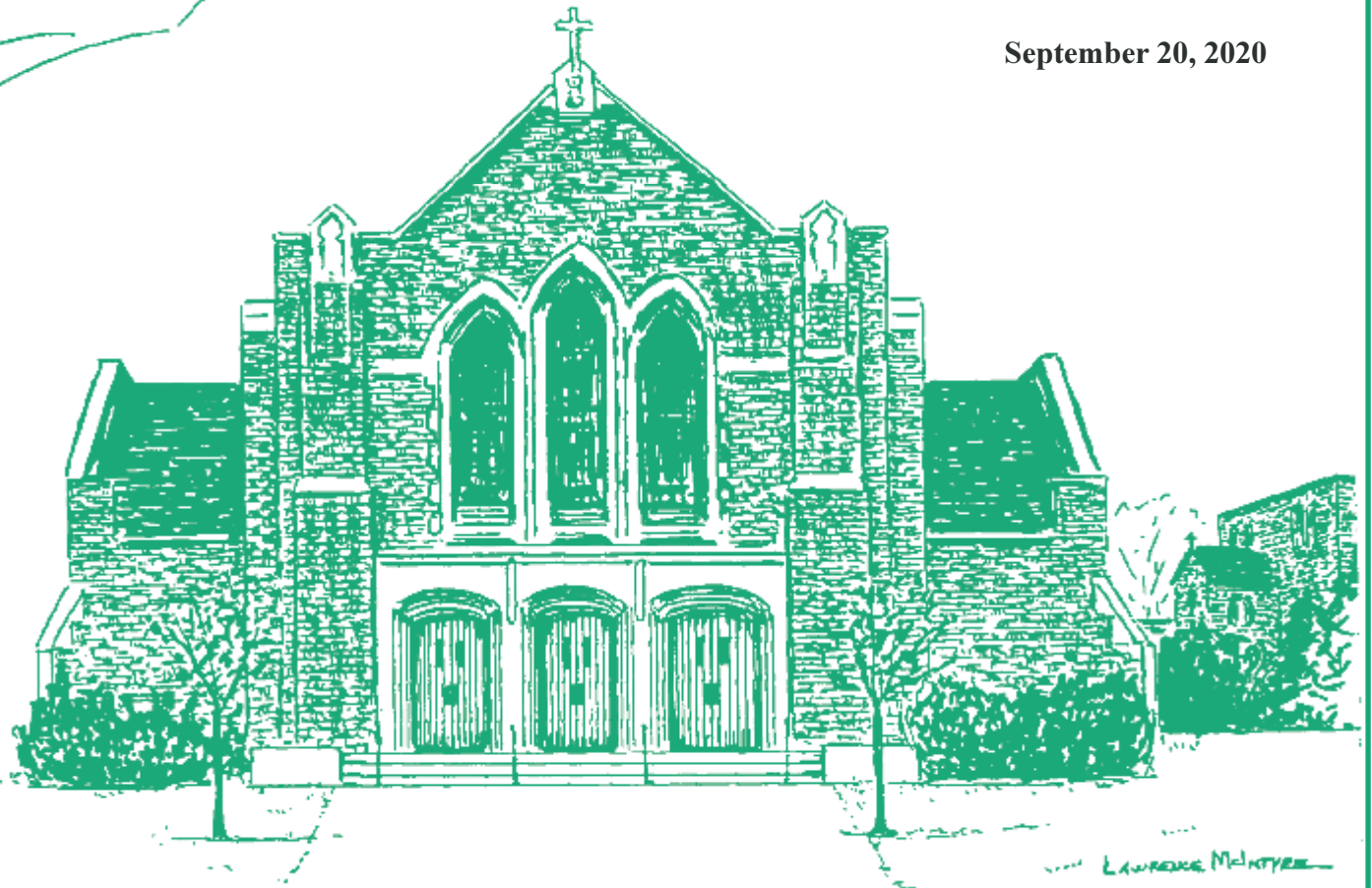


September 20, 2020



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 21, 2020

8:00 AM Annie Gertrude & Patrick J. Dowdall
req. by Estate

THURSDAY, September 24, 2020

8:00 AM Rosaria Tornambe req. by Estate

SUNDAY, September 27, 2020

8:15 AM James Cassata req. by Ed & Cyndi Wittmann
9:30 AM Giuseppe, Antonina & Prospero Tabone req. by
Concetta Tabone



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

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.



