

September 6, 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, September 7, 2020**

8:00 AM All Souls

**THURSDAY, September 10, 2020**

8:00 AM All Souls

**SUNDAY, September 13, 2020**

8:15 AM For All Parishioners

9:30 AM Gaetano, Agatha & Rosa Amato req. by Daughter/Sister, Maria Falsone

Santina Dentico req. by Gian & Lina Aiello

*Happy Labor Day*



**The Rectory will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. Have a happy - and safe - Holiday!**

**Our Lady of Pompeii Parish** Free Monthly Faith Enrichment Series 2020-2021, 7-8pm (Mass @6:30pm), 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086, 683-6522, [www.olpparish.com](http://www.olpparish.com). All are Welcome!

Monday, October 19, 2020 (Rev. Louis Klein) A HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN'S VIEW OF END OF LIFE MINISTERING & MEDICAL STAFF HEROISM.

Monday, November 16, 2020 (Rev. Peter Santandreu) DREAMING WITHOUT SLEEPING: The Human Need for Leisure. **Planning to attend? Please call the office so we can arrange social distancing.**



**The Sisters of St. Joseph Oktoberfest.** German homemade dinner - Drive-thru **SUNDAY, September 27, 2020 1:00pm – 3:00pm - St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church - 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga, NY**

(corner of Cleveland Dr. & Century) Call 759-6454 x 200 for tickets and more information.

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



## FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

**August 30, 2020**

Offertory .....	\$2,468.31
Shrines .....	\$ 44.02

## Assisting on the Altar September 13, 2020

**Lector: 8:15** Kate Mazzarini

9:30 Needed

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

8:15 Jim Devlin, Bob Esposito

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.** Soon we will be getting ready for our Faith Formation/ Religious Education classes to begin in a safe, person-to-person environment. Our opening classes will be on Sunday, September 20 from 9:30 to 10:45. We look forward to seeing our many students again. It has been a long time.



**Prayer during Coronavirus:** O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, We, your children of every nation, Turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, And obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

**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.



**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

Last weekend I noticed at Mass some parishioners whom I had not seen since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. It brought me a feeling of real joy to see them again at Mass. I know that we are living in scary times, and that just leaving one's house now may feel to many like it requires an act of courage. All I can do is assure them that the required social distancing, facial mask use, and sanitizing of the church is all in place, and is enforced. This is simply my responsibility to maintain a safe and prayerful environment where all are invited and welcome. I will continue to remind everyone of the necessity to wear their face mask properly, that is, covering both nose and mouth. It is a matter of Christian charity, of inconveniencing oneself out of care, concern and respect for one's neighbor. Anyone who would not wear a mask properly in these days of pandemic fear would seem to be exhibiting a callous disregard for their neighbor, which is contrary to why we come to church in the first place! In these troubled times, each of us has the real privilege of helping one another to find in church a peaceful place where we can commune with the Lord. Thank you for helping each other to venture back to Mass. This time of pandemic has the potential to help all of us realize our sheer dependence upon the Lord.

We are soon going to be celebrating milestones in the spiritual life of our children and young adults. The First Communions had originally been scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. And our young adults were to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation the day before, that is, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Due to the state-ordered closure of all houses of worship (and of most other businesses) during that period of time, these needed to be rescheduled. The new dates and times are as follows.

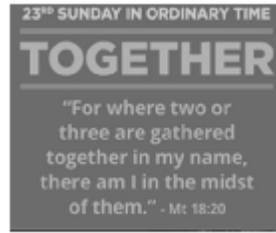
Bishop Scharfenberger, the Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese, has given pastors permission to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Therefore, I will have the privilege of Confirming our thirteen young adults (eleven from Holy Spirit and two from St. Margaret). The eleven from Holy Spirit will be Confirmed on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> at a 6:00pm Mass at Holy Spirit. This Confirmation Mass will follow the normal Saturday 4:00pm Mass. The two from St. Margaret will be Confirmed on Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am Mass at St. Margaret. In each case, each Confirmation Candidate can invite up to nine other family members and friends to come. This will allow us to remain in compliance with the 25% capacity limit.

There are two children from St. Margaret who will be receiving First Communion; and there are seven children from Holy Spirit. The two children from St. Margaret will make their First Communion at the Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Mass at St. Margaret. The seven children from Holy Spirit will make their First Communion at a 12:30pm Mass on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit. This Mass will follow the normal 11:00am Sunday Mass that day. Each First Communicant can invite up to fifteen other family members and friends to come. This will allow us to remain in compliance with the 25% capacity limit.

It is because of the larger number of both First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates from Holy Spirit that I had to add an additional Mass for these two Sacramental celebrations. I could not think of any other way to stay in compliance with the capacity limitations imposed by New York State. If there had been more candidates from St. Margaret, I would have had to have done the same thing, of course, since the seating capacity of our two parishes was shown to be almost the same when each was measured using the same diocesan standard of measurement.

I urge you to pray for the children who will soon receive Jesus in Eucharist. Pray that He always find in them a welcome home in which to dwell. And pray for our young adults soon to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, so that they may grow ever-stronger in faith, and be for us all a sign of hope in a world which so hungers for this hope.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

**A Vocation View.** Knowing what we are created for also means knowing what we are not created for. Deceiving ourselves to believe that our vocations are not from God would be utter foolishness, and leave us unfulfilled. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**Avoid Food Waste.** If you are either a gardener with homegrown produce to spare or someone in need of fresh vegetables or fruit, check out this site: [AmpleHarvest.org](http://AmpleHarvest.org). This is a nationwide directory of food banks that accept donations of fresh produce to distribute to their clients. Imagine sharing the abundance of your garden without covert zucchini drop-offs on your neighbor's doorstep!

**September always signals** a shift back to school and back to learning – whether in the classroom or virtually. If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact our Workforce and Education Services at 893-3500. Youth and adults in Erie and Niagara counties can access tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness, post-secondary school education planning and more. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org).

### I've learned....

... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world. *Andy Rooney*

### Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/  
Mt 18:15-20

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12  
[9]/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c  
[Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17  
[11]/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,  
23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/  
Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]  
Lk 6:43-49

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