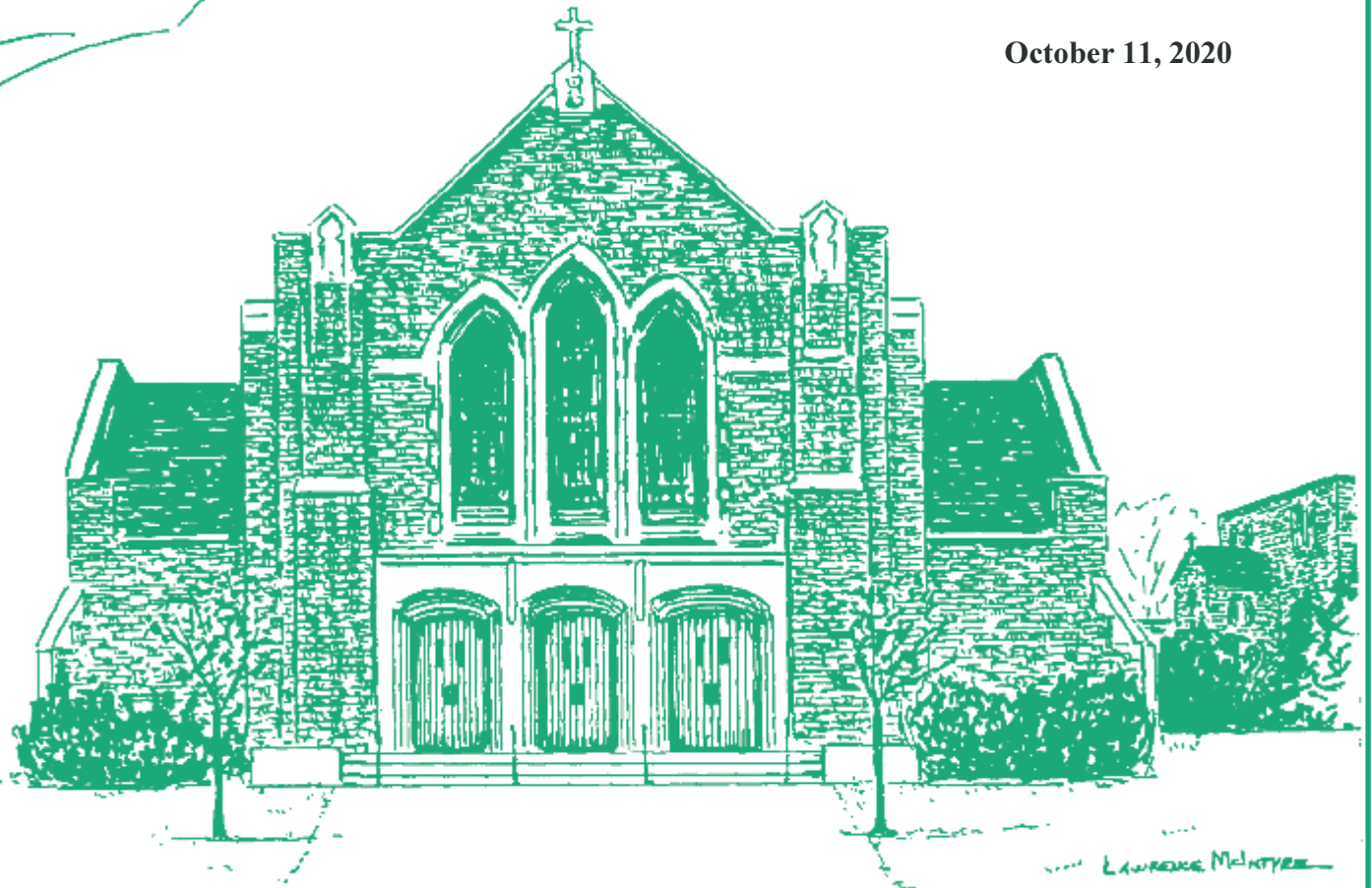


October 11, 2020



st. margaret's parish news

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Sr. Karen Marie, GNSH, Pastoral Associate (Phone 331-8846).

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 12, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, October 15, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, October 18, 2020

8:15 AM Jayne Cooley req. by Barbra Cooley
James Cassata req. by Ed & Cyndi Wittmann
9:30 AM Clara Guerra req. by Michael Guerra, Sr.
Theresa Passafiume req. by Sr. Karen Marie Voltz, GNSH



The Rectory will be closed Monday, October 12 for the Holiday. Have a Happy, Healthy weekend!

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute's annual **Fall Open House is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 & Monday, October 19.** The event is pre-registration only, with limited capacity. Parents may reserve a time slot at sjci.com or 716-874-4953.



USCCB-Word of Life: The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel." (EV 2)

The **second collection** this morning will be taken up to benefit Respect Human Life causes. We thank you for your support of these very important ministries - and for your prayers.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP October 4, 2020

Offertory	\$3,639.50
Monthly	\$ 823.58
Shrines	\$ 23.17
Electronic Giving	\$ 515.00

Assisting on the Altar October 18, 2020

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

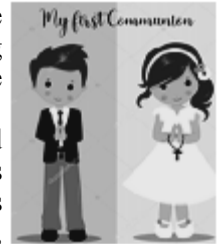
8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini, Kate Mazzarini
9:30 Paul Shea, Sr. Karen Marie

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. Blessed be the God who has called the following children to the Table of the Lord for the first time: Sophia and Sawyer Deacon.

