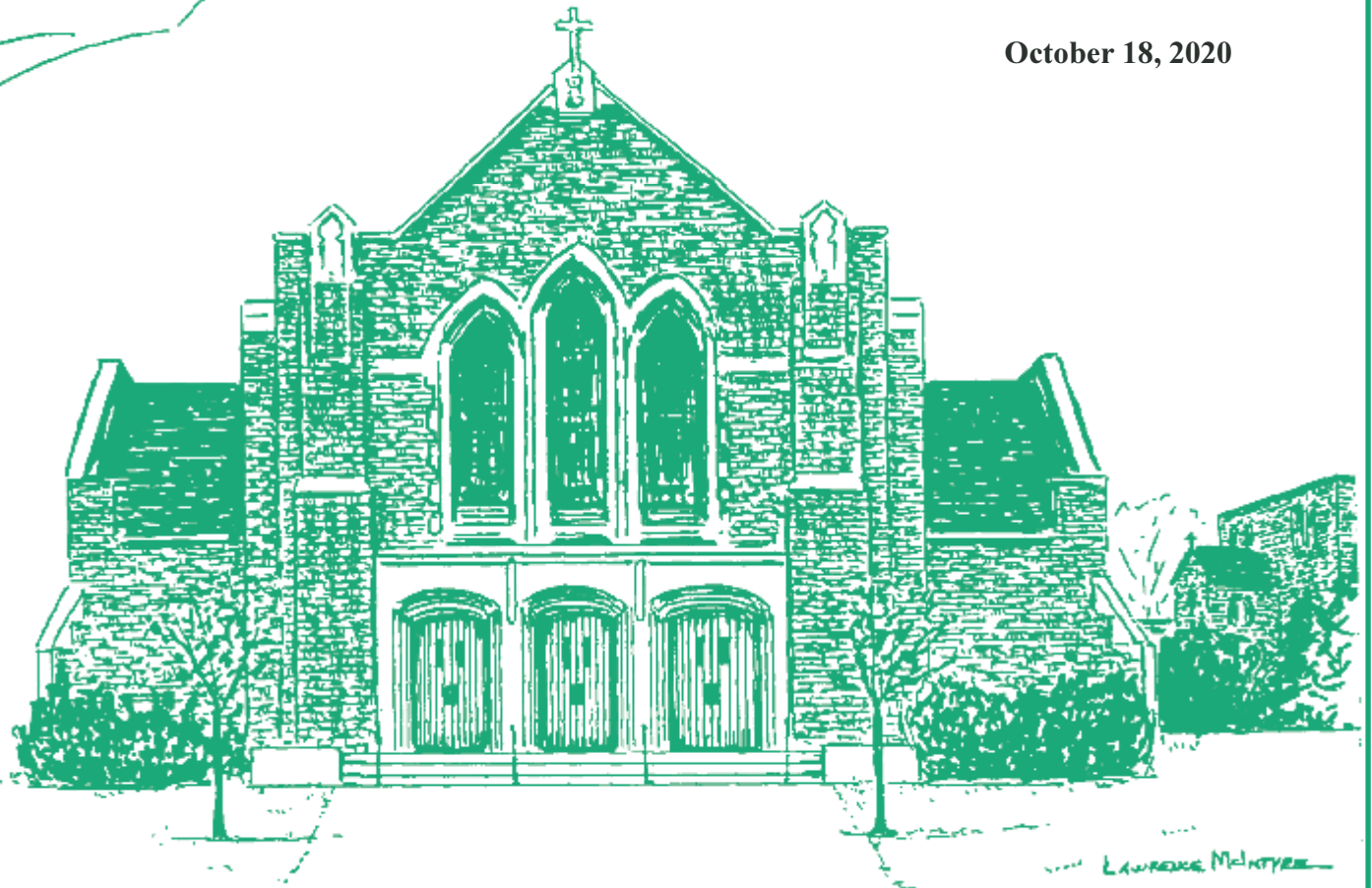


October 18, 2020



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 19, 2020

8:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, October 22, 2020

8:00 AM Communion Service

SUNDAY, October 25, 2020

8:15 AM Harold Lucas req. by Wife Shirley, and Children

Patrick Kirwan req. by Rick & JoEllen Cronin

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Padre Pio Prayer Group req by Padre Pio Prayer Group Vincenzo, Gaetana & Angelo Piraino req. by Cosima & Angela Piraino

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.

"Autumn is a second Spring when every leaf is a flower." Albert Camus

This morning's second collection will be taken up for World Mission Sunday. Please be as generous as you are able.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP October 11, 2020

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Offertory (\$2,762.81), Respect Human Life (\$253.00), Shrines (\$22.45), and Electronic Giving (\$40.00).

