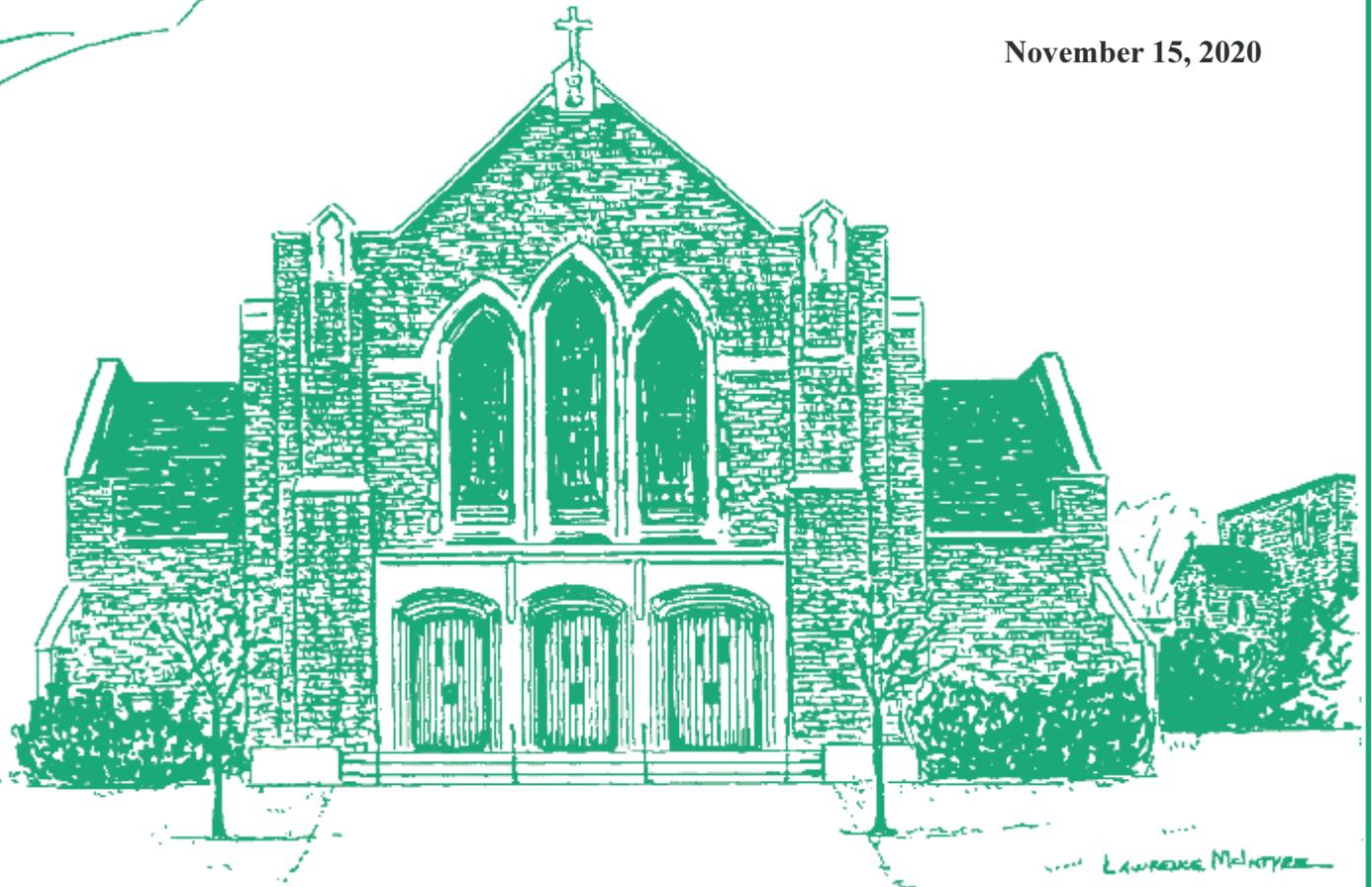


November 15, 2020



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, November 16, 2020

8:00 AM Violet Nichols req. by Sandra Retcheo

THURSDAY, November 19, 2020

8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, November 22, 2020

8:15 AM For All Parishioners

9:30 AM Ann Gioele req. by Sr. Karen Marie Voltz, GNSH



November 16 - Feast day of our Patron Saint, St. Margaret of Scotland

The **second collection** this morning is the Summer Missions Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

November 8, 2020

Offertory	\$2,307.50
Catholic University.....	\$ 186.21
Electronic Giving	\$ 60.00

Assisting on the Altar November 22, 2020

Lector: **8:15** Dan Szyklinski

9:30 Rosemary O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini, Kate Mazzarini

9:30 Pam Cercone, Sr. Karen Marie

Religious Education News. Today is the last day for our students to bring in their donations for the Food Pantry Thanksgiving collection. The example you set for your children will last a life-time. Thank you for your generosity.

"The Eucharist is about Listening" is next week 's lesson for both the First Communion class and their parents. How do we listen at Mass? Parents are asked to come to the Winter Chapel at 10:15 and to stay for the 11:00 Mass.



