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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

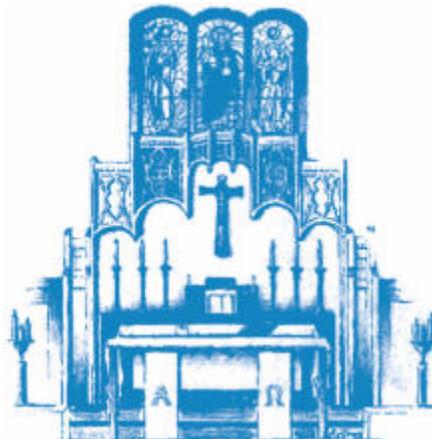
Wed. 6:15 pm Holy Spirit

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, June 7, 2021
8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, June 10, 2021
8:00 AM Carol Morreale req: Family & Friends

SUNDAY, June 13, 2021
8:15 AM Santa Morreale req: Lorigo Family
9:30 AM Louis Oliveri req: Wife Bridget & Family
Giuseppine Aurilio req: Gian & Lina Aiello

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Are you or a family member at risk for out-of-home placement? Do you need help navigating complex healthcare and social support systems? If so, we can help. Catholic Charities offers Care Coordination Services for a range of ages through **Children's Health Home Care Management and Project HOPE (Helping Older People Excel)** programs. Our care coordinators will work with you, your family, your own care providers and whoever you deem important to your health and happiness to complete comprehensive assessments and work together as a team to create a care plan directed by you so you can meet your goals. If you have a mental health diagnosis and/or multiple chronic conditions and feel you would benefit from linkage and referral to services, as well as advocacy and intervention, please visit www.ccnny.org to learn more about our Care Coordination Services and complete a referral form. **Appeal 2021** is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccnny.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**

ASSISTING ON THE ALTAR:

Lector:

Sunday, June 13, 2021
8:15 AM: Kate Mazzarini
9:30 AM: Rosemary O'Connell



Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, June 13, 2021
8:15 AM: Jim Devlin & Cheri Frank
9:30 AM: Sr. Karen Marie & Paul Shea

Ready for Renewal? The Diocese of Buffalo has embarked on the Road to Renewal that began with a planning phase last August. Since then, a great deal has taken place to help prepare our Diocese for much needed renewal and revitalization. Over the past month, Rev. Bryan Zielenieski, Pastor of St. Mary in Swormville, and Vicar for Renewal and Development, has been meeting with parish groupings sharing with priests, deacons and lay leaders the vision and work that the renewal entails. Because it is important for all parishioners to be aware of the Renewal work at hand, Fr. Bryan will help keep everyone up to date with bi-weekly updates regarding where we are in the process. The Renewal offers creative ways to respond to changing trends in our church, while addressing and responding to the needs of parishes. Visit www.roadtorenewal.org for the latest updates and to stay informed about the Diocese of Buffalo's Road to Renewal.

Saint Margaret Parishioners Named to Mount St. Mary Academy Third Quarter Honor Roll

Mount St. Mary Academy Principal Katherine Spillman announces the following parishioners of Saint Margaret Church who have been named to the school's third quarter honor roll:
Sienna Capitano and Sarah Maruscak.

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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

Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51

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

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

I would imagine that every language has any number of phrases and sayings that are passed down from one generation to the next. We may not often know the origin of the saying, but perhaps a reason for its repetition through the ages is that we recognize in it a depth of truth that might otherwise elude us. One such phrase is, "You are what you eat." It is relatively easy to grasp the obvious connection between our own health and the food which we eat to sustain that health. But, as we have certainly experienced through the isolation brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, there is much more to eating than just the obvious nutritional content. There is the vital social aspect as well.

When we were little children, my mother used to sometimes refer to our little arms as if they were ears of fresh corn and would proceed to play a game pretending that she was about to nibble on them as if they were food. Although more than 55 years have passed since then, I can still hear her saying on such occasions, "I could eat you up!" The message being communicated was crystal clear: the infinite love of a mother for her children, and the desire to be one with her children, just as a mother's children had in fact been one with her before their birth.

When I was a priest in Orchard Park, just prior to my assignment to Holy Spirit, there was a woman who had called one day in 2002 or so asking if a priest could bring her Communion. There were three of us in that parish at that time (imagine that, *three* priests in *one* parish – whereas now there are *two* parishes with *one* priest!) Thus it was that I started bringing Communion monthly to Lillian. Her apartment looked like it was fixed in a moment of time from perhaps fifty years earlier. She had no children and her husband had died years earlier. One day I showed up with a birthday cake for her, and she insisted we had to use her genuine sterling silverware to eat it. As her health gradually declined, I went to see her in a nursing home. As I waited outside her room door, I could hear her loudly asking the nurse, "A priest is here for me? Is he young? Is he handsome?" (Yes, her eyesight was failing) But what I remember distinctly was that when I approached her sitting in her wheelchair, she reached out for my left arm, grasped it, and pulling it towards her mouth, she exclaimed, "I could just eat you up!" For a fraction of a second, I was afraid that she was about to try!

Just a little over a decade before that, back in late September of 1987, I was returning to Rome as a newly ordained priest, to complete my fifth and final year of studies at the Accademia Alfonsiana there. My spiritual director invited me to go with him to the Catacombs of Saint Priscilla. There we descended into the depths of the earth, to a spot in the catacombs which he knew, steeped as it was in the Eucharist being celebrated there since the days of the ancient Roman Empire. That was the very first time I celebrated Mass as a priest in Rome. Today's Feast of Corpus Christi brings back memories of childhood and a mother's love, of an elderly parishioner and her richly human faith, of a best friend and celebrating together Eucharist in the very spot of the world's oldest fresco of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Our greatest treasure as Catholics is the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is not surprising that St. Augustine used to say, "Become what you receive." After all, "You are what you eat."

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joe

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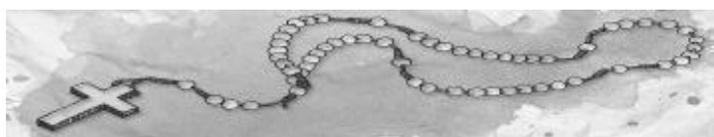
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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.



A VOCATION VIEW: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink, to nourish us on our journey toward the Kingdom. Without priests, we cannot receive this incredible gift. The need is great, so if God is summoning you to a Church vocation, call today 716-847-5535 and talk with Fr. Dave or visit buffalovocations.org.

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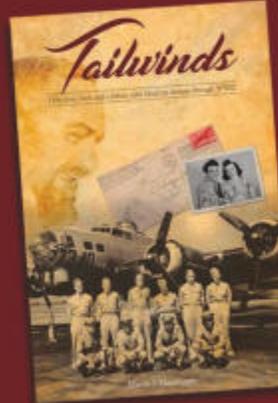
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