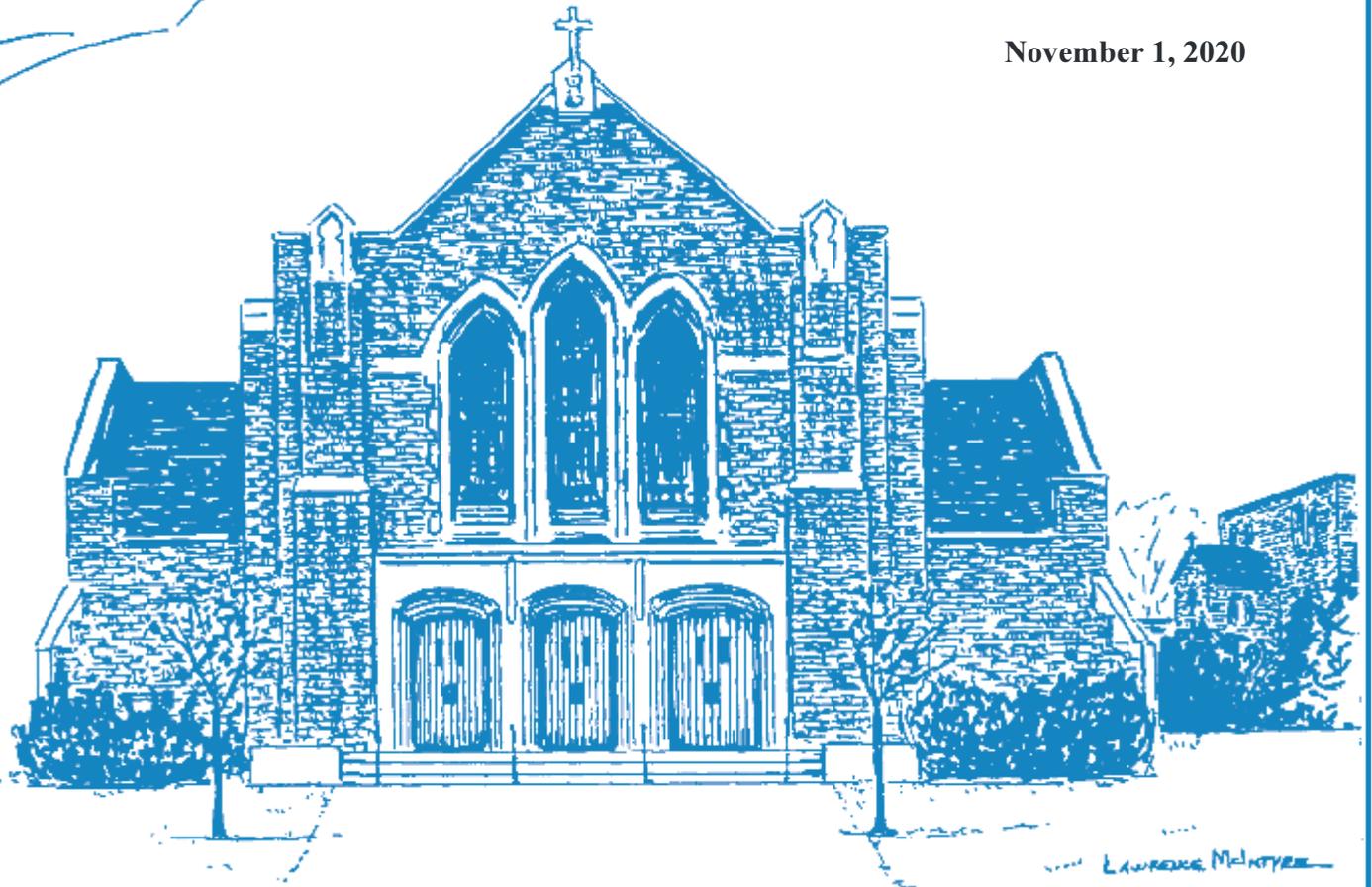


November 1, 2020



# 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, November 2, 2020**

8:00 AM All Deceased Members of the Garozzo & Payne Families req. by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Payne

**THURSDAY, November 5, 2020**

8:00 AM All Souls

**SATURDAY, November 7, 2020**

2:00 PM Wedding Mass: James Dombrowski & Kelly O'Connell 

**SUNDAY, November 8, 2020**

8:15 AM Mary Lashuay req. by Clutterbuck Family  
 9:30 AM Vincenzo Tabone req. by Wife, Josephine, & Family  
 Helen Reilly req. by Barbara Cooley



The **Church Bells** will ring this week in Remembrance of John & Anita Donaruma's Wedding Anniversary req. by Children

**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 **6:30pm** (please note change to time) 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."



All Souls Day envelopes will be placed on the Altar, and the loved ones listed on your envelopes will have their names entered in the Memorial Dedications Book and remembered in Masses throughout the coming year.

This morning's **second collection** is the usual offering for repairs and upkeep of our church and property. We are grateful for your support.

**FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP  
 October 25, 2020**

Offertory ..... \$1,904.06  
 Shrines ..... \$ 27.75

**Assisting on the Altar November 8, 2020**

*Lector:* 8:15 Dan Szyklinski  
 9:30 Paul Shea

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

8:15 Jim Devlin, Donna Steele  
 9:30 Pam Cercone, 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 is our annual "Church Search" with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders.

Today is the great feast of All Saints! All during the church year, we remember and celebrate people from every age, nation, and peoples, those individuals who heard the call of God to come to Him and enter into communion with Him, and to love their neighbor. Like Jesus, they prayed, and they offered themselves to God.

