

May 16, 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 17, 2021

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Cappellini Family req: Mary Lou Cappellini

THURSDAY, May 20, 2021

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

SUNDAY, May 23, 2021

8:15 AM Santa Morreale req: Mr. & Mrs. Bruce McLean Sebastian Vitale req: Pam Cercone
9:30 AM Padre Pio Birthday Remembrance req: Cosima Piraino Vincent Lorigo Birthday Remembrance req: The LoTempio Family



CATHOLIC CHARITIES:: Give the gift of food. Catholic Charities runs nine food pantries, seven in Erie County and a pantry in both Franklinville in Cattaraugus County and Wellsville in Allegany County. Your donation of non-perishable food items can help feed hungry individuals in your community. In light of the pandemic, all donations must be scheduled ahead of time. To schedule a time to drop off your donation, call 716-218-1400, ext. 2005. To find your nearest pantry, visit www.ccwny.org/food. **Appeal 2021** is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP May 9, 2021

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ASSISTING ON THE ALTER:

Lector:

Sunday, May 23, 2021

8:15 AM: Mary Lou Cappellini
9:30 AM: Rick Cronin



Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday May 23, 2021

8:15 AM: Kate Mazzarini & Jim Devlin
9:30 AM: Sr. Karen Marie & Anne Simon

Padre Pio Group: The Padre Pio Prayer will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 4pm to pray the Rosary.

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.

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 or go on the O'Hara website www.cardinalohara.com

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

I have always found the first reading for today's Mass (from the Acts of the Apostles) to be rather amazing. In it we hear of Peter's description of the process by which a replacement was found for Judas, so that the number of Apostles would remain twelve. Peter states the requirements that a candidate would have to possess: he would have to have been with Jesus from His baptism in the Jordan, and a witness to all that Jesus said and did right up to and including His Death and Resurrection. What is being referred to, of course, is part of the Creed that we profess each Sunday: that one of the four marks of the Church is that it is "Apostolic." Our Catholic Faith is built upon the eyewitness accounts of the Apostles.

But that which draws my attention is always the method by which this open spot of the band of the Apostles is filled. Among those who fulfilled the necessary qualifications, two names are put forward: Matthias and Barsabbas. And, after praying, "Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles." In the eyes of the world, this method of choosing someone by lottery could certainly appear arbitrary and random. But for the Apostles, relying upon prayer, this choice by lottery was an expression of their faith and trust that God was indeed making the decision. What might have seemed arbitrary and random to those outside of faith was in fact actually an expression of the faith held by the apostles.

In our own lives there would certainly appear to be many events and circumstances that have been "random" or "arbitrary" from a perspective outside of faith. Questions such as, "Where did you grow up?" or "Where did you go to school?" or "What country did your ancestors come from?" or "How did the two of you meet?" or "How did you decide to be a teacher?" can elicit from us varied responses. We might even find ourselves using the word "coincidence" as part of the answer, with the implication being that "It just happened that..."

Then, later in life, we may find that we no longer use the word "coincidence" with its implication that "things just happened that way." In other words, at some point we come to the same conclusion that the Eleven Apostles did, and we see in the "apparently arbitrary, random" events of our lives something quite different: the very real, intentional interventions of a loving and faithful God in our lives. For example, if we were to ask a couple on their 50th Wedding Anniversary how they first met, their lifetime of faith could help us to see how so many apparent "coincidences" were rather concrete instances of God's presence in their lives. So, when we might otherwise say, "What a coincidence!" we may find ourselves instead uttering a prayer of thanksgiving...

And, interestingly, whereas Matthias (the Twelfth Apostle) is mentioned nowhere else in the New Testament, Barsabbas (the one not chosen) is mentioned again as a participant in the Jerusalem Conference.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joe

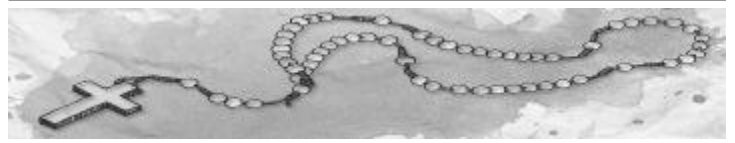
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May 16, 2021 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.



A VOCATION VIEW: "Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us where He hopes we will follow." How are you called to lead others to Heaven? If it's through the priesthood, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit us at buffalovocations.org

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