The Eucharist makes the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist. All of us become one Body in Christ. May all of us be renewed in our love of the Eucharist, the gift of Christ Himself.



Help Wanted. Do you know someone looking for a job? Due to the fact that we never closed our doors during the COVID-19 restrictions and continued our donation collection efforts, the overwhelming generosity of our community has allowed us to be able to offer immediate employment in our warehouse at 1298 Main Street, Buffalo.

We are working with Janice M. Arrington, Director of Administrative Services & Support at CAREER CONNECTION NETWORK to fill these driver and worker seasonal positions.

If you know of someone who is interested, please have them contact Janice at 716-630-7008

Thank you on behalf of the Society and the person you help find employment!

HOPE IN THE DARKNESS: Depression & Suicide in a Pandemic - October 28th 6:30pm.

Are you or someone you know suffering from anxiety or depression in these Covid days?

Don't know where to turn for emotional or spiritual help? Help parishioners cope and manage their mental health with their Catholic faith. Join Catholic psychotherapist Dan Lawson Live and Livestreaming Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 6:30-8pm at St. Martin of Tours 1140 Abbott Rd. Buffalo 14220.

Q & A will be offered. This event is FREE; Live-by-registration-call 823-7077 and Livestreaming on St. Martin of Tours Buffalo Facebook. For more info contact Dawn Iacono diacono@stmartinbuffalo.com or see www.stmartinbuffalo.com

"Compassion for the mother is extremely important but is never sewed through destroying the innocent." Randy Alcorn, Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Our Director of Religious Education, Miss Karen Adamski, had suggested that this weekend should be the date for the First Communion celebrations that had to be rescheduled (from the originally-planned date of May 2nd). Her reasoning was that the Scriptural readings at Mass today were particularly well-suited for celebrating the first time our children would be receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist. The foresight and wisdom of her choice of dates can be appreciated by all of us, whether this be the first time for receiving Jesus in Eucharist, or the thousandth time.

From Isaiah we hear, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines..." From St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians we hear, "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me." And Jesus in the Gospel according to St. Matthew says, "I have prepared my banquet...everything is ready; come to the feast."

Nearly forty years ago, as a first-year theologian student in Rome, I and two classmates flew from Rome to Greece for Holy Week and Easter vacation. I had checked the tourist brochures before making the flight reservations so as to be sure there was a Roman Catholic church on the island we intended to visit. However, I had failed to realize that it was open only during the tourist season, and that it would still be closed when we arrived. So one of my memories from that holiest time of the year was how much I missed and hungered for the Eucharist. The above words from this weekend's Scripture readings particularly spoke to me. The Eucharist is a feast, a banquet, and prepares us for living in times of abundance, and in times of need.

In thirty-three years of priesthood, I have celebrated Mass approximately 12,045 times. Anyone who attends Mass daily over the course of thirty-three years has also received Jesus in Eucharist about 12,045 times. Should an 80-year-old have attended Mass each Sunday, he or she will have received Jesus in Eucharist approximately 3,960 times. On the other hand, I remember reading the real-life story of a young man in Germany who was studying for the priesthood, but who was dying. His bishop came to the hospital to ordain him on his deathbed. The young man was able to celebrate Mass just once, and then died. I cannot imagine the genuine FEAST that he must have experienced in that singular celebration of Mass! AND when his eyes were opened into Eternity...

Those days of Holy Week and Easter long ago in Greece stand out for me because of how much I longed for Eucharist when there was no place for me to go for Mass. The first few months of the coronavirus pandemic made so many aware of their hunger for Jesus in Eucharist. These nine children who today make their First Communion – seven from Holy Spirit and two from St. Margaret – have been hungering, waiting, for this day to arrive when they can receive Jesus in Eucharist for the very first time! Pray for them, that this be the first of thousands and thousands of times they share in the banquet of Christ's Body and Blood, becoming more like the One they are receiving each time. And we should pray for one another – and for ourselves – that the Holy Spirit stir our hearts and minds and souls with a renewed sense of awe and sentiment of love as we welcome Jesus into our very selves, that we too may become more like His very self.



A Vocation View. Whether we realize it or not, countless blessings are being bestowed upon us. Our very existence is itself a gift. How grateful are we for our blessings? How can we live out our appreciation? Perhaps we can do this by answering the Lord when He calls upon us. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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.



An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Right Answer. During his children's sermon, the assistant pastor asked the kids, "What is gray, has a bushy tail, and gathers nuts in the fall?"

One five-year-old raised his hand, "I know the answer should be Jesus," he began, "but it sounds like a squirrel to me." ©LP

Readings for the week of October 11, 2020

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/ Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/ Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/ Lk 12:8-12



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• Now available on Amazon. Search "Tailwinds" in Books.

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