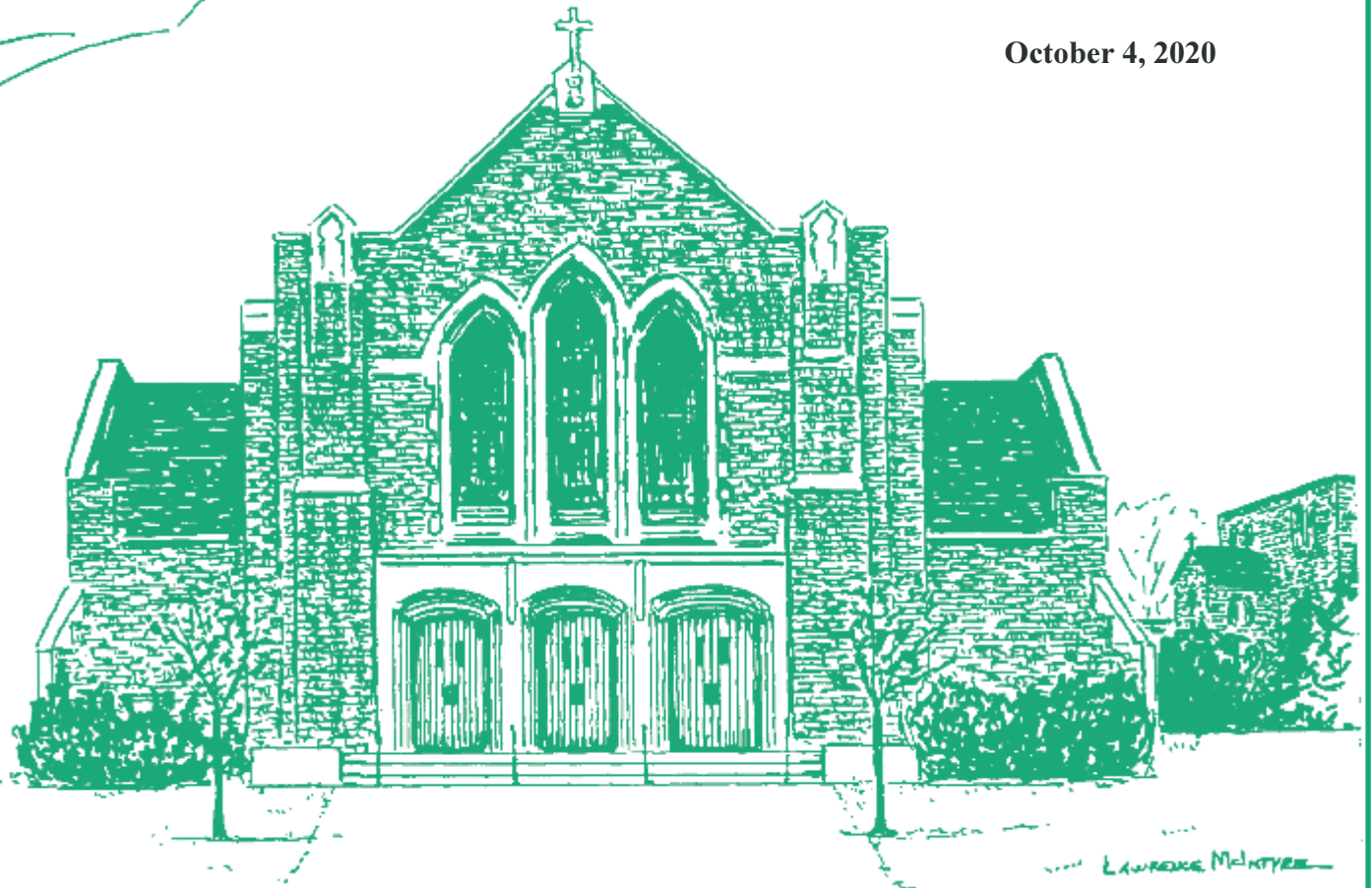


October 4, 2020



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, October 5, 2020

8:00 AM Communion Service (Sister Karen Marie)

THURSDAY, October 8, 2020

8:00 AM Communion Service (Sister Karen Marie)

SUNDAY, October 11, 2020

8:15 AM Joseph & Grace Campiere and Nancy Savarino
req. by Family

James Cassata req. by Ed & Cyndi Wittmann

9:30 AM Serina Picone req. by Sisters, Mary & Mili
Picone



You Are Invited. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to extend an invitation to fellow parishioners to attend our monthly meeting on Nov. 5th at 7pm by ZOOM to see who we are and what we do. Certainly, things are more challenging now but the need in the community hasn't stopped. Contact Cheri Frank (864-0064) if interested. As our founder Frederic Ozanam said "In my life I want to become better and do a little good".

"And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and Autumn has awakened." Raquel Franco



The **second collection** today is the monthly offering for repairs and upkeep of our church and property. We thank you for your generous support of our parish.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

September 27, 2020

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| Offertory | \$3,108.36 |
| Shrines | \$ 35.05 |

Assisting on the Altar October 11, 2020

Lector: **8:15** Mary Lou Cappellini

9:30 Needed

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Jim Devlin, Donna Steele

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. Today our First Communion parents are meeting for a final preparation before First Communion. We are hoping to remember how important the Eucharistic celebration is in our lives as individual believers and as a Church. The listening to God's Word, our praying for mercy and for the needs of others, the offering of ourselves, the receiving of the gift of Christ Himself, and the transformation of hearts and lives through the power of the Holy Spirit are so essential to our daily lives. Where else would we get the strength, courage, and power to sustain us each day?

