

July 11, 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 12, 2021

8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, July 15, 2021

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Scalisi and Marie Starck
req. by Family

SUNDAY, July 18, 2021

8:15 AM For All Parishioners

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

Giuseppe Alaimo, Anniversary of Death and
Mario Alaimo req. by Nina Alaimo & Family



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

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.



This morning's **second collection** is the usual monthly offering for repairs and maintenance of our church and property. We appreciate your support.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

July 4, 2021 figures will be reported in the July 18 bulletin.

Assisting on the Altar July 18, 2021

Lector: 8:15 Dan Szyklinski

9:30 Rosemary O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Kate Mazzarini, Need One

9:30 Anne Simon, Sr. Karen Marie



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.



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!

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Due to the scheduling requirements of LPI, the company which publishes our bulletin, I am writing this article in advance. In any case, as you are reading this, the Fourth of July holiday will have already been celebrated last weekend. I hope that this year's celebration may have afforded you the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends, especially since most of us have almost no memory of July 4, 2020, given that many of the ordinary celebrations were cancelled last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Fourth of July holiday may remind us of many things. Over the course of a lifetime, probably all of us have enjoyed the thrill of a fireworks display, the wafting scent of hot dogs roasting on the grill, and the pomp and circumstance of a parade. And, having a day off from work, and spending that day with family and friends, is always cause for the forming of happy memories. Chances are that we have some basic recollection of history lessons, also, when we learned of the struggles of our early colonial forebears. We came to understand that the Fourth of July was also "Independence Day." We were celebrating our independence from Britain, an independence that was won via the Revolutionary War. We had won freedom from Britain.

From a standpoint of faith, however, there is another way, a richer perspective, than simply our "freedom from." There is also our "freedom for." That is, once we realize we are free from that which has dominated or controlled our lives, we can then decide to dedicate (or rededicate) ourselves in service to others, to some particularly worthy cause, and to the Lord. Independence Day may remind us of freedom from tyranny nearly 250 years ago. It can also serve as a reminder of more personal tyrannies (addictions, jealousy, bitterness, etc.) which hold us bound and from which we struggle to be set free. Then we can hear the clarion call of Jesus and his declaration that he had come "to serve, not to be served." Celebrating our freedom from opens us to living out our freedom for serving God and His other children, our sisters and brothers.

I was privileged recently to hear one of the most beautiful eulogies I have ever experienced. Though the family was small, there were so many friends of the deceased who had also come. His sister then spoke movingly of her brother and his generosity, love of family and friends, work ethic, and his sudden and unexpected death. She left each of us with the challenge to share our time generously with our loved ones, and to not let a day pass without taking advantage of the opportunity to tell them of our love for them. Since we do not know the number of our days, we should live each one of them as if it might be our last. Simply put, our freedom from self can then become our freedom for others. She clearly experienced this in her brother. And she hoped we can find joy in living the same way. The effects of living our faith will last much, much longer than the aroma of hot dogs roasting on a grill or the spectacle of the fireworks' grand finale. Don't let a day go by without telling those you love how much you love them. And remember to include the Lord also.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



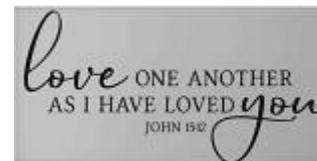
15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

A VOCATION VIEW. Amos was just working his blue-collar job when "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people....'" God still calls people in this way, from all walks of life. If you feel the call to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Faith in Marriage. What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day? Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another. ©LPi



Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/

Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/

Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/

Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27

[8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc

17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,

13-15/Mt 12:14-21

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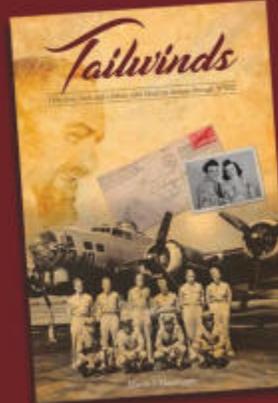
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