"Motherhood is always an act of courage." Stacy Schiff

Giving Tree – This year, due to the pandemic, we will present our Giving Tree a little differently. Rather than specific items, we are requesting the purchase of gift cards for Walmart and/or Target. Our charities will be the St. Gianna Outreach Center and the VA Hospital. These agencies, among many others, are in great need, even more so this year because of the pandemic. Representatives from each agency will use our donated cards to purchase needed items on behalf of their clients.



Our tree will be up on Wednesday, November 18th, and decorated on the 19th. On the tree you will find empty envelopes, indicating the two agency names and the two stores from which a gift card can be purchased in an amount comfortable for you. Take an envelope (or multiple if you wish) and indicate the agency and store you chose by marking the appropriate areas on the outside of the envelope. All envelopes with gift card inside should be returned no later than Sunday, December 13th. Please deposit your envelope(s) in the large gift-wrapped box under the tree. In the event you haven't yet returned to church and wish to participate, please feel free to mail in your gift card(s) to the rectory by December 11th.

The St. Gianna Outreach Center and the Veteran's Hospital are so very grateful for our past and continued support and truly appreciate our consideration and generosity on behalf of their clients. And, we are sincerely grateful to you, the members of St. Margaret Parish, for your past and present support. Thank you. We wish you and yours a very joyous holiday season, safe and healthy.

To one and all, Merry Christmas!



"Never ... was so much owed by so many to so few." Winston Churchill

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

With Election Day having come and gone, there may be something in this central facet of our American identity that can inspire reflection on our Roman Catholic identity as well. I realize we have all heard that “religion and politics don’t mix.” Obviously, I have never discussed politics from the pulpit; nor will I here in this article. In fact, I myself do not belong to either of the major political parties, nor to any of the smaller ones. I decided decades ago that I wanted to vote for candidates based on their policy goals, rather than on their political party affiliation. And I do vote *every* Election Day, and not just on the occasions of “major” elections such as a presidential one.

I would venture to say that this Election Day (actually, days later, due to the pandemic), many were happy and many were disappointed, all depending upon for whom they had voted. This is of course true each and every Election Day. But whether I or you feel disappointed or happy, a second glance may further refine the experience, moving it from a mere political discourse (which is the treatment to be expected from the media) to a religious one (which seeks to constantly bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ Crucified and Risen to bear upon our own very real lives). In other words, I feel we sell ourselves short if we simply vote and then expect that the demands placed upon us as citizens of Church or State have been satisfied until the next Election Day.

I am not about to reveal here how I personally felt in the aftermath of Election Day 2020. That would be inappropriate. I am, however, suggesting that my responsibility as both an American and as a Catholic did not cease with the election results. I do not believe that once we fill in the little ovals for our candidate we can then hibernate until the next Election Day. Whether the candidate for whom I voted won or lost, lost or won, it was the *policies* that I was actually voting for, not the person. Whatever the policies are that matter the most to me, these are what I feel personally bound to not only vote for, but more importantly, to vote for with my *life*, with my every decision, attitude, word and behavior. Without any lack of respect for leaders in the political realm, the realm for which we aim transcends anything this world can give. Aren’t we called to transform our present earthly kingdom in light of that to come, the Kingdom of Heaven? Our post-election feelings – sadness or happiness, happiness or sadness – must always yield to our daily conviction to live our own very real lives centered wholly and deeply and lovingly in Christ. This may be the only way to prepare for the one “election day” that is going to *eternally* matter, and that will be the one that occurs the moment immediately after our last breath...when the policies we tried to live in our own daily life will be revealed as decisive. Perhaps *each day* is our Election Day: are we voting for Christ?



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A Vocation View. As children of the light, we realize the gifts and talents that we have been given to share, especially with the poor and needy. How will you share yours? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.



Nativity Sets on Display.

Fr. Roy Herberger will have 300 (of his 650) nativity sets from 58 countries on display at the Fatima Shrine, Lewiston during their “Festival of Lights.” It will be open to the public from 5-9 pm every night from November 20 until January 3 (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve). If you have any questions, contact Fr. Roy at 716-852-2076 or royhope@aol.com.

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.

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.



Drive-thru Polish Dinner on Sunday, November 15 from 11:30 am until sold out at Our Lady of Pompeii, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. Menu will feature pork chop, smoked Polish sausage, pierogi, sweet and sour cabbage. Pre-sale tickets sold at the parish office. All pre-sale dinners must be picked up by 1:30 pm.

Padre Pio Healing Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Prayer to Padre Pio and the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30pm at Assumption Church, 435 Amherst St., Buffalo. All are invited.



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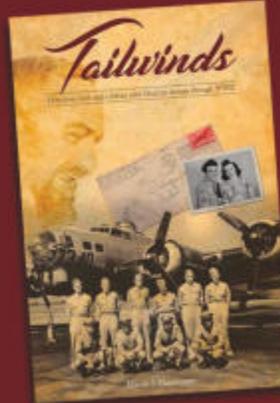
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