

May 9, 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, May 10, 2021
8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, May 13, 2021
8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, May 16, 2021
8:15 AM Mary & Paul Caron req: Family
Carol Maggio Birthday Remembrance
req. Husband Bill Maggio
9:30 AM Louis Oliveri, Jr. Birthday remembrance
req: Wife Bridget & Family
Giuseppina Agro req: Concetta Tabone

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

ASSISTING ON THE ALTER:

Lector:

Sunday, May 16 2021
8:15 AM: Kate Mazzarini
9:30 AM: Gabe Marrone



Eucharistic Ministers:

Thursday, May 13, 2021 Ascension Thursday
8:00 AM Sr. Karen Marie & Kate Mazzarini
Sunday May 16, 2021
8:15 AM: Larry Brooks & Dan Szyklinski
9:30 AM: Sr. Karen Marie & Volunteer

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 PFOOF 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.

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Registration for summer camp, for ages 7 to 16, is open and that financial assistance is available!

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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: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend," Jesus tells us. This does not always mean one heroic act of self-sacrifice. It can also be a life laid down in daily self-denial & service to others. The priesthood is just such a life. There is no greater love! To learn more, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

I was reminded yesterday that the title I have chosen for my weekly bulletin article is perhaps open to question. Specifically, the suspect words in my article's title are, "a few." Some have suggested that "many words" would be more accurate. In fact, years ago, one of the children even *counted* the number of words in that week's article and was quite certain that it exceeded the definition of "a few." So, although there is no guarantee that this article will be longer or shorter than usual as I sit here typing, I will leave its ultimate conclusions to you, by just repeating the age-old saying that "a picture is worth a thousand words."

Over the years, priesthood has been piously described as a life of self-sacrifice. Personally, I do not think of it in these terms. Surely each vocation (married life, single life, religious life, and priesthood) involves a call to practice love of God and love of neighbor in a Christ-like way. But today we are celebrating a way of life that is universally known to each of us. In fact, without this way of life – obviously, motherhood – not one of us would even exist. So, as we mark Mother's Day today, I would ask you to simply call to mind a picture of what motherhood means to you. After all, each of us – without exception – has a mother. We are – all of us – their sons and daughters. So, if a picture is indeed "worth a thousand words," what does your picture look like? And would even a thousand words suffice?

On the chiffonnier in my room is a framed quote given to me after my Mom's death. It states simply, "The love of a mother is reflected in the eyes of her children." I see that quote daily. Oftentimes I then look in the chiffonnier's mirror to see whether my mother's love is still reflected in my eyes. In my adult mind are countless images from my childhood long ago...images of bruises being kissed to make them better...of tears being dried with her loving hand...of tears welling up in *her* eyes at moments of tremendous pride or unfathomable sadness...and each of these memories are inextricably bound with my mother. For me, motherhood is *par excellence* the way of Christ-like self-sacrificing love.

At the same time, I remember the day back in 1989 when a woman at St. John the Baptist parish handed me an envelope after Mass. She said, "In your homily last weekend you asked us who our hero is. Here's mine." When I got back to the rectory, I opened the envelope and took out a copy of the letter that she had written to her hero. She had written a letter her mother, whom she had never met. She thanked her biological mother for loving her so much to have given her up for adoption, since she had been unable to give her the life she knew her daughter deserved. So, this daughter, herself already an adult, now carried with her *every day* this letter she had written to the mother she had never known, but who was her hero. I cannot imagine the self-sacrifice of that mother's love. Yet, what a beautiful picture, speaking more than many thousands of words...

What favorite pictures of your mother do you carry within you? And in your eyes, look for the reflection of her love.

A Blessed and Happy Mother's Day,
Father Joe

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28



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

May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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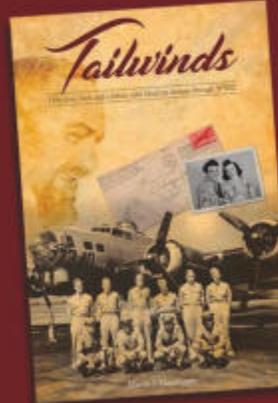
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