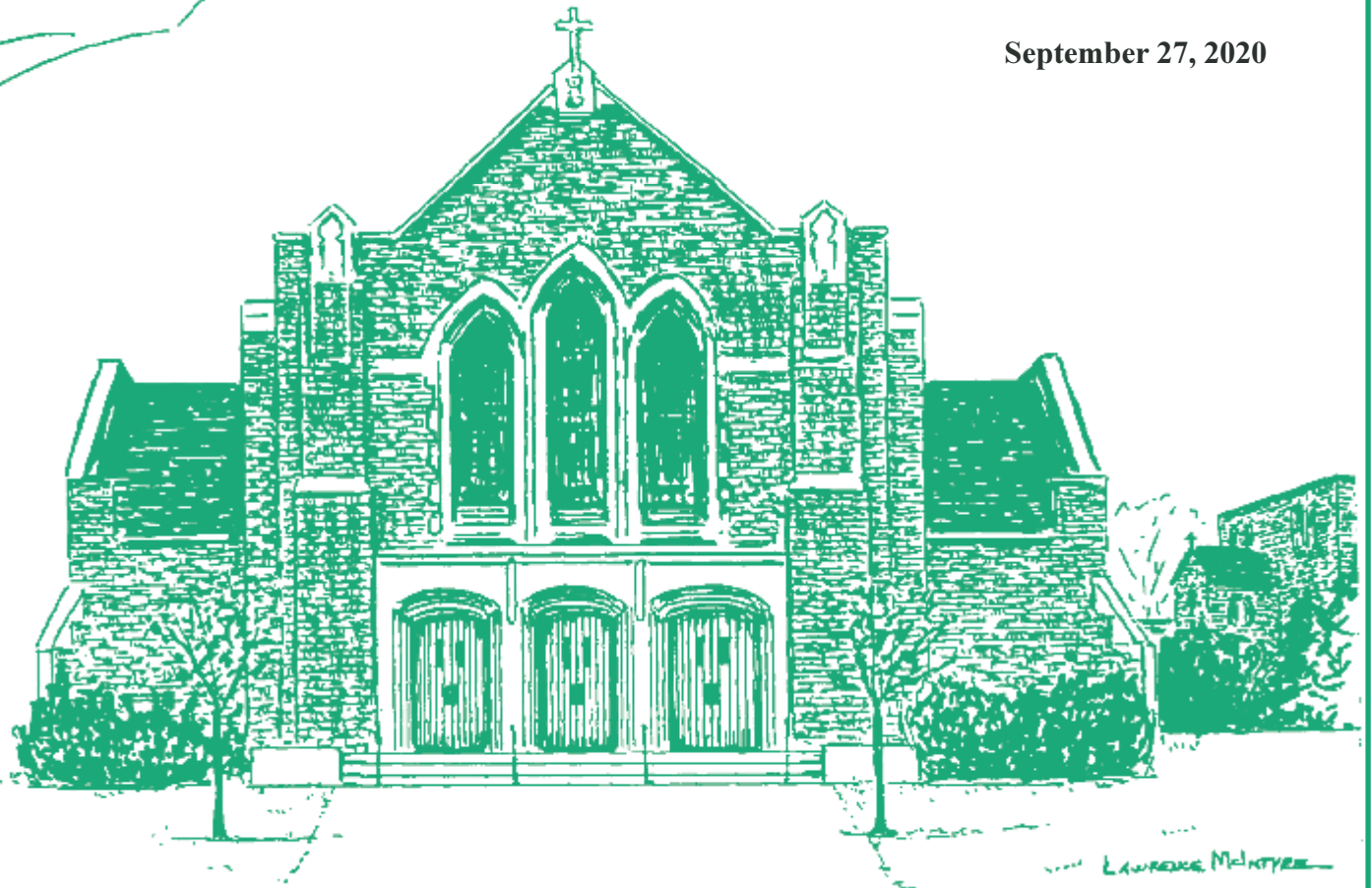


September 27, 2020



# 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  
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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, September 28, 2020**

8:00 AM All Souls

**THURSDAY, October 1, 2020**

8:00 AM Edward Lewczyk req. by Family

**SUNDAY, October 4, 2020**

8:15 AM Evie McDonald req. by Mary Lou Cappellini

Andrea Pizzuto-Fink req. by Family

9:30 AM Vincenzo Tabone, First Anniversary of Death

req. by Wife, Josephine, & Family

Anna Granelli req. by Michael Genco



**A "Thank You".** The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are grateful for the continued generosity from our fellow parishioners to the Dining Room at St. Vincent de Paul on Main St. We are also thankful to those that donated their refund money from the Fish Fry to our treasury. Without your support we could not do the work we do, so 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](http://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.

## FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

**September 20, 2020**

Offertory .....	\$3,279.48
Shrines .....	\$ 37.45
Electronic Giving .....	\$ 110.00

## Assisting on the Altar October 4, 2020

**Lector: 8:15** Kate Mazzarini

9:30 Rosemary O'Connell

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**8:15** Larry Brooks, Cheri Frank

**9:30** Anne Simon, Sr. Karen Marie

**Parish Outreach Ministry.** Our 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.** Congratulations to our Confirmation students and their sponsors and parents. Our candidates were confirmed in the Holy Spirit by Fr. Joe this weekend: John Colleran and Lorenzo LoTempio.

May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with his gifts that they may truly walk as disciples of Jesus.

**The Tradition of Genuflection.** Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus. ©LPi

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

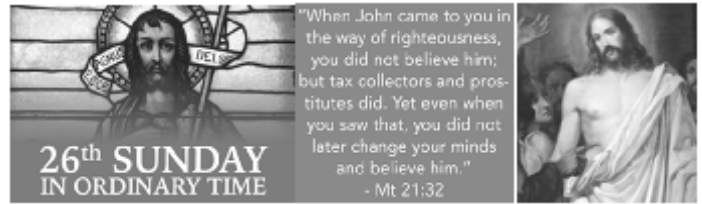
When Bishop Richard Malone retired last year as Bishop of the Buffalo Diocese, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger (the Bishop of Albany) was named as the Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese until such time as a new Bishop of Buffalo will be appointed by Pope Francis. Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic in March, Bishop Scharfenberger has been utilizing technology as a way to reach out to the laity and clergy and religious of our diocese, since the more traditional way of large gatherings of people for in-person presentations is not possible at the present time.

Last weekend all priests of the diocese were requested to read a letter from Bishop Scharfenberger at all Masses in all parishes of the Diocese of Buffalo. In his letter, he announced a process he calls the Road to Renewal. During the previous week, he had already invited the priests of the diocese to participate in Zoom sessions which were arranged by vicariates, that is, by geographical regions of our diocese. The Zoom session in which I participated was for our vicariate, Northwest Buffalo and Central Buffalo, as well as for a vicariate in the Southern Tier. In this Zoom session, the bishop spoke for about half an hour in outlining his rationale for this Road to Renewal, with his presentation then being followed by small group Zoom sessions. These small group session participants were then asked to share their thoughts on the bishop's presentation as well as to air any questions or concerns or clarifications which seemed necessary to them. I believe there were 35 priests in the Zoom session in which I had been invited to participate; and the entire session was about one and a half hours from start to finish.

The next step of this process is to invite the laity of our diocese to participate in the Road to Renewal via Zoom sessions with Bishop Scharfenberger. The Zoom session in which our vicariate (region) is invited to participate is this Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:30pm. The bishop wants to know “the needs, concerns and hopes that you have for the Faith communities” in our area of the diocese. The link to join the conversation will be on the parish website as well as the Diocese of Buffalo website or at [www.roadtorenewal.org](http://www.roadtorenewal.org) for those of you who wish to learn more. Look for the box that corresponds with our date (October 1<sup>st</sup>) and then click on the N.W. Buffalo button to join the Zoom gathering. Some may prefer sending an e-mail to [renewal@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:renewal@buffalodiocese.org) outlining your thoughts on renewing our Catholic Church's mission and ministry. For those who prefer to use the phone rather than the computer/internet, you can still participate via the phone number associated with this Zoom session.

Also, I congratulate the young men and women who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. These thirteen young adults from our two parishes are inviting the Holy Spirit to dwell within them, to inspire them, to act through them, and to change their world – our world – into a place where all are recognized as brothers and sisters on a shared journey home to God. Pray for them. Pray that they know and trust the plans God has in mind for them.

And, finally, since next weekend we will be thinking of St. Francis of Assisi (whose feast day is October 4<sup>th</sup>), there will be a blessing of cats and “dogs” (Rev prefers to be called a “canine companion”) on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Holy Spirit's Dakota Avenue parking lot, at 6:00pm. Humans should come wearing masks, but the feline and canine companions are exempt...



**A Vocation View.** We are told to “fight the good fight,” and to “run the race.” This makes it clear that the will of God must be pursued with desire, passion, and commitment. Our vocations then, are not to be taken lightly, but pursued wholeheartedly. 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!



**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.

**Dash's Store Receipts.** We are still accepting Dash's store receipts as a fundraiser for our parish. Donation boxes are located at the parking lot and Hertel Ave. entrances to the Church. Thank you for your support!



### Readings for the week of September 27, 2020

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/  
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/  
Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13,  
14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/  
Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6,  
10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,  
125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24



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Father Joe

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