

August 16, 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 17, 2020

8:00 AM Joseph & Grace Campieri & Nancy Savarino
req. by Family

THURSDAY, August 20, 2020

8:00 AM Kay Voltz req. by Daughters

SUNDAY, August 23, 2020

8:15 AM Richard Canazzi req. by Family

9:30 AM Clara Guerra req. by Michael Guerra, Sr.
Angelo Caravello req. by Angela & Cosima Piraino



Doing a Home Refresh? You can help our St. Vincent de Paul Society by donating your broken watches or small clocks. We repair them and then sell them at the St Vincent de Paul store on Main St. There is a box at the parking lot side of the church to collect these items or unwanted jewelry.

Also, remember the blue bin behind the rectory for used clothing, linens, towels, or blankets. Please put these items in plastic bags. Thank you.

Kids Are Funny! My family and I were watching church services online, when it got to the part where we say the Our Father. We had just spoken the line "Hallowed be thy name," when my 6-year-old son suddenly asked, "Mommy, who is Harold?" *N.M., Aspen, CO 8/3/20 Issue of Woman's World Magazine*



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

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

August 9, 2020

Offertory	\$4,240.59
Priests' Retirement.....	\$ 514.77
Assumption of Mary	\$ 25.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 60.00

Assisting on the Altar August 23 2020

Lector: **8:15** Kate Mazzarini
9:30 Needed

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Bob Esposito, Dan Szyklinski
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. This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Mary our Mother, who was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. Jesus wants us to be with him in heaven, too. What do you believe about heaven? Do you share any of your hopes with your family?



Let us pray with Mary: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

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.

FISH FRY DINNER: A fish fry dinner will take place from 4:30 to 7:30pm Friday, Aug. 28 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Road, Town of Tonawanda. Sponsored by the COHS Home School Association, the dinner is take-out only and includes macaroni salad, coleslaw, tartar sauce and bread and butter. A choice of hand-dipped beer battered haddock, breaded shrimp or chicken finger dinners are available. Tickets are \$12 presale, \$14 at the door. For tickets, use Venmo or call the school at 695-2600, ext. 312.

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!

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

In today's Old Testament reading at Mass we hear the Lord's words through the prophet, Isaiah, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Then, in the Gospel, we hear the dialogue between Jesus and the Canaanite woman, with the woman's faith being recognized and lauded by Jesus. Is there a theme in these Scriptural revelations which speaks to you during these days of unprecedented (at least in our lifetime) pandemic and uncertainty?

Whether while we are shopping for groceries, driving along our roads, or engaging with family and friends, most of us are probably aware of more stress in our lives than we are normally used to. Especially when I am driving, I have seen some drivers behaving in an absolutely reckless manner, apparently oblivious to the danger in which they are placing others as well as themselves. I recently came within perhaps five seconds of being crushed by a truck while I was out bicycling; it was one of the few times I have been shaken while out for exercise. Some of what we are experiencing these months may be the result of accumulated anxiety. At the same time, I am certain that all of us have also witnessed (and been the cause of) acts of kindness which have brought a moment of refreshment and redemption in these otherwise troubling, confusing times.

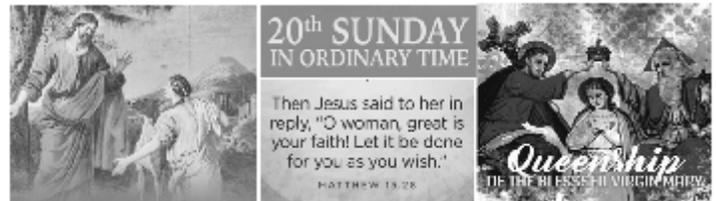
Isaiah and Jesus remind us of the Lord's loving mercy, a divine prerogative that is powerful enough to overcome selfishness and division. For we too are called to be a "house of prayer for all peoples." Our faith should also lead others to praise God. As simple as it sounds, one way to lessen fear and to welcome others back into our midst in God's house of prayer for all peoples is to wear a mask properly during Mass. I realize that I am repeating myself. I received a phone call recently from a parishioner thanking me for reminding everyone of the importance of facial covering at Mass. Clearly, she wants to be at Mass, but wants to be there without anxiety. But then I received a text message from another parishioner who expressed dismay and alarm when she noticed someone nearby did not have his face mask on over his mouth and nose at various times during the Mass. She wrote that it was "so upsetting to those of us who are trying to be faithful! It isn't easy!"

If God says, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples," then each of us must do what we can to make others feel at peace during such troubled and fearful times. When we become aware of our responsibility for others, then wearing a face mask over our nose and mouth becomes an act of Christian charity.

These months of pandemic cloud and confusion can be for us as Catholics an opportunity to scatter the darkness. After all, when we were Baptized, a candle was lit for us, and the priest (or deacon) said, "Receive the light of Christ." Our world, and our families and friends, and our parishioners sitting among us at Mass need to find hope in that Christ-light that can shine uniquely through each of us. I want to thank all of you who have begun to return to the celebration of Mass. By adding the 7:00am Mass into the Sunday schedule we have remained below the capacity limits mandated by New York State. And each church is thoroughly sanitized prior to each Mass. I promise to continue doing all that I can so that your time in God's house of prayer is both safe and prayerful.



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



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.

Queenship of Mary: Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary? For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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.



"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

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