Today's **second collection** is for "Catch-Up Sunday". This is a chance to make up any collections you may have missed up to this point.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

September 6, 2020

Offertory	\$2,764.81
Monthly	\$ 760.41
Shrines	\$ 20.56
Electronic Giving	\$ 515.00

September 13, 2020

Offertory	\$2,414.60
Christ the King Seminary	\$ 278.31
Shrines	\$ 32.40
Electronic Giving	\$ 40.00

Assisting on the Altar September 27, 2020

Lector: **8:15** Dan Szyklinski
9:30 Needed

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Jim Devlin, Kate Mazzarini
9:30 , Maria Garozzo-Payne, Sr. Karen Marie

"We are not meant to be breaking each other down; we are meant to be building each other up." Meghan Markel

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 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

OPEN HOUSE: All middle school students and families are invited to visit Cardinal O'Hara High School, at any of three open house tours, from 4 to 8 pm Thursday Oct. 1 and Friday Oct. 2 and 9 am to 1 pm Sunday, Oct. 4. To keep social distance guidelines, this year's Open House will be by appointment only. Families may register on our website, Cardinalohara.com, social media platforms or call the Admissions Office at 695-2600 ext. 357. Families will go on a guided tour of the building, meet faculty from each department and learn all about why "You Belong Here" at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Visitors will explore everything O'Hara has to offer, from the core curriculum, fine arts, engineering, music, and world languages programs, to our sports, clubs, and Culinary Institute.



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

How old were you when you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? What do you remember about your Confirmation ceremony? When I was growing up (I use the term loosely, since I have stood at 5' 7 1/2" for many years now), we were Confirmed at the age of twelve. In my case, the Sunday on which my class of Religious Education students received Confirmation happened to fall on my 12th birthday. I remember only that the girls in my class rented white robes, while the boys rented red robes for the Confirmation Mass. I think the Confirming bishop was one of our auxiliary bishops, Bishop Benincasa, though I am not absolutely certain. What I do remember is that on that very day, for the first time in my life, I felt myself rather suddenly, abruptly, being called to Priesthood. Granted, I was only 12 years old, but that same day of my Confirmation coincided with my awareness of a vocation to become a priest. Since being ordained as a priest in 1987, I have celebrated Mass over 12,000 times, as well as presided at countless Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Some of the most meaningful and memorable moments I have ever experienced have all been connected in one way or another to being a priest. In other words, although I may not remember very much of the actual ceremony of Confirmation (after all, for me at least, being 12 years old was quite a long time ago), the vast majority of my most powerful memories are a direct result of that Confirmation day on April 16, 1972 when we as Catholics celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon us and within us to dwell.

So maybe the question I should have asked you is not so much what you remember about your Confirmation ceremony, but rather what you can see – in retrospect – as the direct result of that day's Gifts of the Holy Spirit showered upon you and poured within you? For those who are called to married life, can you trace some of the Spirit's movement leading you to marriage? Do you marvel at times at the love, acceptance, encouragement and support you have found in your spouse? If you have children, does their beauty, uniqueness, giftedness, even their neediness, speak to you of the Holy Spirit who dwells within you and within them? For those who are called to single life, do you perceive the clear actions, both gentle and powerful, of the Holy Spirit in guiding your life's journey? If hindsight is, as we say, 20/20 vision, how clearly are your decisions of occupation, love and friendship, family and friends, and commitment to Church and service a direct result of your openness to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit received on that day of your Confirmation, however recent or long ago? And for those who are called to religious life, when did you know that the Spirit Whom you received in fullness on the day of your Confirmation was leading you to a consecrated life of community, charity, prayer and service, to be a changeless witness of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in our ever-changing world?

St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "The Spirit the Lord has given us is no cowardly Spirit, but rather of power and love and self-control." This is the Spirit Whom these 11 young adults from Holy Spirit will receive this coming Saturday at Holy Spirit at their Confirmation Mass at 6:00pm. This is the Spirit Whom these 2 young adults from St. Margaret will receive this coming Sunday at St. Margaret at the 9:30am Mass. Pray for them, and for their Sponsors. Pray that their hearts be open to the Lord's powerful Presence in their lives. Just as we could never have imagined all that the Holy Spirit would inspire in us and through us, so too does that same Holy Spirit have the power, gentleness and loving wisdom to create the world anew through these 13 young men and women through the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming weekend. Faith shall enable us to see through them the answer to this age-old prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth." Amen!



25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."
- Mt 20:15-16

A Vocation View. We make many choices in life. The most important choice we must make is whether we will follow God's voice or one of the many other misleading ones. We cannot choose both! Which will you choose? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Good and Evil. If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved. ©LPi



Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/
Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35,
44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,
163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and
17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and
17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45



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