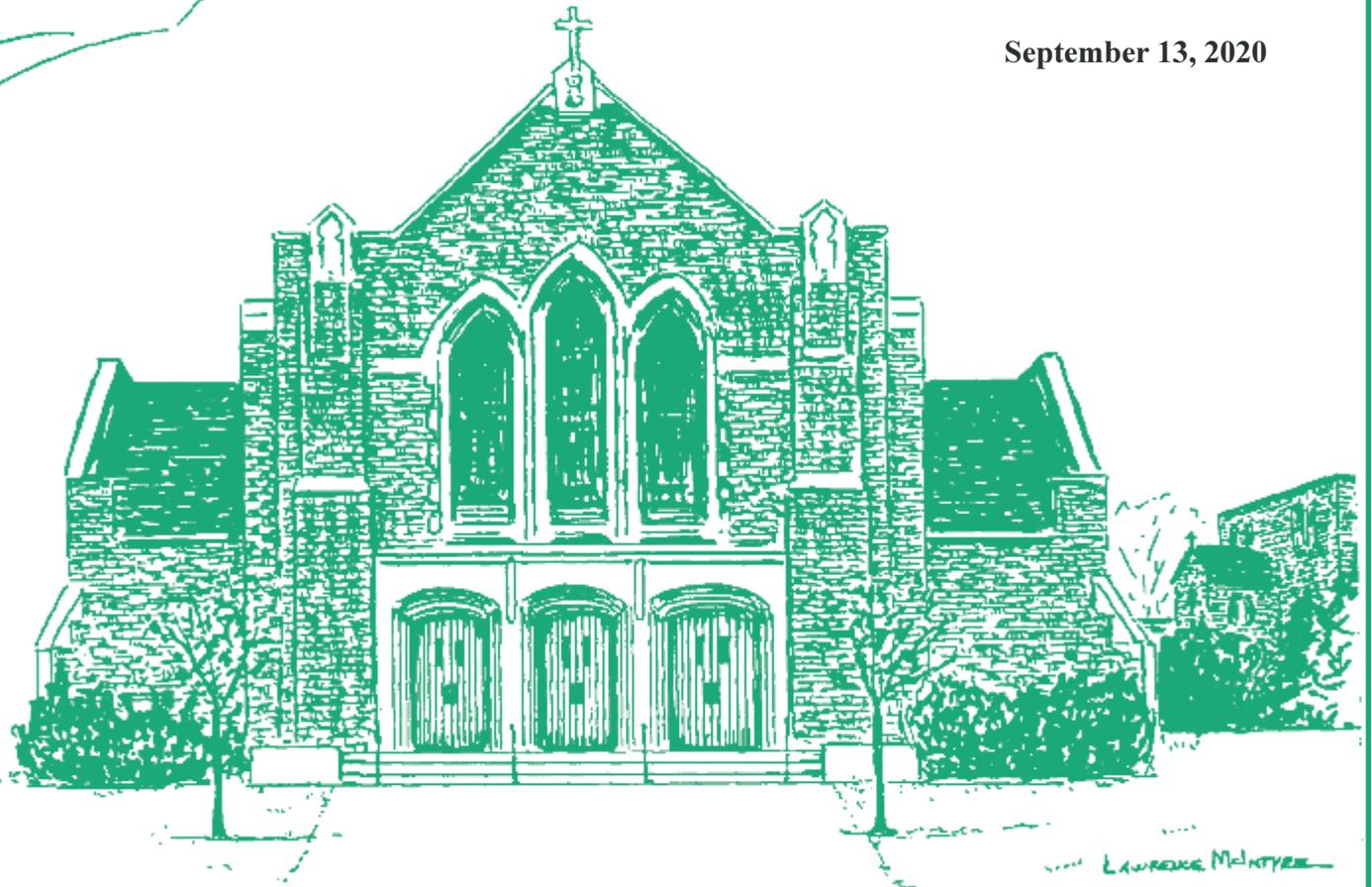


September 13, 2020



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 14, 2020

8:00 AM Marie Maritato - Anniversary of Death req. by Family

THURSDAY, September 17, 2020

8:00 AM Angela Bailey req. by Cavalieri & Bailey Families

SUNDAY, September 20, 2020

8:15 AM For All Parishioners

9:30 AM Padre Pio req. by Padre Pio Prayer Group



The **Blessed Mother Light** will glow this week in Birthday Remembrance for John Donaruma req. by Children

I've learned....

