

January 10, 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 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, January 11, 2021**

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

**THURSDAY, January 14, 2021**

8:00 AM All Souls

**SUNDAY, January 17, 2021**

8:15 AM For All Parishioners

9:30 AM Josephine Cavalieri req. by Cavalieri & Bailey Families

Vincenza Gullo req. by Concetta Tabone



The Sanctuary Light will glow this week in memory of Kathleen L. Smyth req. by Estate

**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](http://www.olpparish.com)



**FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP**

**December 24 & 25, 2020**

Offertory ..... \$1,695.81

Monthly..... \$ 499.00

**December 27, 2020**

Offertory ..... \$2,261.31

Monthly ..... \$ 459.00

**January 3, 2021**

Offertory ..... \$2,972.31

Monthly ..... \$ 889.80

Electronic Giving ..... \$ 495.00

**Assisting on the Altar January 17, 2021**

Lector: **8:15** Mary Lou Cappellini

9:30 Rick Cronin

Eucharistic Ministers:

**8:15** Kate Mazzarini, Donna Steele

9:30 Anne Simon, Sr. Karen Marie

**Community Parish Outreach Ministry.** Thank you to all who have supported our personal care collection during the past challenging year. The agencies that have been recipients of your donations were very grateful. They include Gerard Place, Response to Love Center, and Catholic Charities. Wishing you health and happiness in the coming year.

**Religious Education News.** Today the Parents of our Second Graders are meeting about helping their children prepare for First Reconciliation. We are learning about the difference between mistakes and sin, how to make up or make peace, how to examine our conscience, and how to find peace and forgiveness with Jesus whose love is unending. Our meeting is in the Winter Chapel at 9:30AM.

There are no classes, next week, January 17, due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

**Giving Tree.** Our efforts this year proved to be an overwhelming success and once again we wish to thank you, the generous parishioners of St. Margaret Parish, for making it so.

We began this year's program with 100 envelopes on our tree. A total of 106 gift cards were donated, as well as some cash which we used to purchase additional cards. The value of gifts initially received from our parishioners was \$2,790. As of the date of this writing, additional cards and cash have been received resulting in a grand total of approximately \$3,000!!

We just can't thank you enough for helping to make this year's program such a huge success, and are truly humbled by your generosity. The leadership of the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach program was amazed by the gift we were able to present and expressed their overwhelming gratitude on behalf of their clientele which includes women of all ages and their babies and young children. The clients of the V.A. program will benefit by your gifts now and into the coming months, and will be grateful to be thought of in such a generous way.

We wish all of you a healthy and Happy New Year!

**Kids Are Funny!** After Sunday school one afternoon, my 5-year-old granddaughter was telling me all about the gifts given to baby Jesus by the Wise Men. When I asked her if she remembered what the shepherds brought, she thought for a bit and then asked, "Was it pies?"



*"And tree and house and hill  
and lake are frosted like  
a wedding cake."  
Robert Lewis Stevenson*

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Prior to my being assigned by Bishop Henry Mansell to serve as pastor of Holy Spirit, I had served as a parochial vicar in parishes in Kenmore, Clarence, East Aurora and Orchard Park. In other words, when I came to North Buffalo, it was the first time I was serving as the pastor of a parish. And then, several years later, I was assigned by Bishop Kmiec to serve as pastor to both Holy Spirit and St. Margaret. Every priest spends years in seminary preparing for ministry, but I think that – without discounting in any way the genuine value of theological education – much of the learning of *how* to “pastor” a parish happens precisely by serving *as* a pastor. And what has been confirmed for me since I arrived as pastor in 2003 is that, truly, “*all is grace.*”

For example, when I arrived at Holy Spirit, Deacon Bill Hynes was the organist. But then just three years or so after I arrived, Deacon Bill wanted to focus exclusively on being a deacon, meaning he no longer would be the organist. For me as a new pastor, that was a bit of a crisis: where would I find a new Music Director? Nothing in seminary formation had prepared me for that eventuality. By God's grace, a Holy Spirit parishioner had a daughter whom I knew when she had served as Music Director when I was a parochial vicar in Clarence. She agreed to help for a year while we searched for a new Music Director. And that search bore fruit, resulting in Rasa coming to us Director of Music. Rasa began to serve at Holy Spirit on the Feast of the Epiphany, exactly fifteen years ago. And what a beautiful day to begin: just as the Magi arrived from afar and shared with the Christ Child their gifts, so also Rasa came from as far as Lithuania, and has so generously shared her gift of music and song, first at Holy Spirit, and then at both Holy Spirit and St. Margaret.

As a student in Rome, I had the privilege of traveling through much of Western and Eastern Europe, as well as Israel and Russia. As a priest in the Diocese of Buffalo, I served in large suburban parishes. But neither as a student nor as a priest have I ever experienced anywhere else the *quality* of music and song that Rasa brings to our time of worship *each week*. I am grateful for her dedication to our parishes, as well as to her formation of adult choirs at both parishes, as well as the youth choir at Holy Spirit. Though choirs are not permitted presently due to the pandemic, cantors are; and so Rasa has continued working with our cantors.

When I first realized I would need to find a new Music Director back in 2006, I was not really certain where to begin. Nothing in seminary had prepared me for that. But what seminary – and even more, parish life – *did* prepare me for was to trust that “*all is grace.*” Rasa's professional, faith-filled presence among us continues to inspire, and to foster joy!



Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”  
- Mk 1:7-8

**A VOCATION VIEW.** Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, deacons or priests. If God is calling you to this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

**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.

### Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/ Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/ Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/ Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/ Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/ Mk 2:13-17

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

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