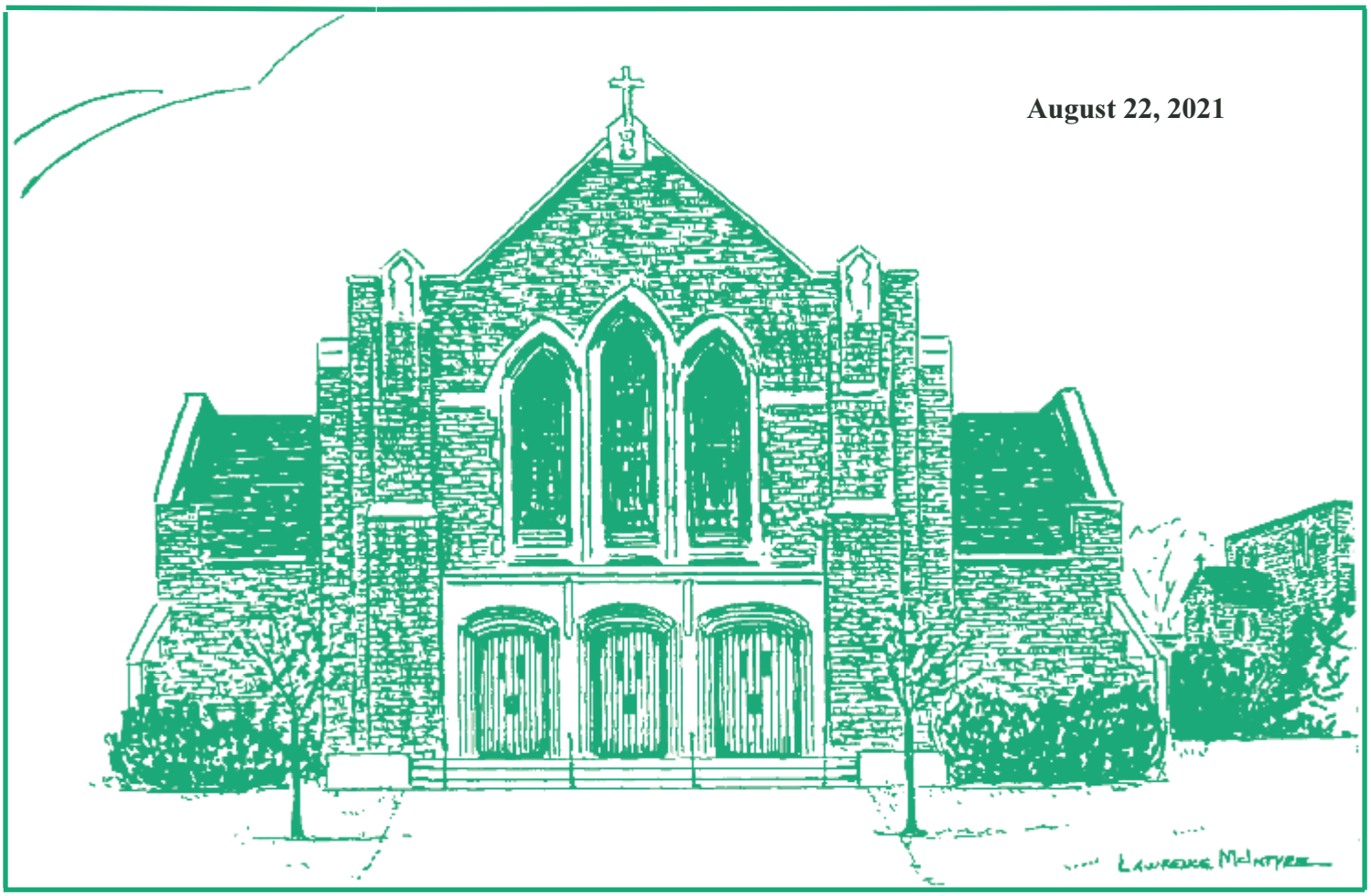
August 22, 2021



st. margaret's parish news

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Sr. Karen Marie, GNSH, Pastoral Associate (Phone 331-8846).

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 23, 2021
8:00 AM All Souls
THURSDAY, August 26, 2021
8:00 AM All Souls
SUNDAY, August 29, 2021
8:15 AM Santa Gerace req. Tom Gerace & Family
9:30 AM Gabrielle D. Piazza, Birthday Remembrance req. by Family
Anthony and Julia Buscaglia req. by Tina & Joe Farrauto

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.

Doing a Home Refresh? You can help our St. Vincent de Paul Society by donating your broken watches or small clocks. We repair them and then sell them at the St. Vincent de Paul store on Main St. There is a box at the parking lot side of the church to collect these items or unwanted jewelry.

Also, remember the blue bin behind the rectory for used clothing, linens, towels, or blankets. Please put these items in plastic bags. Thank you.