...That when your newly -born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

...That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

...That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult. *Andy Rooney*

A Prayer for Vocations. Dear Holy Spirit, please help those who hear Your call only as a whisper, that they may know that it is You calling them to service. May You fill those you call with the grace and courage to respond to Your whisper. I will pray, encourage and support those whom You have chosen for priestly vocations. *Amen*



The **second collection** this morning will be taken up for Christ the King Seminary (Formation). We appreciate your generous support.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

September 6, 2020 figures will be reported in the September 20 bulletin.

Assisting on the Altar September 20, 2020

Lector: 8:15 May Lou Cappellini

9:30 Rosemary O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Cheri Frank, Donna Steele

9:30 Anne Simon, 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. Next week Sunday, September 20th, we will begin our Religious Education classes. All of our teachers are prepared to welcome our students from Holy Spirit and St. Margaret's to another year of Faith Formation. Our theme this year is "See Jesus in others; Be Jesus to others". If you are not comfortable sending your child(ren) to classes, we can assure you that we are doing everything possible to insure everyone's safety. However, the choice is yours. If you choose to not send your children now, they may join us later in the year when you feel it is best. Let us do everything we can to foster the growth of our children's faith life!

If you haven't received registration forms, or would like them, please contact either rectory. Thank you



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!

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." Vincent Van Gogh

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Catholic Church arranges the Scripture readings for Sunday Mass in a cycle which repeats every three years. This year we are in Cycle "A," for example, next year, Cycle "B," then "C," and then "A" again, etc. So, over the course of three years of weekend Masses – plus the separate weekday cycle of readings which have one set of readings for even-numbered years and another set of readings for odd-numbered years – a fairly large amount of Scripture readings is offered for our reflection and sanctification. In addition, since the calendar year has 365 days normally, but a 52-week year of 7 days per week adds up to just 364 days, it is only very occasionally that a special day falls exactly as it did years ago.

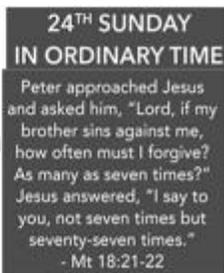
My Mom went home to God on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary in 1992. That year it was on a Saturday. This year, her 28th anniversary of death, it also fell on a Saturday, which made the day all the more poignant for me. Also, back in 1987, September 12th fell on a Saturday, as it does this year. September 12th is the Feast of Mary's Name Day, and it was on this day that Bishop Edward D. Head ordained me as a priest. It all comes back to my mind and soul because the Scripture readings for this weekend are the same as for my first Mass as a priest, 33 years ago. Then, as now, the clear message of the Scriptures is the timeless need to forgive and to be forgiven. Our world, wounded by sin and disease, may seem more divided than ever. Yet, as disciples of Jesus, we may recognize the opportunities that are uniquely ours to bring about healing. As a friend of mine once said, the question is not so much, "What would Jesus do?" It is rather, "I know what Jesus would do. What will I do?"

If I were to be asked what the priesthood has been like, based on these past 33 years, I think I would say that it has been a lot more work than I could have ever imagined. I am absolutely confident – by the way – that married couples, single Catholics, and nuns would say the same of their vocation. And I also would then immediately add that it has also been an experience of God's grace and of human goodness, both of which far surpass anything I could have ever begun to imagine back in 1987. Most days pass rather quickly (it is 12:15am as I am writing this article); but each day offers a grace, a gift for which I can only offer God my gratitude.

This weekend's second collection was originally designated for Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora. Although I myself never studied there, I did teach a course there for a couple of years, many years ago. Now that the seminary in East Aurora has been closed, our Buffalo seminarians are studying in Baltimore, at St. Mary's Seminary. So this annual second collection will now continue to support Seminarian and Diaconate Formation for our diocese, wherever that formation takes place.

I hope and pray that all who are called to the Priesthood will have some of the same experience I have had both of God's mercy and of the goodness of parishioners. And I am confident that they will, and of far more, for God is good, and so are all, made in God's image.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A Vocation View. God our Father forgives us with open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

A Moment with St. Marguerite d'Youville. *"All the wealth of the world does not come near the joy of living in close union with one another...to be of one heart and soul, to honor and serve each other."* St. Marguerite d'Youville



If we focus on living in harmony with creation and those around us, happiness finds us. Re-think your definition of what it means to be **wealthy**, not by the world's standards, but by God's. Rejoice in your non-monetary riches: Faith, hope, and love.

Learn more about St. Marguerite d'Youville and the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart: www.GreyNun.org



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.

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/

Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

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