parishioners for how we can make our time together in prayer more uplifting.

Because – although I may not be worthy to welcome Him under my roof – Jesus does stand at the doors or our lives, waiting to be welcomed in. And He is wearing a mask, *properly*.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

Jesus stands outside your heart,
knocking... but there is only one handle
and it is on the INSIDE



18TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them
to the crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.

- Mt 14:19c-20

A Vocation View. What are you pursuing more, comfort or God’s plan for you? Pray to know God’s will, especially if you think He’s calling you to a Church vocation. If God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Lighter Side. Gimme a Break. An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both. As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, “Oh, my God! Help me!” At once, everything froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, “I thought you didn’t believe in me? “Come on, God, gimme a break!” the man pleaded. “Two minutes ago, I didn’t believe in the Loch Ness monster either!”

Who Makes the Coffee? Early one morning, a husband and wife were playfully arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, “You have to make the coffee. It’s in the Bible!” The husband was shocked. “Is not! Show me!” Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to the New Testament and declared, “It says right here- HEBREWS!”

I've learned....

...That being kind is more important than being right.

...That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

...That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved. *Andy Rooney*

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29
and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd,
41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/
Mt 17:14-20

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