Assisting on the Altar October 25, 2020

Lector: 8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini 9:30 Needed

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Bob Esposito, Jim Devlin 9:30 Maria Garozzo-Payne, 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. Today we are happy to meet with the parents of children in 2nd Grade who are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and the parents of our 3rd graders who are preparing for the sacrament of Eucharist. After our joint meeting we will have the Rite of Enrollment at the 11:00 Mass. These meetings are important for the parents so that they have a better understanding of the meaning of these sacraments, and how they are so needed in preparing their child for the sacraments. Our faith is a vital part of living each day as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Next week the teachers will be exploring with the children guidelines on how to keep safe through the "Protecting God's Children Program" that is used and prescribed for all students in Catholic schools and religion programs throughout the nation. Keeping our children safe from harm is of utmost importance.

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

USCCB-Word of Life: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." -Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Many years ago, I came across a fascinating photo. It had been taken by someone traveling by train across Communist China, perhaps in the 1950's. While religion remains under government control in China today, it was severely so back then. The photographer – whom I believe was from the Western world – described feeling compelled and inspired at that precise moment to take a picture out the train window as it sped along through apparently ordinary and rugged countryside. In those days, of course, photos could not be seen until the film was developed, unlike today's more familiar digital cameras. So it was that sometime later, after developing the film into photographs, he saw in that particular photo that which very clearly resembled the face of Jesus. It was striking because: (a) he remembered feeling the inspiration to use his camera at that moment; (b) he also remembered seeing nothing at the time but desolate countryside; and (c) though he was a believer in Christ, he was well aware that China at that time was severely restricting the practice of Christianity. In today's Gospel passage at Mass, Jesus asks the Pharisees and Herodians, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" But what if, in a veiled yet profound way, the image of Jesus – of God – is stamped indelibly on His creation?

The image of Jesus Christ was very clearly evident last weekend as nine children celebrated their First Communions, two at St. Margaret's and seven at Holy Spirit. Originally scheduled for this past May, we had to reschedule them due to the state-mandated closure of churches (and most other enterprises) due to the advent of the coronavirus pandemic at that time. And although the pandemic continues to grip our world, we are doing our utmost at Holy Spirit and at St. Margaret to maintain public health and safety while at the same time offering at least some semblance of normalcy, even if it be a "new-normal." Due to the larger number of children from Holy Spirit who were receiving Eucharist for the first time, as well as their invited family members and friends, I added a 12:30 Mass at Holy Spirit last weekend, to ensure that state-regulated occupancy limitations would be observed. This strategy worked well. The total weekend attendance at all St. Margaret Masses last weekend was 178, and the total weekend attendance at all Holy Spirit Masses last weekend was 299. Yet, each Mass at each parish was well below the maximum-allowed capacity; all were wearing masks properly; and all were socially distanced from non-family-member households.

It was beautiful to experience the reverence with which the children approached their First Communion with Jesus in Eucharist. I am grateful to their parents and families for sharing our faith with their children, who comprise not only our Church's future, but also our present. Also, I am sincerely grateful to Miss Karen Adamski, Mrs. Julie Schwartzott, Miss Rose Amodeo and Miss Gabby Schwartzott for their dedication in our Religious Education Program for our parishes. And Rasa and our cantors added so much, as always, to our worship experience.

It must have been amazing for that nameless photographer to realize that he had captured on film the clear depiction of the face of Jesus on that train ride so long ago. But we did not need to wait for cameras last weekend to open our eyes to the Presence of Jesus. The radiant faces of the children receiving Eucharist made Christ beautifully evident – more clearly and quickly than even today's digital cameras ever could. I hope that you and I can find in our own soul the same child-like welcome of the King of Kings at every Mass.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God."
- Mt 22:21

A Vocation View. People often wonder why God doesn't answer their questions. Perhaps this feeling of being ignored comes because we are more eager to tell God what we want to know than to sit back and allow him to show us what we need to know. Just as fireflies are best seen in the dark, the voice of God is best heard and understood in the calm of our hearts and minds. Give God the floor and allow Him to show you His plan for you. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

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!



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.

Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/
/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
[5b]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/
Lk 13:1-9

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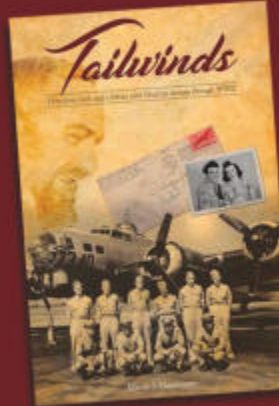
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