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# 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 19, 2021

8:00 AM Vincent L. Pino req. by Libby Ignaszak

## THURSDAY, July 22, 2021

8:00 AM Carol Wittig, Birthday Remembrance req. by Pam Cercone

## SUNDAY, July 25, 2021

8:15 AM For All Parishioners

9:30 AM Vincenzo, Gaetana & Angelo Piraino req. by Angela & Cosima Piraino  
John Williams, Jr. req. by Wife & Children



**Religious Education News.** We hope you are all having a good summer so far. We are busy planning the calendar and activities for our students in our Religious Education program, especially for the sacramental classes: Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

These summer days offer us the time to enjoy the wonderful world around us, and also give us more time to spend with our families and friends in less-hurried venues like backyards, porches, parks and beaches. We have a lot to be thankful for. Let's make sure that we spend some time with our parish community, too, in praise and gratitude to the One who loves us first. Don't forget to return your registration form in the Sunday collection Basket. Thank you.



**Congratulations** to St. Margaret Parishioner *Carmelo Natoli*, who has been named to the fourth-quarter honor roll at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Great job, Carmelo!

## FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

### July 4, 2021

Offertory ..... \$2,991.77

Shrines..... \$ 27.90

### July 11, 2021

Offertory..... \$2,779.25

Monthly..... \$ 950.00

Shrines ..... \$ 34.63

Electronic Giving..... \$ 40.00

## Assisting on the Altar July 25, 2021

Lector: 8:15 Bob Esposito

9:30 Frank DiLeo

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Cheri Frank, Donna Steele

9:30 Toni DiLeo, Sr. Karen Marie

**Parish 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*



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

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

*in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.  
Case No. 20-10322*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT,** On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

**The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").**

**If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.**

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 or more information on how to file your proof of claim.

**IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

When I was in college seminary at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg, NY, I worked one of those years at a hospital in nearby Watertown, NY. The supervisor of the pastoral care program there wanted us to learn how to exactly repeat the conversations that took place as we made our rounds of patients. This was about five years before I was a priest. I think that the point of that was to help us learn how to listen more deeply to others. I don't know about you, but I am finding that the older I become, the more precisely I remember stories that my parents and grandparents told me long ago...

One such story I heard from my stepfather, who was from a small town east of Rome, Italy. He said that on a nearby farm there was a tiny stone chapel, which had not been used in many years. So, we might say that it had been abandoned. But the story that I can still hear him re-telling was how a donkey, when walking through that field, would stop when passing by that small chapel, and temporarily kneel, facing the chapel. No amount of coaxing could stop that donkey from repeating this routine each time it passed that chapel. My stepfather's conviction was that that donkey, that mere beast of burden, was somehow aware that at one time, in that small chapel, the Eucharist had been celebrated on the tiny altar within the chapel...and that the donkey was genuflecting in adoration.

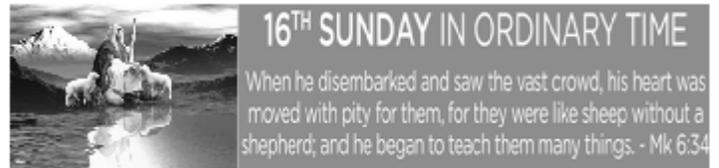
Why do I today remember this story from so long ago? Well, the coronavirus pandemic has perhaps taught each of us many things, not the least of which may include the value of life itself, the preciousness of human community, the unique value of so many activities we had sort of cavalierly assumed would always be available to us. With the re-opening of the economy, many of our habitual activities have now resumed, though not exactly.

While grocery stores never stopped being frequented, and while restaurants have now become full once again (I recently travelled with a friend to five different places until we found one with a table available), churches are nowhere near where we were before the pandemic began. Certainly, those with underlying medical conditions are always excused. Yet, a complete stranger approached me recently to tell me how accustomed she has become to simply watching Mass online. I wonder if I as a priest, or if we as a Church throughout the country, have somehow failed to appreciate and communicate the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharist? How did it come to this, that watching Mass on a computer screen would be preferable to actively participating in the Mass as a community of believers? Did we somehow fail to invite one another into the mystery of Emmanuel – “God is with us” – at each and every Eucharist?

Simply put, how is it that a mere donkey, a beast of burden, would mysteriously kneel before an altar where Eucharist had been celebrated years before, while so many people – the crown jewel of God's creation – seem to have no memory of being in church before the pandemic began? How do we continue to invite our families and friends back?



Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Joe



**A VOCATION VIEW.** Jesus' heart was moved to pity because the crowd was lost “like sheep without a shepherd.” Would you be the shepherd Jesus sends to lead his flock? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Capen Garden Walk** will be Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, 2021, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, rain or shine. This is a free self-guided tour of about 60 private gardens and carefully nurtured public spaces in the neighborhoods surrounding the University at Buffalo South Campus. In addition, some of the private gardens will be open for Capen by Night on Saturday, July 17 from 8:00-10:00 pm.

Maps for the walk will be available at the UB Anderson Gallery, 1 Martha Jackson Place, Buffalo (between Montrose and Englewood Avenues) until 4:00 pm both days. Free parking is available at the gallery. Maps will also be available to download on our web page, [ourheights.org/gardenwalk](http://ourheights.org/gardenwalk) after July 14.



**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.

**The Kindergartener.** A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was. The little girl told her: “I'm drawing God!” “But sweetie,” the teacher replied, “no one actually knows what God looks like.” Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, “well, they certainly will in a minute!” ©LPi

### Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/  
Mk 6:30-34

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/  
Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/  
Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,  
27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,  
8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/  
Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/  
Mt 13:24-30

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## Local soldier meets Padre Pio!

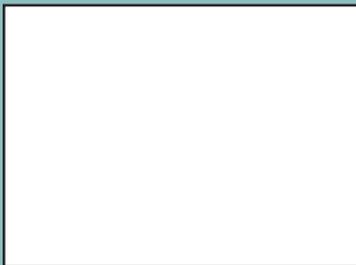
*Tailwinds*, a new book by local author Martin J. Haumesser, tells the story of his father's World War II experiences including several encounters with Padre Pio - St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

- Now available on Amazon. Search "Tailwinds" in Books.
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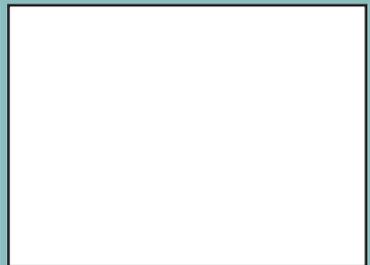
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