Our children, 9 from Holy Spirit, and 2 from St. Margaret, have been waiting to come to the Table of the Lord. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our first classes have been a joy-filled experience for our teachers and students. They are carefully following the guidelines of mask wearing and social distancing. More importantly, they are thoughtful, respectful children who seem happy to see old friends and welcome others into our faith-sharing classes. Thank you to all of the parents who make this possible.

Virtual meat raffle. The Home School Association at Cardinal O'Hara High School will host a Virtual Meat Raffle on Facebook on Friday, Oct. 16. The event will begin at 7pm and at 7:15pm the first spin will start. Tickets are \$45 which includes entry into each of the 15 rounds and the grand finale. Only 250 spots on Facebook will be available. A 50/50 raffle and a freezer bag raffle with a \$100 gift certificate to Pellicano Meats will also be featured. Payment options include Venmo, check, cash or call the school at 695-2600, ext. 311. Proceeds will benefit the students and their programs. For tickets or information, call Renee, 695-2600, ext. 311 or rorr@cardinalohara.com.

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.



A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

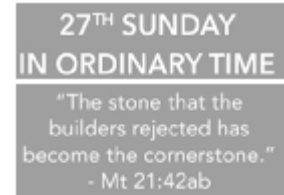
The sacrament of Holy Orders is always in the plural because it has three levels: deacon, priest and bishop. It is so-named because this sacrament is for providing order or structure or harmony among the faithful. Societies large and small depend upon some sort of ordering for humanity to thrive and prosper. The Roman Catholic Church today counts over one billion members worldwide, and so it is not surprising that Jesus would have provided some structuring in terms of the Apostles and the Sacraments. The North American College in Rome is owned by the bishops of the United States. During my five years studying there in the mid-1980's many bishops and cardinals stayed there while they were visiting Rome or the Vatican. Some of the American bishops today are graduates of the North American College. Personally, I cannot imagine the weight of responsibility which being a bishop today must require. It is more than enough for me to share responsibility with you for two parishes as we live through the novel coronavirus pandemic and all the uncertainty and upheaval it has brought into our lives. Yet, last weekend I did have one experience which is normally reserved to a bishop, and that was the privilege of celebrating Confirmation with our young adults. Our students were originally to have been Confirmed by Bishop Grosz in early May, but it had to be postponed as all churches throughout New York State had by then been ordered closed to public celebrations due to the pandemic.

What I found striking about the opportunity to Confirm our twelve young men and women (ten from Holy Spirit and two from St. Margaret) was first of all their sincerity as they approached this sacrament of spiritual maturity in Christ. The ten from Holy Spirit were Confirmed last Saturday at Holy Spirit at a 6:00pm Mass. The two from St. Margaret were Confirmed last Sunday at the 9:30am Mass at St. Margaret. Even their choice of a Confirmation name – Anthony, Francis, Katherine, Lucy, to name a few – was striking. They chose the name of some of our most revered saints, saints who will be both their model and guide as they embark on the road of Catholic life in Jesus Christ. I was also struck by the simplicity of the sacrament. In essence, they professed with us the faith of the Church, and then each presented himself/herself by their chosen Confirmation name, as their Sponsor stood nearby. As is true in each of the seven sacraments, there are two aspects present: that which is seen and heard as well as that which is neither seen nor heard but which is present through the gift of faith, and that is the presence of the Lord himself. While I never expect to be the celebrant of Confirmation for a class of candidates again (since the pandemic should by then have passed, hopefully), still, I am grateful for having been given this experience this year. It made me more aware of the sheer mystery of the workings of the Lord's Spirit as we offer ourselves in service, and commit ourselves to be partners in the Lord's vineyard – that is, the world – and the ongoing work of evangelization, of sharing (and living) the Gospel – the Good News – of Jesus Christ.

Thanks in part to the Confirmation celebrations, the attendance at each parish (for the entire weekend, not just at the Confirmation Masses) was the highest it has been since churches were allowed to reopen. The attendance at Holy Spirit was 280, and the attendance at St. Margaret was 175. But, again, for your peace of mind, these numbers represent the figures from *all* the weekend Masses, so that each particular Mass was well below the mandatory capacity limit in place throughout New York State. And I am grateful to all our volunteers who helped to sanitize the church (as required during the pandemic) after each Mass.

Next weekend we will celebrate another milestone in the spiritual journey as our children make their First Communions. This also was to have taken place in May, but had to be postponed due to the pandemic. There are a total of nine children receiving Eucharist for the first time next Sunday (seven at Holy Spirit and two at St. Margaret). Please pray for them and for their families on this joyous day.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A Vocation View. “If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts.” Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious? 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!

A Moment with St. Marguerite d’Youville. “Every day I marvel at Divine Providence...it provides for everything.” *St. Marguerite d’Youville*
Worry much?

St. Marguerite experienced firsthand the words of Mt. 6: 25-34, “seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” Her belief in Divine Providence sustained her through many times of scarcity. Recall a time you have been graced from an unknown source during a time of need. Be a source of divine providence in someone else’s life.

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

Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

[Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
[24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/
Lk 11:27-28

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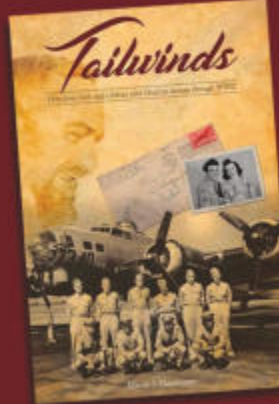
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