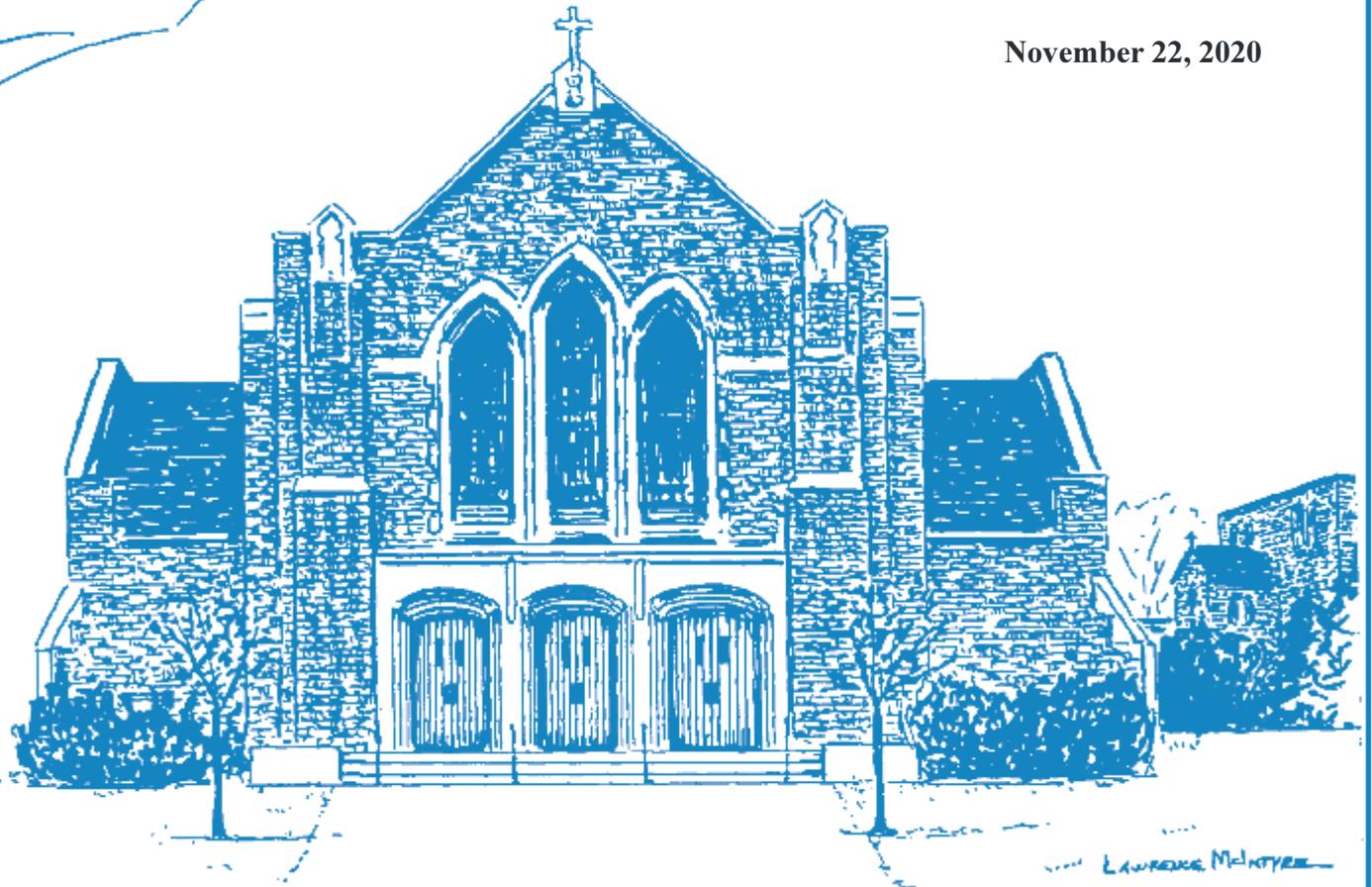


November 22, 2020



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 for the Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, November 23, 2020

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Scalisi & Marie Starck req. by Family

THURSDAY, November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving

9:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, November 29, 2020

8:15 AM John & Josephine Dolce req. by Family
Salvatore "Sammy" Picone req. by Cousins,
Mary & Mili Picone

9:30 AM Myron Falsone req. by Grillo Family
Carmelo & Mamie Maggio req. by Bill &
Carol Maggio



The Rectory will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th, for the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish you all a very happy, healthy, blessed day!

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.



FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

November 15, 2020 figures will be printed in the November 29 bulletin.

Assisting on the Altar November 29, 2020

Lector: 8:15 Kate Mazzarini
9:30 Rick Cronin

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini, Bob Esposito
9:30 Anne Simon, 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 at the 11:00 Mass our First Communion class will receive their own copy of a children's Bible. It is well written and introduces them to the Old and New Testament.



How well do we listen and engage our hearts in the hearing and living of the Word of God? Are we becoming the living story of Jesus in our time? Do we mirror His goodness, kindness, forgiveness, and acceptance of others? As we prepare to listen to the readings at Mass, let us ask the Spirit to help us listen with an open heart.

There are no classes next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We are sending home some Advent material to help your family celebrate and pray through this season in preparation for the coming of Christ.

