

May 23, 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

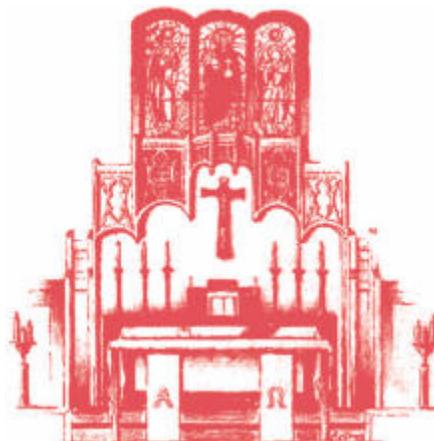
Wed. 6:15 pm Holy Spirit

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 24, 2021**

8:00 AM Rosaria Tornambe req: Estate

**THURSDAY, May 27, 2021**

8:00 AM All Souls

**SATURDAY, May 29, 2021**

2:00 PM Wedding of:  
Christopher Cammarata & Kaitlyn Oliveri

**SUNDAY, May 30, 2021**

8:15 AM Sandra Gerace req: Diane Waligorski  
9:30 AM Carol Maggio req: Mary & Charles Alessi  
Josphine Aurilio req: Family

**FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP May 16, 2021**

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**ASSISTING ON THE ALTER:**

Lector:

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

8:15 AM: Dan Szyklinski  
9:30 AM: Frank Di Leo



Eucharistic Ministers:

**Sunday May 30, 2021**

8:15 AM: Cheri Frank & Robert Esposito  
9:30 AM: Sr. Karen Marie & Toni Di Leo

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

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the **2021 Appeal** today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and the homeless have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you! **Give the gift of HOPE for all seasons.** Make a secure online donation at [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation).

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

You Don't Have What It Takes — but you will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

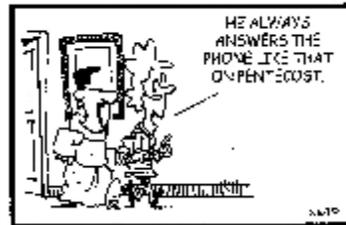
However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**PENTECOST**



**Readings for the week of May 23, 2021**

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/

Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,

8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/ Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-3

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, which is sometimes referred to as the day that the Church itself was born. The immediate effect of the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles was that these men began to speak in such a way that all the many pilgrims who had come from near and far to Jerusalem for the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles understood them as speaking in their own native tongue. So, the Holy Spirit manifested God's design of unifying the human family, reversing the confusion that had reigned since the time of the Tower of Babel in the Book of Genesis. Each period of history has had its own reason for needing the unifying grace of the Holy Spirit, and our time today is no exception.

As I write this (on Monday), there has been no further direction from either the Diocese of Buffalo or the State of New York as regards any changes in protocol for our gatherings in church. As you know, the announcement from the CDC last week recommending a limited relaxation of mask-wearing (for those who are fully vaccinated) precipitated much confusion. As I said, as of this writing, our pandemic "norms" of mask-wearing (and social distancing) when we gather for Mass have not changed at all from what we have been doing since churches were allowed to re-open nearly a year ago. I realize that no one enjoys wearing a mask. However, until such time as we know that going without a mask is safe, we must continue to wear them. As I see it, it comes down to a basic Christian principle: love of neighbor. If I know that my going without a mask will frighten someone away from coming to church presently, then I must continue to wear my mask, for my neighbor's sake. Perhaps St. Paul foresaw such situations when he wrote that there are "three things that last: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love." I am grateful for your many acts of self-sacrifice that have allowed us to remain open during such unusual and difficult times.

When the churches were being allowed to open back in June of 2020, it was with the strict requirement of a thorough cleansing of the church building after each Mass. I asked Joanne Cavalieri at that time if she would be willing to coordinate this effort at St. Margaret. I am grateful to Joanne for her faithfulness in fulfilling this requirement, and for the seriousness with which she takes this responsibility. The volunteers who help Joanne in this effort after the two weekend Masses are performing a true work of Christian charity for us. I am grateful also to Nick Frank, our maintenance man, for maintaining the cleanliness of the church after the weekday Masses. We have much for which to be thankful.

A Blessed Pentecost to All,

Father Joe

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

May 23, 2021 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** "The Holy Spirit sends His sevenfold gift to us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon, or religious brother/sister? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

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- Now available on Amazon. Search "Tailwinds" in Books.
- More details at [facebook.com/martinhaumesser](https://facebook.com/martinhaumesser)

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