

May 2, 2021



# st. margaret's parish news

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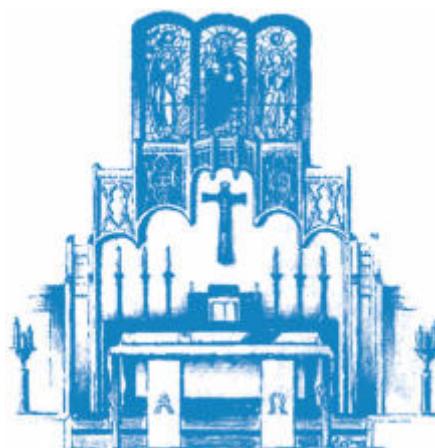
Sr. Karen Marie, GNSH, Pastoral Associate (Phone 331-8846).

**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



**CONFESIONS:** 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, May 3, 2021**

8:00 AM All Souls

**THURSDAY, May 6, 2021**

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

**SUNDAY, May 9, 2021**

8:15 AM Carol Maggio req: Clare Ganey  
Dottie Hoffman "Happy Mother's Day"  
req: Dad, Julie, Allen, AJ & Stephen  
9:30 AM Carmela Picone - Birthday remembrance  
req: daughters Mary & Mili



## ASSISTING ON THE ALTAR:

### Lector:

**Sunday, May 9 2021**

8:15 AM: Dan Szykłinski  
9:30 AM: Frank DiLeo



### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Sunday May 9, 2021**

8:15 AM: Kate Mazzarini & Jim Devlin  
9:30 AM: Sr. Karen Marie & Joe DiLeo

## 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/diocesebuffalo> 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 DISTRIBUTION TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

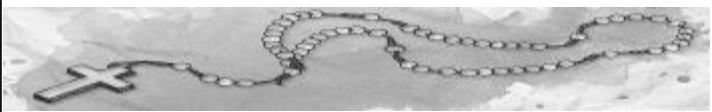
**Religious Education News:** Today is the First Communion of Gianna Giambrone, Austin (AJ) Jurado, Sophia Nieves, and Tessa Wolf. We would like to thank their parents for all the faith they share with their children.

## FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

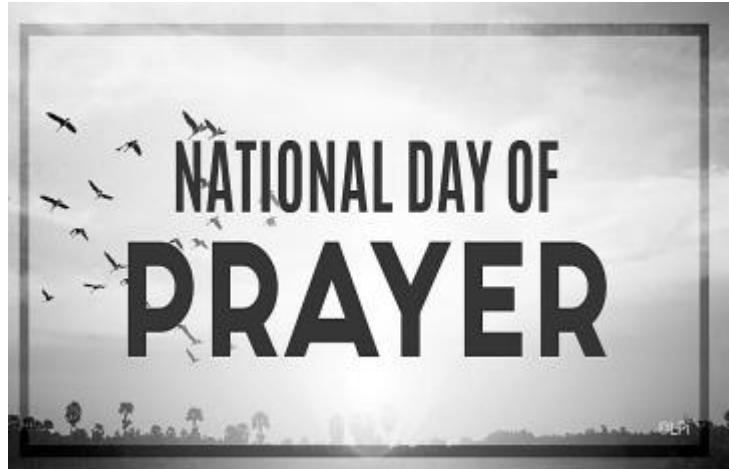
**April 25, 2021**

Offertory .....	\$1982.31
Monthly .....	\$50.00
Shrines.....	\$158.12

**Padre Pio Group:** The Padre Pio Prayer Group will start meeting again on May 12th at 4 p.m. And on the 2nd Wednesday of every month to pray the Rosary.



**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)



**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:** "Remain in me... I am the vine, you are the branches." Could there be any doubt that Jesus is talking about communion in His True Body & Blood in the Eucharist? We need priests to continue consecrating this amazing gift at the altar. If you feel the call talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

### A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

In the Gospel reading at Mass last weekend, we heard Jesus saying, "I am the good shepherd." This weekend's reading is also from the Gospel of John, and this weekend we hear Jesus say, "I am the vine, you are the branches." Whereas last weekend's passage may seem further from our own experience of daily life – unless you happen to have sheep in your backyard – today's Gospel (while less likely to have ever been depicted in any great work of Renaissance art) may be much closer to us than we realize.

The true beauty and challenge presented to us by our Catholic faith is that we believe in the Incarnation of God. That is, we passionately believe that – in a moment in time – the eternal Word of God – the Second Person of the Trinity – leapt into a human nature and thus Divinity became enfleshed. We call him Jesus. Because God thus began to share our human nature, Jesus – who is both divine and human – spoke God's words in our human language, with a human voice. In other words, Jesus spoke divine truth in human words, enabling us to understand God's words with our human ears. By entering our history at that particular moment more than 2,000 years ago, Jesus was naturally conditioned by the agricultural society of that time. The Industrial Revolution, less than 300 years ago, gave rise to our modern way of life. And so it is that in our cities today sheep and shepherd exist only in far-away fields, or in the recesses of our imagination. However, trees and vines and branches are as present today as they were when our Lord walked the earth, just as we do daily.

What does your backyard look like? Presumably, most of us have a lawn, however much it may be manicured or not. There also may be flowers, either of spring bulbs or of (soon-to-be) summer annuals. Many may have shrubs, bushes or trees, whether evergreens or maples, for example. But I would imagine that some may also have grape vines or fruit trees?

My mother's mother's yard was a veritable Garden of Eden when I was growing up. Every Sunday, after Mass and Religious Education class, we enjoyed a delicious dinner at her house. And, during the growing season, dinner was followed by the mandatory tour of her large garden, which was bordered by grape vines. In my mother's own backyard there were raspberry bushes and apple trees. One of the apple trees was called a five-in-one apple tree. That is, four different apple tree branches had been grafted onto yet a fifth different type of apple tree. So, on this one apple tree there then developed five different varieties of apples.

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." For us as Catholics, the Eucharist remains the central experience of our being grafted onto the vine, which is Jesus. Those three long months last year when all public celebrations of Mass were forbidden due to the pandemic made me painfully aware of how great a treasure celebrating Mass together is. I pray for the day when all feel ready to join us again for Eucharist, and each of us – like the different apple varieties on that five-in-one tree long ago – can give thanks for our unity with one another – as branches on the vine – a unity rooted in Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joe

### Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-2

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

May 2, 2021    5th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.



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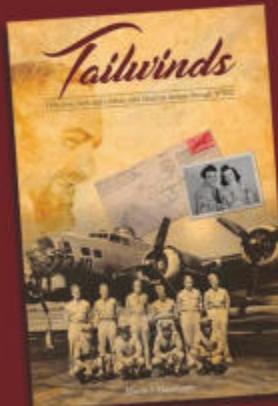
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## Local soldier meets Padre Pio!



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*Tailwinds*, a new book by local author Martin J. Haumesser, tells the story of his father's World War II experiences including several encounters with Padre Pio – St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

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

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