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

FAITH IN STEWARDSHIP
August 15, 2021

Offertory	$2,731.00
Assumption	$ 780.75
Electronic Giving.....	$ 110.00

Assisting on the Altar August 29, 2021
Lector: 8:15 Mary Lou Cappellini
9:30 Gabe Marrone
Eucharistic Ministers:
8:15 Cheri Frank, 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.

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. Religious Education classes begin Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at 9:30 – 10:45. We are looking forward to seeing you all again, especially those who were unable to attend last year. One of the greatest joys of teaching is to see your students in September after the summer months. Everyone has grown; has had some kind of adventures, whether physically or imaginatively; there is the look of expectation and excitement to meet old and new friends; and they just glow from summer sunshine!

Jesus said, "I make all things new!" Let us pray that during this new year of school and Religious Education that Jesus WILL provide that light of hope, that new joy, that all of us so need. He alone can make **all** things new!

Have you returned your registration form? If not, can you do it soon? Misplaced it? Call either rectory and they will send a new one.

A Prayer for Vocations.

O Great Saint Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know the state of life that God in his providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it. Obtain for me the light to know God's will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity. Amen

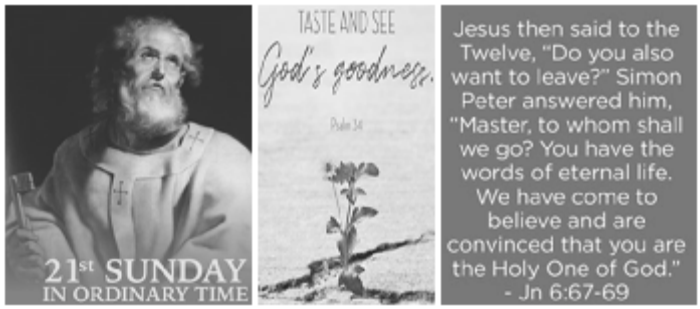
A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

The American artist Andy Warhol is said to have once predicted, "In the future everybody will be world famous for fifteen minutes." With the advent of YouTube and various forms of social media, his prophecy seems to have been proven true. Everyone can be in the limelight, at least temporarily. While watching the morning television news there are any number of commercials which we see so often that we may know them word for word. I admit that there was one particular commercial which aired a few years back which I so thoroughly enjoyed that I used to stop whatever I was doing just so that I could treasure it for the 30 seconds it was on.

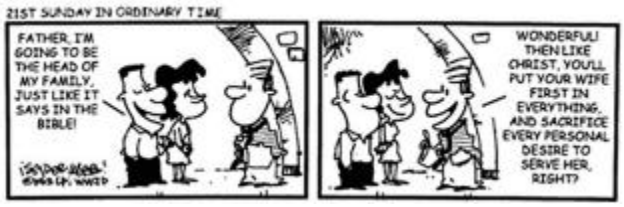
On the other hand, there may have been certain profound events in our experience that we realize have permanently changed our course in life. Chances are that these events had nothing to do with fifteen minutes of fleeting fame, or with a professionally produced commercial. In fact, truly life-altering events may often be borne of moments of crisis in our lives. My Mom died on this day twenty-nine years ago. I remember the day vividly, even the exact time of day, and her last words. I am now older than she ever came to be in this world. Yet, as deeply painful as that day was, it was not my worst day. Death, after all, is natural to our human condition and is inescapable. But for all of us who believe in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, it is the promise of a new, eternal day. No, my worst days came years later. It is only because I experienced the Cross of Jesus through my worst days that I have found anything redeeming. Because it is, after all, the Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ that we claim as our reason to have hope, and that our worst day will surely one day be seen in the brilliant light of God's best day. Today's Gospel speaks of such a day of crisis for both Jesus and his disciples. His insistence that he is our Bread of Life was too much for some. Many left him that day. When he asked the Twelve if they also wanted to leave him, Peter responded, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Perseverance and faith are among the most precious of graces. Their promised future is not limited to fifteen minutes.

On Sunday September 12th we will welcome back our children to a new year of Religious Education classes. Miss Karen Adamski, Mrs. Julie Schwartzott and our catechists are preparing for a new year of helping to form the future generation of our Catholic faith. If your children or grandchildren are not yet registered, please call the rectory for the registration forms. All Covid protocols will be observed, as they were last year also, keeping our learning environment safe and healthy. You will also find the renovations of recent years to be conducive to a warm and friendly environment. The state-of-the-art light-reducing and heat-reducing shades are both practical and beautiful. The new carpeting installed a few years before the shades is also attractive. Other improvements are also planned. I hope you and your loved ones continue to enjoy these last weeks of summer.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe



A VOCATION VIEW. "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Do Peter's words in today's Gospel strike a chord with you? Do you feel like there's nothing satisfying in this world except your faith? Maybe Jesus wants you to share that faith with others in a Church vocation. Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.



Help For Your Marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 visit **https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org. The next weekend is September 17-19, 2021.**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive. Because of the way the Dining Room is serving guests due to COVID protocols, they especially need "To-Go" small water bottles and juice boxes. Thank you for your continued support!

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/ Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

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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.

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