

August 1, 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, August 2, 2021

8:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, August 5, 2021

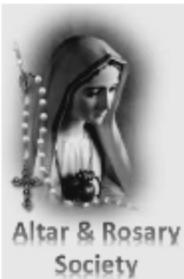
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SUNDAY, August 8, 2021

8:15 AM For All Parishioners

9:30 AM Russell Mantione, Birthday Remembrance req.
by Family
James Campagna req. by Wife & Family

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.



Altar & Rosary envelopes can be placed in any collection in August.

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP

July 25, 2021

Offertory	\$1,774.00
Summer Missions	\$ 935.85
Peter's Pence	\$ 400.00

Assisting on the Altar August 8, 2021

Lector: 8:15 Kate Mazzarini

9:30 Gabe Marrone

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:15 Larry Brooks, Jim Devlin

9:30 Paul Shea, 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*

Religious Education News.



As we get closer to September, we would like to remind parents of children in Grades 1-9 to please register their children for our Religious Education Program. Religious Education classes begin September 12, 2021. Our program is held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45am. This time allows you and your family the opportunity to attend the 8:15am Mass at St. Margaret or the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit on Sundays. Celebrating Sunday, the Day of the Lord, together as a family, is a special joy and privilege. It allows us all time to enjoy one another and the good things of the earth. Making Sundays a family day, and a day of rest, can change our outlook on the rest of the week.

Parents with children in Catholic elementary or high schools need to sign up for sacramental classes:

2nd Grade: First Reconciliation

3rd Grade: First Communion

10th Grade: Confirmation.

Please note that children are supposed to celebrate sacraments in their home parish, not the school parish.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Mark Twain once wrote, "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years." Twain's humor and irony are obvious: it was not his father who had been growing in understanding!

One of my professors at the Universita' Gregoriana, the Jesuit school of theology in Rome, taught a course which, at the time, I found rather tedious. He, a priest, was from Spain. His last name was "Pastor" – Spanish for "shepherd." Not a bad name for a priest. But the material and his teaching style seemed, when I was just in my early twenties at the time, to be so obvious and redundant. All that I remember these thirty-six years later – of course, it is to his credit and the quality of his teaching that I remember *anything* from his class so many years later – is that he proposed and elucidated a number of axioms. One such axiom was, "The revealed God is the hidden God." But the next was, "The hidden God is the revealed God." And the axiom that I think was his ultimate conclusion was, "Only God is God."

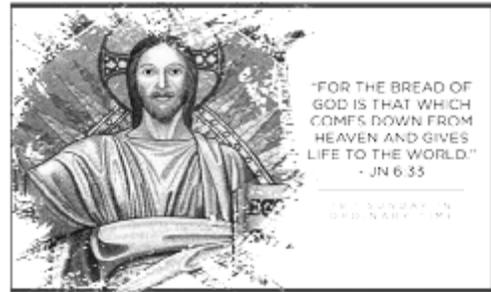
Of course, these may seem rather obvious at first glance, or upon first hearing. And yet, each was ripe with truth. One of the experiences which I find most fulfilling as a priest is that of bringing Communion to our parishioners who are unable to come to Mass due to declining health or the loss of independence and mobility that often accompany advancing age. What I marvel at and find so moving is that, while their bodies may be aging, their inner spiritual life, their soul, seems to be soaring to heights that are truly enviable and beautiful.

In today's Gospel we see the reaction of the vast crowd whom Jesus had fed through the miraculous multiplication of bread and fish in last Sunday's Gospel reading. Instead of correctly interpreting that miracle as a sign pointing to Jesus' true identity as God's Son, the crowd is simply seeking more free food. While this is perfectly understandable, the fact remains that Jesus is offering something far more. Jesus is challenging us to something akin to Twain's insight about maturing wisdom and humility. Jesus did not come to earth simply to give us bread to eat, but to **be** our Bread of Life. Even in the Our Father, when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," we are praying that we become ultimately trusting in God's providential and loving care *daily*. In the words of Father Pastor at the Gregoriana, "Only God is God."

As I was visiting a shut-in with Eucharist this past week, after she received Communion and we paused for silent prayer, she said aloud, "Jesus, thank you for coming into my home today!" That sincere faith is what we should strive for. Perhaps it is a rare gift these days. I am at a loss for words as to why so many who once were at Mass each weekend are no longer present. Certainly underlying health conditions or the unavailability of vaccines for children are reasons each of us can understand. But how can we reach those who are fully vaccinated, and who have presumably returned to other aspects of daily life, but are no longer present with us at Mass? The greatest gift Jesus has given us is the Eucharist, the gift of his very self. The parishioner I was visiting certainly knew this. How can we, in our parishes, hear – and share – more deeply the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, "I am the bread of life..."



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A VOCATION VIEW. Manna in the desert – this miraculous gift was only a sign of the more amazing Bread From Heaven that Jesus would later give us in His Body & Blood, a supreme gift which continues through the ministry of priests. To be part of this otherworldly ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

GOLF TOURNEY: Cardinal O'Hara High School will sponsor a golf tournament on Thursday, August 26 at Rothland Golf Course in Akron. Open to all alumni and friends, the outing is one of the featured events planned for the school's 60th year celebration. Registration begins at 9 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The \$100 registration fee includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch and beverages on the course and dinner after the tournament. Sponsorship packages are available. For more information, call Renee Orr at 716-695-2600, ext. 312 or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

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.



"You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips." Oliver Goldsmith

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/ Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/ Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/ Mk 17:14-20

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