

July 4, 2021



st. margaret's parish news

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 8:00 am (Communion Service)
(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

NOVENA: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday - after 8:00 am Communion Service.



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, July 5, 2021

8:00 AM Filippa Arena and Laura DiBella-
Genco req. by Grace DiBella

THURSDAY, July 8, 2021

8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, July 11, 2021

8:15 AM Maurizio Marrone and Michele Ingrao req. by
Family

Carol Maggio, Anniversary Remembrance req.
by Husband, Bill Maggio

9:30 AM Santa Morreale req. by Gian & Lina Aiello
Giacomina Maggio req. by Sister



**The Rectory will be closed
Monday, July 5 for the
Independence Day Holiday.
Have a great holiday weekend!**

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 4pm to pray the Rosary.

St. Amelia Parish invites you to a conference for young adults ages 18 through 39 who would like to learn more about fully living their Catholic life while single, married, religious, or as a priest.

This conference will take place on August 7th, 2021 from noon until 5:30pm. The cost is \$20 per person to register, or \$25 per person will allow admission to the conference and include a Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner. To add to the fun, there will be trivia and prizes too!

For questions, please reach out to Kathy Waite at youth@stamelia.com or 716-491-8269.

You can download the registration form by clicking on this link: [YoungAdult conference registration form](#). We hope to see you there!

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

June 27, 2021

Offertory \$2,121.97

Assisting on the Altar July 11, 2021

Lector: 8:15 Kate Mazzarini

9:30 Sr, Karen Marie

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Larry Brooks, Donna Steele

9:30 Paul Shea, Anne Simon



Personal Hygiene Products Outreach Ministry.

A number of years ago, with Fr. Joe's approval, members of the Events Committee formed a sub-committee whose responsibility is to organize personal care items donated by our parishioners and to then deliver these items to various agencies.

The agencies we have supported include Catholic Charities, St. Girard's Place, St. Gianna's Outreach Center, Response to Love, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, and the Veteran's Hospital. Program coordinators from these agencies have overwhelmingly expressed their gratitude for your generosity and have, over the years, sent notes expressing how much they and their clients appreciate our efforts.

Suggested adult items include body soap and lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream and razors, feminine hygiene items, hairbrushes and combs, Q-tips, and small tissue packs. Children's items such as baby wash, shampoo, lotion, baby wipes, and diapers are suggested for the little ones. It is important that you remember we can accept new, unopened, unused items only. We cannot accept any items that have an expiration date that has passed.

We are seeking help with this important ministry, especially one or two adults to head up our efforts.

We are truly grateful to those who have given in the past and to those who have continued to donate during the pandemic. If you can help with this very worthwhile endeavor, please notify Diane in the rectory office (876-5318), or express your interest to Fr. Joe. Thank you very much! *Pam Cercone*



Eucharist for Homebound Parishioners.

If you or someone you know from the parish is in a nursing home (or is a shut-in in their own home) and 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.

CELEBRATION: Cardinal O'Hara High School will kick off its 60th year celebration at the O'HaraFest All -Year Reunion at 7pm Friday, July 30 at the Cardinal O'Hara sports complex. Cardinal O'Hara opened on Sept. 8, 1961 and all classes are welcome to celebrate along with all former teachers and staff who are invited back for the event. Tickets are \$25 that includes beer, wine, soda and food. In addition, the classes of 1970 and '71 will also celebrate their 50th and 51st reunions that evening at a special location on the campus.

Two other summer events are also planned. On Aug. 1 at 10:30 a.m. an Alumni Mass will be celebrated at the school by Fr. Charles Jagodzinski, OFM Conv. who taught at O'Hara for 13 years.

On Aug. 26, a golf outing at Rothland Golf Course in Akron is open to alumni and friends.

