

April 18, 2021



# st. margaret's parish news

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#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

(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



**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, April 19, 2021**

8:00 AM All Souls

**THURSDAY, April 22, 2021**

8:00 AM Carol Morreale req: Family & Friends

**SUNDAY, April 25, 2021**

8:15 AM Evie McDonald req: Mary Lou Cappellini

9:30 AM Mariam Pailes req: Sr. Karen Marie **GNSH**

## FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

April 11, 2021

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## ASSISTING ON THE ALTER:

### Lector:

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

8:15 AM: Kate Mazzarini

9:30 AM: Rosemary O'Connell



### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Sunday April 25, 2021**

8:15 AM: Cheri Frank & Bob Esposito

9:30 AM: Sr. Karen Marie & Jim Devlin

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Religious Education News:** Today and next week are our two last classes for Religious Education. Our year, due to the pandemic, went by quickly with a later than usual start, a stoppage in late November, and Zoom meetings for the First Communion classes. Our attendance was consistent on the part of just half of our normal enrollment. But those who came had a good year.

Thank you to all who attended, and thank you to our teachers!



**O'HARA SUMMER CAMPS:** Students in fifth to eighth grades are invited to join the Golden Summer Academy, camps and clinics offered this summer at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Camp offerings include: two theater camps, an HSPT prep course, math, mural making, creative writing, zoology, dance, band, exercise, cheerleading, boys basketball and football and a unique All Sports class. The cost for most camps is \$100. For more information or a brochure, call Thomas Wilkie at 695-2600, ext. 333 or email [twilkie@cardinalohara.com](mailto:twilkie@cardinalohara.com) or go on the O'Hara website [www.cardinalohara.com](http://www.cardinalohara.com)

**OPEN HOUSE:** Cardinal O'Hara High School is offering its annual spring open house with two choices. The in-person event from 4 to 7 p.m. April 20 will be by appointment only. A virtual tour will start at 6:30 p.m. April 27. Each will give visitors an opportunity to meet students and faculty and learn what O'Hara has to offer. O'Hara students will lead tours of the 17 acre campus and discuss the opportunities available including more than 50 sports teams and clubs. Explore the school's culinary professional kitchen, new science labs, fine arts, engineering and world languages. Faculty members will be on hand to answer questions. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Thomas Wilkie, admissions director, at 695-2600 ext. 357 or visit [www.cardinalohara.com](http://www.cardinalohara.com).

**Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners.** If you or someone you know from the parish 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 VOCATION VIEW:** Third Sunday of Easter. Today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles begins Peter's first sermon in the streets of Jerusalem. Our Church is in need of good preachers today! Do you have a clever way with word? Maybe God is calling you to the pulpit! Find out by contacting the Vocations Office at 716-847-5535 or [Buffalovocation.org](http://Buffalovocation.org)

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

We all have had many teachers. Some of them were educators in the formal sense, with college degrees and classroom experience. Others of them may have neither diploma nor student debt, but may nonetheless shine brilliantly as graduates of the school of life, especially when that life is enriched by faith in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This season of Easter invites us to an annual reappreciation of our faith. The Annunciation (March 25<sup>th</sup>) and Christmas (December 25<sup>th</sup>) remind us of the marvel of God taking on a human nature like our own. Good Friday and Easter Sunday remind us of God then redeeming our human nature through the suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. These are meant to be life-changing, eye-opening experiences. Teachers, whether in the classroom or at the kitchen table, open our eyes to the meaning which lies hidden so cleverly in all that we see and experience every day.

In the Gospel of Luke, from which we hear at Mass today, he writes that the Risen Christ “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” Luke then writes that Jesus said, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day... You are witnesses of these things.”

I was in a formal educational setting for 23 years, from kindergarten until graduating from the Alphonsian Academy, affiliated with the Lateran University in Rome. (Yes, on both sides of the Atlantic, 23 years in classrooms – I must have been a slow learner). Along the way there were countless teachers, some of whom I remember for their excellence, and some of whom I wish I could forget because of their incompetence or cruelty. But most of them, I simply do not remember at all; there were just too many along the way. There are also untold hundreds or thousands of people that we meet along the road of our lives. The vast majority of them may have since slipped from our memory. There may be some whom we wish we had never met, though they too have played a role in forming us. And there are certainly some, whether several or a few or a couple – or even just one – to whom we will be forever indebted because they had the wisdom, faith, love – and patience – to open our eyes and minds to the richness of significance, the meaning of life, which is available to each of us each and every day.

For the disciples in the days after that first Good Friday and Easter Sunday, the Resurrection appearances of Jesus enabled them to incorporate into their own experience the suffering and rising of Jesus. The suffering and dying of Jesus – ever faithful to his Father, and to his own identity as the Father's Beloved Son – is intimately tied to the Resurrection of Jesus. Likewise, the suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus opens our eyes and minds – our very soul – to the meaning of our own suffering and redemption. Jesus is the ultimate teacher. Our Catholic faith leads us to him. We are blessed if (and when) someone teaches us – by example – how to find meaning in the sufferings and tribulations of our lives. Jesus says to the disciples then – and to us today – “You are witnesses of these things.”

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joe

## Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

## LPI'S GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 18, 2021: 3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their “aha” moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our “aha” moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our “aha” moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, “peace be with you,” and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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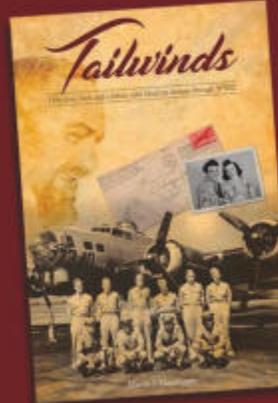
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