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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 26, 2021

8:00 AM Quinto Cappellini and Evan McDonald req. by Mary Lou Cappellini

THURSDAY, July 29, 2021

8:00 AM All Souls

SUNDAY, August 1, 2021

8:15 AM Nicole Sciandra req. by Family

9:30 AM Maria D'alesandro and Nicolo Maggiore req. by Daughter

Prospero, Antonina & Giuseppe Tabone req. by Concetta Tabone

Hearing The Cry Of A Child. We were all moved by the plight of the little 18-month-old 'Lily' who was strapped in her car seat in a car that was upside down in a river in Utah years ago for 14 hours. Her mother was killed in this terrible accident. A fisherman discovered the wreck and firemen were notified. The five heroic firemen claim they each heard a voice in their heads pleading for 'help.' Within minutes after turning the car over they rescued the baby and she was on her way to the hospital and recovery. We were all thrilled! Whose voice was calling to them? Who is Lily's guardian angel? It certainly was a spiritual being - a little miracle that most certainly touched the hearts of those firemen! If only expectant mothers could hear the cry of the babies in their wombs pleading with them to let them be born! They have so much love to share! They are just as anxious to meet their moms and dads as the parents should be to meet them. They would tell you they are a real person waiting to give hugs to loved ones. They want to run and laugh and play and smell the flowers. And to the abortion doctors they would plead with them to honor their Hippocratic Oath as doctors to save lives - not to kill anyone. That is not their right; it never was nor ever will be. Just think what a wonderful world this would be if all the aborted babies had been saved. *Ruth Weber, Davenport Iowa*

The **second collection** will be taken up today for Peter's Pence, which supports humanitarian and social works of the Holy Father. Your generosity is appreciated.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

July 18, 2021

Offertory	\$2,548.00
Shrines.....	\$ 47.37
Electronic Giving.....	\$ 110.00

Assisting on the Altar August 1, 2021

Lector: 8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini

9:30 Rosemary O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Kate Mazzarini, Dan Szyklinski

9:30 Anne Simon, 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*



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.

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.

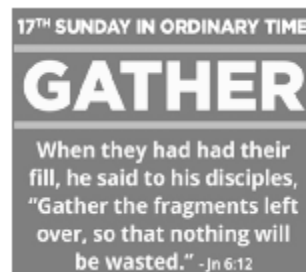
A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

With some frequency, all the priests of the diocese lately have been receiving updates on the "Road to Renewal". This process was begun during the time when Bishop Scharfenberger was the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese, for that year or so which began with Bishop Malone's retirement and ended with the appointment of Bishop Fisher. At the time of its inception, I do not remember any mention of this new endeavor, that is, of the Road to Renewal. But a few months after the process had begun, we then began to hear about it. So perhaps a couple of months ago Bishop Fisher visited each vicariate of the diocese, including our own vicariate, which is named the Vicariate of Northwest-Central Buffalo. Then Fr. Bryan Zielenieski, who is the Vicar for Renewal, also came to speak with the priests of our vicariate. And Bishop Mike Fisher and Father Bryan Zielenieski together have also now begun meeting with the priests of the diocese by age groups. First, they met with priests ordained in the last ten years. Next, they met with priests ordained from ten to twenty-five years ago. And two weeks ago, they met with some of the priests ordained twenty-five years and older. Now approaching my 34th year as a priest, I was a participant in that most recent meeting. So, at present, I have been at three meetings sponsored by the diocese regarding the Road to Renewal.

It would be less than honest on my part if I were to tell you that I perfectly understand what the Road to Renewal is. Its goal seems obvious enough: in the wake of a clergy abuse scandal, the bankruptcy and reorganization of the diocese, and the devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic, how can we begin to rebuild and reinvigorate our community of Catholic faithful in these eight counties of Western New York? On the other hand, from the time our Lord walked this earth some two thousand years ago, has there ever been a time when the Church did *not* need rebuilding? In fact, over 800 years ago St. Francis of Assisi heard the voice of Jesus from the Crucifix of San Damiano speaking to him the words, "Francis, rebuild my Church. You can see it is in ruins." But the issue is in the details. Isn't it always?

I have never been a great fan of too many meetings. There just aren't enough hours in the day as it is. But I have been attentive to these Road to Renewal meetings and have done so precisely because they may directly affect all members of all parishes in the diocese in the years to come. There are not a lot of details that are certain just yet. The model that the diocese has decided to follow is called the "Family of Parishes" model. There are currently 161 parishes in the diocese, and these would be organized into 36 "families" of parishes. These "families" of parishes seem to have been decided largely based on geographical proximity. Our "family" of parishes would be Holy Spirit, St. Joseph-University, St. Margaret, St. Mark, and St. Rose. The goal would be to foster a greater sharing of personnel among the parishes which comprise a "family." But as I (and others) have pointed out at these meetings, such a sharing of personnel has already been taking place. I will let you know the state of any progress as any new details are announced. For now, I would simply ask that you pray for the Spirit's guidance of the diocese.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A VOCATION VIEW. St. Paul encouraged the Ephesians to "live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." But what exactly is that calling? It's different for everyone. If your calling is a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Your Life, Your Plan, a conference for young adults 18-39 who would like to learn more about living their Catholic lives fully while single, married or choosing religious life or the priesthood. Join us on August 7 from 12-5:30 pm at St. Amelia Church, 2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda, for Praise & Worship music, panelists and breakouts for each vocation, keynote speaker John Finch from The Vigil Project, Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass with Bishop Mike Fisher. Option to enjoy Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner and trivia under the tent with the parish. More information and registration is available at www.stamelia.com.



Our Diocesan Appeal for Catholic Charities and The Fund For the Faith raised \$9,037,510.95. Here at St. Margaret, we raised \$44,527.75. THANK YOU VERY MUCH ST. MARGARET PARISHIONERS! *Rick Cronin*



Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

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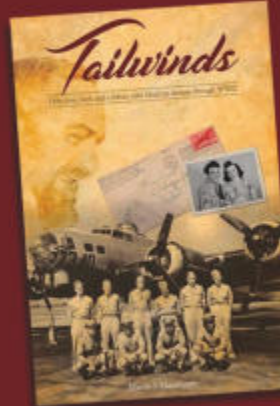
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