

August 9, 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, August 10, 2020

8:00 AM Frances Genco req. by Michael Genco

THURSDAY, August 13, 2020

8:00 AM Rose Mistretta & Mary Cappellini req. by Mary Lou Cappellini

SUNDAY, August 16, 2020

8:15 AM Liborio Picone req. by Daughters Mary & Mili
9:30 AM Mary & Anthony Cercone req. by Cercone Family
Deodata V. Picone req. by Mary & Mili Picone

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.



I've learned....

...That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

...That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

...That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day. *Andy Rooney*



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

The **second collection** this morning will be taken up for the Priests' Retirement Fund. We thank you for your generosity.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

August 2, 2020

Offertory	\$2,407.51
Monthly	\$ 737.55
Shrines	\$ 19.30
Electronic Giving	\$ 495.00

Assisting on the Altar August 16, 2020

Lector: **8:15** Bob Esposito
9:30 Needed

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Larry Brooks, Kate Mazzarini
9:30 Maria Garozzo-Payne, 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. We have started to prepare for our Religious Education program by sanitizing books, pens, pencils, etc. and creating a zipper-locked bag for each individual to be kept in their sanitized desk. Hopefully, we will know soon when classes will begin.

In today's Gospel Peter dares to come to Jesus on the water, but he gets scared. Jesus reaches out and saves him.

This year our Third Grade students prepared for 1st Communion and our Tenth Graders prepared for Confirmation.

Hopefully, we will celebrate these wonderful sacraments in September after we have classes to review and prepare. Jesus is with these students in a very special way. There is no need to fear!

Congratulations to St. Margaret parishioners **Janie MacKinnon** and **Monet Thongchanh** for being named to the 4th quarter 2019-2020 Honor Roll at the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart!



Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For details or to register call (716) 474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. The next weekend is October 2-4, 2020. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

Struggling does not have to be a part of your new normal. You can turn to Catholic Charities for support! Our agency offers several types of counseling including: marriage counseling, substance abuse treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers, and comprehensive assessment and counseling for children, adults and families. To get connected, call our Helpline at 716-218-1419. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

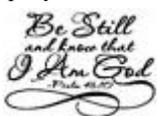


A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Celebrating Mass is certainly one of the most joyful and intense experiences in my life as your priest. All the class-time preparation, the years of study leading up to Ordination, could never really adequately prepare one for the dialogue inherent in the liturgy. It is a dialogue not only between the congregation and the priest, but also between us and the Lord. The absence of a congregation from mid-March to mid-June (due to the pandemic-inspired state and diocesan regulations) made me acutely aware of the difference between celebrating Mass alone and celebrating Mass with you. When I celebrated Mass alone, although it was still prayerful (even sort of mystical), I would then nevertheless after Mass return to the normal routine of the day. Now that public celebration of Mass is again permitted, I return to the rectory on Sundays after 4 Masses within 5 hours literally exhausted. By the way, I felt the same way when there were just the three Masses. For that matter, I feel that way even after just one Mass on Saturday afternoon. It's not the number of Masses that is both exhilarating and draining; it is the celebrating of Mass itself. I wish I could describe it better. I believe it must be the same way for parents raising their children, and single people engaged in the rigors of service and volunteering, as well as nuns immersed in prayer and apostolic work and community living. Isn't it our very *vocation as disciples of Jesus* to experience some of the same intensity of living as Jesus did?

In today's Gospel, Jesus dismisses his disciples and the crowds so that he can ascend a mountain alone to pray. This is how he responds after the exhilaration of the miraculous feeding of thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. The intensity of that experience was followed by an equally profound need for communion with his Father in prayer. Elijah likewise finds the Lord's presence in the "tiny whispering sound." Perhaps today's Scripture readings are meant to inspire us to find deeper meaning in the intense experiences of our lives as disciples of Jesus by then also entering into a nearness with him in a way that silence especially affords.

On a different note, I received a phone call after Masses last weekend thanking me for emphasizing the proper use of a face mask. I do believe that many are afraid – of coming to church, of dining out, of shopping, etc. – and that our own proper covering of mouth and nose as well as our social distancing at Mass can reassure them that it is indeed safe to come to Mass. I continue to be grateful to our volunteers who faithfully and thoroughly sanitize all touchable surfaces (pews, door knobs, etc.) after each Mass in preparation for the next Mass. Also, as I mentioned last weekend, the missalettes which have been in storage since March are available for you to take home with you this weekend. Please write your name on it. Each time you bring it with you to Mass, remember to also take it home with you. Hopefully having your own missalette will be helpful. I am grateful to you for your prayerful presence at Mass during these trying times. Our world has always needed prayer. Perhaps that need is now just more evident.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

A Vocation View. Although God's truth is not always well received, it is only in such truth that we can find any assurance. Don't fool yourself about the truth of your vocation! If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive.

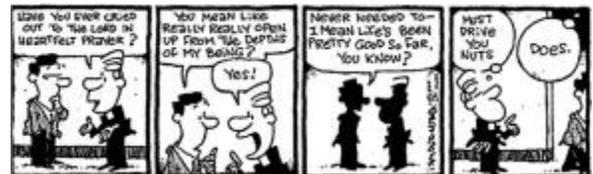
Because of the way the Dining Room is serving guests due to COVID protocols, they especially need "To-Go" items such as juice boxes, fruit cups and individual serving items.

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!



"The sign of great parenting is not the child's behavior. The sign of truly great parenting is the parent's behavior."

Andy Smithson



Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28.

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

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