

May 30, 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 31, 2021

8:00 AM Providenzia Figliola, Birthday Remembrance
req: Granddaughter, Diane Waligorski

THURSDAY, June 3, 2021

8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, June 6, 2021

8:15 AM Vincent Lorigo req: Children, Kristin, Kayla & Andrew

Santa Morreale req: Joseph & Rose Aiello

9:30 AM Prospero, Antonina & Giuseppe Tabone
req: Concetta Tabone

Mario Alaimo, B-day Remembrance &
Giuseppe Alaimo req: Nina Alaimo & Family

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP May 23, 2021

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ASSISTING ON THE ALTAR:

Lector:

Sunday, June 6, 2021

8:15 AM: Robert Esposito

9:30 AM: Gabe Marrone



Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday June 6, 2021

8:15 AM: Larry Brooks & Donna Steele

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



The Sanctuary Light will glow this week
in memory of

Kathleen Smyth

req: by Estate

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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/ Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/ Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Since I wrote last weekend's bulletin article, there have been a couple of rather significant changes instituted here in the Diocese of Buffalo affecting our lives as Catholics during this coronavirus pandemic. The first regards the wearing of masks during Mass, while the second regards the resumption of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

First, all of us are expected to continue wearing a mask/facial covering when we enter the church, as well as when we come forward for Communion and return to our pew after receiving Communion, and also when we leave our pew at the end of Mass. But what is now new is that those who are fully vaccinated are permitted to remove their masks – if they so choose – when they are in the pew. Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to keep their mask on when they are in the pew. Of course, even for the fully vaccinated, there remains the option to keep the facial mask on even when sitting in the pew if they so desire. Each of us must consider and evaluate our own situation as regards our underlying health, as well as our level of overall comfort. The protocols of the six-foot social distancing from non-household members remains in place, as does the cleaning and sanitizing of the church after each Mass.

Second, in March of 2020 the bishop had dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. At that time, just over a year ago, the pandemic had just begun, and there were no vaccines yet developed. But now that so many have been vaccinated and the rates of infection continue to decline, the bishops of many dioceses – including our own – have discontinued that dispensation and in our diocese the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will resume next weekend, June 5th – 6th. The following quote is from the bishop's letter that I received,

"Praise be to Almighty God, who has been by our side throughout this long and devastating pandemic. He has heard our cries of mourning and been our rock in this stormy sea. He has delivered us through this crisis and brought us to the point where we can now clearly see an end in sight to the suffering, lockdowns, and isolation. Alleluia!

Today, with vaccination rates rising, infection numbers across the state are falling and we are seeing the reopening of every sector of society, including businesses, restaurants and sporting events. Now it is also time to return to Sunday Mass.

The obligation to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day is a sacred one. Anyone who is frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical conditions is always excused from this obligation, and we encouraged you to use your prudential judgement throughout this pandemic to determine if it was unsafe for you to attend Mass. This remains true.

However, for those who are healthy and not at great risk, the presumption of the faithful should be that, unless they are at an enhanced risk, sick, or caring for others who are at risk or sick, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass now resumes, effective the weekend of June 5-6, 2021, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in our diocese.

We are grateful to God to have reached this point, and we speak for all of our brother priests in saying we can't wait to see you again. Come home to Mass!"

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joe

LPI's GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.



MEMORIAL DAY

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A VOCATION VIEW: Next weekend, Bishop Michael Fisher will ordain four new priests for our diocese! There's room for many more -- perhaps you? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716- 847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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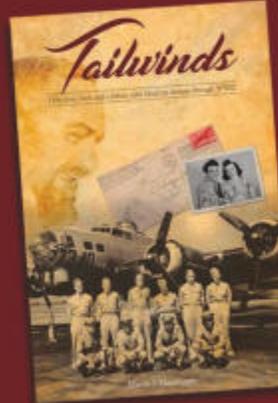
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