

January 3, 2021



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 - (7:00 am at Holy Spirit) 8:15 and 9:30
am at St. Margaret (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: 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 parishioners 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, January 4, 2021

8:00 AM Eva Herc req. by Sisters of Social Service

THURSDAY, January 7, 2021

8:00 AM Joseph & Grace Campiere & Nancy Savarino req. by Family

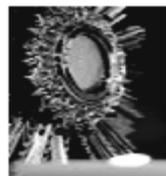
SUNDAY, January 10, 2021

8:15 AM For All Parishioners
9:30 AM All Souls



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. There will be no Religious Education classes until further notice.



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.



Congratulations to St. Margret parishioner Monet Thongchanh. Monet achieved 1st quarter 2020-2021 Honor Roll at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart.

OUR LADY OF POMPEII MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES: Monday, January 11, 2021 from 7-8pm in the AUD, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086. Rev. Tom Roman presents: "INFINITE LOVE: Knowing God Loves Us Infinitely Changes Our Lives" (RSVP REQUIRED for social distancing. 683-6522. Live Stream option: www.olpparish.com)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS. Wise Men See God in the Simple Things. If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

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.



There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

**FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP
December 20, 2020**

Offertory	\$2,359.31
Monthly.....	\$ 254.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 110.00

Assisting on the Altar January 10, 2021

Lector: **8:15** Bob Esposito
9:30 Rick Cronin

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Cheri Frank, Donna Steele

9:30 Joe/Toni DiLeo, Sr. Karen Marie

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others." Bob Hope

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

All pastors received from the Diocese the following notice that all parishes are legally required to print in the parish bulletins several times in the coming months. Our bulletins are published for us by a company in Ohio, and our deadlines for submitting the bulletins are often days – even weeks – ahead of publication. This is true of this present bulletin, and has been true for each of the last several bulletins, due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Therefore, today's bulletin is the first one to include it, though it will be included at least seven more times in future bulletins, as is being legally required throughout the Diocese by the Bankruptcy Court:

“UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., (“Diocese”) filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “Bar Date”).

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.”

As I mentioned at the beginning of today's column, this publishing of this notice is a legal requirement. Its inclusion in parish bulletins, while required by law, will certainly provoke varying reactions in each of us. For myself, I will try to see it in light of today's readings from Isaiah and Matthew:

“See, darkness covers the earth...but upon you the Lord shines”

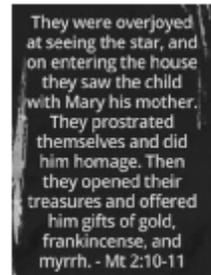
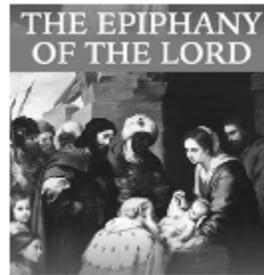
“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

In our world gripped by pandemic, in our diocese scarred by scandal, and in our own hearts wounded by life's pains and losses...the only answer I know of is to join the magi in seeking the light, hope and promise of the Christ Child, needed now as much as on that first Epiphany, and perhaps more.

I want to thank all who volunteered their time and talent in decorating our church for Christmas. We are all blessed with Christ's light as that light continues to shine through one another. In fact, perhaps because of the stresses of this particular time in history, I must say that I have never before experienced such overwhelming goodness as I have seen in all of you. The Giving Tree gifts you donated brought such joy to the poor. I appreciate your cards, kind words, gifts and cookies. And Rev wanted me to thank you for the goodies you also sent his way: whereas people may “re-gift,” Rev did not. 😊



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A VOCATION VIEW. Today's First Reading is the perfect Vocation Story. Is it the Lord who is calling you in the night? Will you answer “Speak Lord, Your servant is listening”? If God is calling you to the commitment of being a priest, or a religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive. Because of the way the Dining Room is serving guests due to COVID protocols, they especially need “To-Go” items such as juice boxes, fruit cups and individual serving items.

Monetary donations to help offset these costs are also greatly appreciated. Please make any donations payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off in the rectory during regular business hours. If you are mailing your donation, please be sure to make note on the envelope and memo line of your check that your donation is for the St. Vincent de Paul dining room. Thank you for your continued support!

Word of Life: “Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

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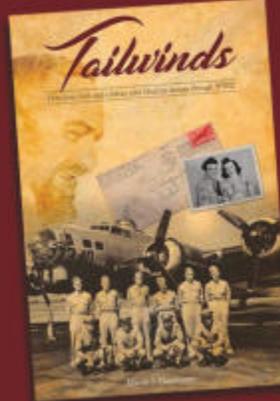
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Local soldier meets Padre Pio!



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