But today is about all those we don't have statues of, who aren't written up in "saint" books. Today is about those whose lives have touched so many others through simple, humble living. They served and serve, they are thoughtful, prayerful, joy-filled people all around us and in our families, who know they are loved by God, and try to love others, even when it's hard. Let's pray that we and our children can become saints.

How can we foster our prayer life and the prayer life of our children? How will we ever come to know God, and He us, if we don't talk with Him? We are sending home some simple suggestions. As a family, we can start taking three minutes a day to pray. Use the little bookmarks that give hints on ways to communicate.

On an interesting note, a few weeks ago Pope Francis celebrated another step in the journey to sainthood of an Italian 15 year old named Carlo Acutis. Look him up on Google. What an amazing young man of our time. Yes, he was extraordinary. Maybe we put sainthood as out of reach to ourselves when it really isn't.

Next week is a Parent Meeting with the parents of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who are preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. (10:15 in the Winter Chapel, and 11:00 Mass). Our theme is Celebrating.



*"There is love in holding. And there is love in letting go." Elizabeth Berg in The Year of Pleasures*

**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.



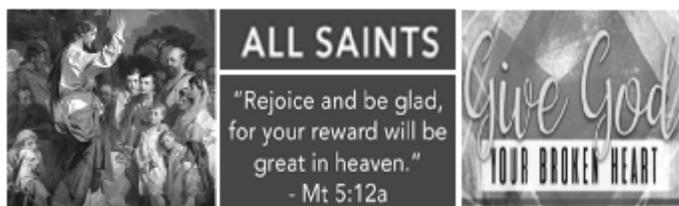
## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, more commonly known simply as All Saints Day. I would imagine that many of us have our favorite saints. It's not that there are particular saints whom we *don't* like, but rather that we find ourselves attracted to and devoted to some saints in particular. Among the saints, which ones are more dear to you? In Italy, a common expression is, "Buon onomastico!" It translates as, "Happy name day!" So, if you bear a saint's name as your own name, you would hear this greeting on the feast day of that saint. If you are named Francis, for example, your onomastico or name day is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Or if your name is Clare, then your name day is August 11<sup>th</sup>. So, among my favorite saints is St. Joseph. I have come to love my name, and I feel a particular devotion to him and admiration for him. I am particularly struck that he was called to love Jesus – who was not his own – as if he were his own. That has come to define for me what the vocation of priesthood means to me: that I too am called to love others as if they were my own, when in fact they are not mine, but rather the Lord's. I am also particularly attracted to Mary, who was one of my Mom's favorite saints. I would imagine that many, if not most, Catholic mothers find in Mary a model of motherhood, a vocation filled with joys and sorrows, as Mary herself can attest. I am inspired by the joyful witness of St. Francis of Assisi, the compassionate scholarship and steadfast faithfulness of St. Alphonsus Liguori, and the never-failing practical assistance of St. Anthony of Padua. In fact, the more I learn about the life and times of any particular saint, the more I am personally impressed and spiritually uplifted. If you bear a saint's name, why not do a little research today to discover a bit more about him or her? Then, on the feast day of your saint, should anyone wish you a "Buon onomastico!" it will be all the more special a day for you. And, since our Roman Catholic Church gives us these women and men as models for us of living our lives in faith, our ultimate goal can justifiably be that of ourselves someday being among their number, "When the saints go marching in..."

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls Day. The older we become, the more beloved souls we count among our losses from this life and our reasons for hope in eternal life. I am struck by the sheer mystery of life; aren't you also? These men and women, fathers, mothers, spouses, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, friends...who would we be if it weren't for their love and self-sacrifice for us? The recently-deceased from St. Margaret will be remembered at this Sunday's 9:30am Mass. The recently-deceased from Holy Spirit will be remembered this Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at a specially-added Mass at 6:00pm. With the passing of each year, All Souls Day has become for me a richly sacred day. I hope and pray the same for you.

A parishioner from St. Margaret brought to my attention this past week that we must all remain vigilant regarding the protocols that are mandated during the coronavirus pandemic, meaning specifically the observance of social distancing when in the Communion line, as well as the proper wearing of face masks (covering both nose and mouth) throughout the Mass. I pass this comment along to you, so that each of us, myself included, can strive to show concern for our neighbor.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe



**A Vocation View.** Today we not only honor and celebrate companionship with the saints in heaven, but we are also reminded of our call to sainthood. How is God calling you to give your life so that you may one day share His heavenly reign? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



**Divine Mercy Devotions** every Friday at 3 pm LIVE on Facebook: Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean. Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet during these trying times. Experience LIVE Adoration with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany led by Fr. David Tourville.

### A Moment with St. Marguerite d'Youville.

"Always be faithful to the duties of the way of life you have chosen, but above all, behave in such a way that the most perfect union reigns among you." St. Marguerite d'Youville

Although she was speaking to her Sisters in religious life, St. Marguerite's words ring true for us, no matter our chosen Christian vocation, in relationships with our families, Church, neighborhood and work.

Learn more about St. Marguerite d'Youville and the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart: [www.GreyNun.org](http://www.GreyNun.org)



*"Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in Heaven, where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy." Eskimo Legend*

### Readings for the week of November 1, 2020

**Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/

1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/

Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/ Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/ Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/ Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/ Lk 16:9-15

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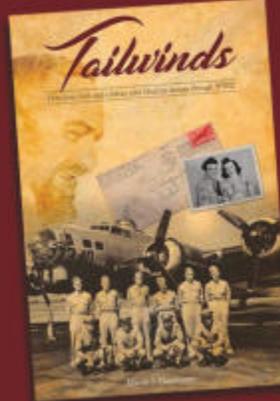
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• Now available on Amazon. Search "Tailwinds" in Books.

• More details at facebook.com/martinhaumesser

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