Giving Tree – This year, due to the pandemic, our Giving Tree will be a little different. Rather than specific items, we are requesting the purchase of gift cards for Walmart and/or Target. Our efforts will benefit the St. Gianna Outreach Center and the VA Hospital. Representatives from each agency will use our donated cards to purchase needed items on behalf of their clients.



Our tree is up and decorated. This year, the tree is decorated with 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 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 telephone our church secretary, Diane at 876-5318 for instructions.

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. Thank you. We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas!

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Have you ever had the experience – perhaps even many years after the death of a parent or grandparent – of wishing you could still ask her or him a question? For me, one such question is that I wish I had asked my Mom what time I was born. To be more exact, I wish I had asked her more often, because I know she told me, but I do not remember the answer. Similarly, in these days of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, we may now wistfully ponder why we did not ask our parents or grandparents or great grandparents to tell us what it was like to live through the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic? What could we have learned from them that might help us through these days (months of days, really) when all is so different in our daily lives? We may occasionally see reprints from 1918 black and white photos of their masked faces in our newspapers and on television screens, but what was life like on a daily basis back then? And, just as importantly, amidst all the changes in daily life, what remained the same?

This Thursday our nation celebrates that which always strikes me as among the most religious of our national holidays: Thanksgiving. We all learned the narrative as school children long ago (well, long ago for me, at least): after a difficult and long ocean voyage in 1620, the Pilgrims (ravaged by disease aboard ship) were assisted by Native Americans and the two groups joined for a Thanksgiving feast in 1621. One of the Pilgrims left a written legacy of the event, expressing gratitude to God for the blessings they had received. The secretary of the seminary where I studied – the Pontifical North American College in Rome – was frequently heard to comment, “The more things change, the more they remain the same.”

Our present-day coronavirus pandemic is for many beginning to feel like a long and difficult ocean voyage toward an unfamiliar destination. Our daily routines have become anything but routine. Who among us would have ever thought such a feeling of triumph and accomplishment would accompany the discovery and purchase of paper towels or a bag of sugar? Yet, through it all, we, like the original Pilgrims and Native Americans, can still count our blessings. There are reasons, many more than can be recounted here, to give God thanks.

In the Gospel passage for Mass on Thanksgiving Day we will hear again from St. Luke about the leper who, being cleansed of disease, experienced the need to return to Jesus to thank him. The exact words are, “And one of them, *realizing he had been healed...*” All of them were healed; but only one of them was so deeply moved as to return and give Jesus thanks. In times such as these present days of our lives, when little is “routine,” a beautiful response, perhaps a new daily routine, would be that of becoming more deeply aware of our blessings, and giving God thanks. Masses on Thanksgiving Day are at 9:00am at St. Margaret, and at 10:30am at Holy Spirit. As is traditional at St. Margaret, there will be a collection at the Thanksgiving Day 9:00am Mass to support the good works of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The rectory office will be closed both Thursday and Friday this week in observance of the holiday. If you have an emergency and need to reach me, just call, and you will find me.

Our new missalettes for 2021 have arrived. Until such time as the coronavirus passes, I am asking that if you would like to use a missalette, please take one with you this weekend, write your name on the cover, and bring it back and forth with you each weekend. In that way, you will be the only one touching it. We continue to follow all of the federal, state, county and diocesan guidelines to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all.

A very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours,
Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



“COME, YOU WHO
ARE BLESSED BY
MY FATHER.
INHERIT THE
KINGDOM PREPARED
FOR YOU FROM
THE FOUNDATION
OF THE WORLD.”
— MT 25:34

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

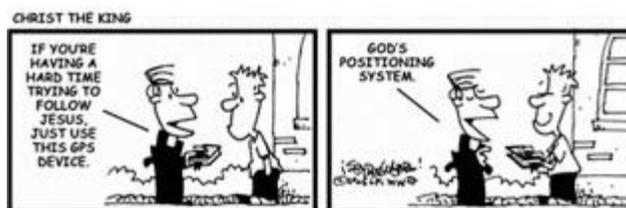
A Vocation View. How blest are we to be heirs of the one eternal kingdom! As heirs, we have each been given unique gifts and talents, and have unique roles to play for the kingdom. What is YOUR role? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

Basket Fest. Rev. Peter Popadick and the Parish Community of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church invite all to the 77th Annual Family Christmas **BASKET** Fest on Saturday, December 5, 2020, from 1:00 to 4:00pm in the Parish Hall, 157 Cleveland Drive in Cheektowaga. Preview night for Early Birds is Friday, 12/4/20 from 5:00 to 8:00pm.



The Christmas Basket Fest includes a Grand Prize Drawing, our famous Humongous Theme Baskets, and some delightful side raffles. A take-out Spaghetti Dinner compliments of the Knights of Columbus will be available, as well as Mike's Homemade Chili.

For more information call the St. Aloysius Rectory at 833-1715.



Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9
[Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3,
4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
[1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36



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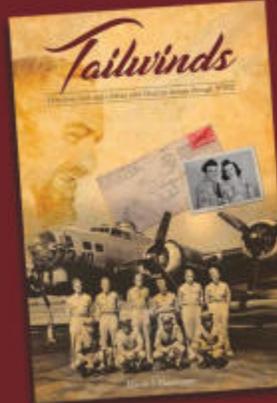
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