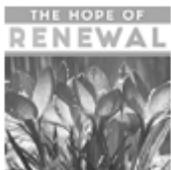
For more information on these events, go online at cardinalohara.com or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

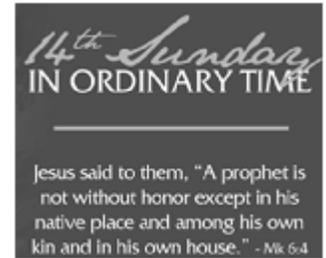
For the last two weekends I have been sharing with you in this column the information each pastor has been receiving regarding the "Road to Renewal." This is the "Family of Parishes" model that has been chosen by the Diocese as part of its effort to move forward in the midst of various trends which are unsympathetic to the practice of faith of any sort, including our own Catholic faith. However, perhaps in view of the complexity of restructuring all 161 parishes, we received an email this past week that the "Road to Renewal" and "Family of Parishes" are now being paused; so, we await further direction and dialogue. I, for one, am grateful that this process is, at the moment, being slowed down. Given that all of our parishes are seeking to recover from factors beyond our control – the devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic shutdown, the clergy abuse scandal, the diocesan bankruptcy – it does not seem that this present moment would be the best time to attempt any major restructuring of all parishes too rapidly. The aforementioned factors in our diocese, as well as societal trends everywhere in the nation (and world?), seem to be trending toward individualism, at the expense of community. And, honestly, what is a parish if it is not a community of believers in Jesus Christ, Crucified and Risen?

The coronavirus pandemic changed our lives in profound and varied ways, not the least of which was (and is) the constant emphasis on "social distancing." Since we humans are social by nature, a result of the pandemic has been that of isolation. Even now, despite so many being vaccinated, I would venture to say that nearly one-half have not returned to church yet. The state and county and diocese have all ended capacity limits in churches, but our churches throughout the diocese, as far as I know, are far from the attendance that we enjoyed prior to the pandemic. It is my hope – what else do we have if we do not have hope – that those who have not been at Mass since March of 2020 will continue to come back. I am open to your suggestions of whatever you think I should be doing additionally that would help others to come back to Mass. I realize that the church is hot in the summer, and that some might wish it were air-conditioned. As you know, I personally love the winter, and putting on the vestments on top of clothes in church during the summer heat is not exactly my preference. However, I find that whatever temporary inconvenience the heat brings is more than made up for by the encouragement I find in celebrating with you our faith in Jesus.

Next weekend, Sister Ann Marie Grasso and Sister Mary Laura Lesniak will be coming to our parishes (one for each parish) to speak at all Masses on behalf of the Summer Missions Appeal. They will share with us the work of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur in both our own nation and the eight other countries where they serve. There will be a special second collection at each Mass to support the work of their congregation as they bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to people both near and far. Thank you for your support of their many good works.



Happy Fourth of July,
Father Joe



A VOCATION VIEW. God bless America! We are "one nation, under God, indivisible," but people often forget that middle part. We need priests, deacons, religious, and lay ministers to remind us of our sacred duties to God & country. Is God inviting you to a Church vocation? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

No Pushing. A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran, she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late ... But please don't shove me either!" ©LPi

A prayer: You Never Walk Alone. You never walk alone my friend, though you may think you do. In your hours of loneliness God always walks with you. There is no hour or any day He is not by your side; and though unseen, is always there to be your Friend and Guide. Whenever you think you walk alone, reach out and you will find God will always take your hand and give you peace of mind. *Harold F. Mohn*

*Sometimes the only means of transportation
is a leap of faith.*

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/
Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and
15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
[39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7
[cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

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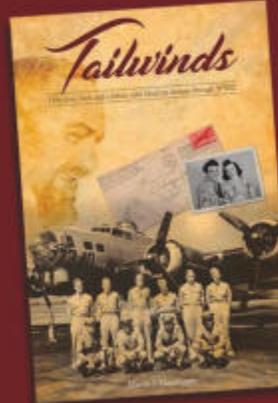
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