

SAINT MARGARET PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS ARE MON-FRI. 8:30AM-4:30PM
(CLOSED 12PM-1PM FOR LUNCH)

MASS TIMES - UPDATED

Saturday at 6pm

Sunday 7:30am (Latin), 9:30am, 11:30am

Rosary inside the Church at 10:30am

Monday and Friday at 6pm

Tuesday and Wednesday at 8am

**Confessions will be held at 5pm every
Saturday**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Christ's One and Eternal Sacrifice was and is for all humanity. With each Mass offered at the Altar, we give thanks that Christ offers His Sacrifice, keeping close to His Sacred Heart the following:

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 9:30 - PEOPLE OF PARISH

11:30 - Italia Visciglio+

MONDAY, JULY 19, Vincenzo Collucci+

TUESDAY, JULY 20, Rose Marie Montione Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, Deacon Charles Navarrette

FRIDAY, JULY 23, Andrea Toledo

SATURDAY, JULY 24, Ed Wood+

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY



We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-34



In these verses, St. Mark brings out the compassion and the human understanding of Jesus for man. He first planned to give his Apostles a well-earned rest and therefore, planned that He and they should go to a quiet corner of the Sea of Galilee where there was no village and therefore, they would not be disturbed. The desire of the crowds, however, to see him and to hear him speak upset these plans. The people got to the quiet spot first and were waiting when the boat pulled to shore. Jesus could have sent them away, but again his human compassion took over. Seeing these simple people of Galilee so anxious to hear about God and his mercy, he let them stay and began to preach the good news of forgiveness and hope to them. For the most part they were simple, unlettered villagers, shepherds and fishermen. They knew little about the Law of Moses. There was no one but the local rabbis to teach them and they were not very educated at the time.

The great theologians were all in Jerusalem where they got the respect and the financial reward which they felt they merited. Hence the people of the country were more or less forgotten and neglected. They were, as our Lord described them, "like sheep without a shepherd," wandering about half-lost.

They were certainly fortunate, however, in finding the true shepherd who would lead them to the eternal pastures. Not only would he now sacrifice his rest to come to their aid but he would, later on, lay down his life for them and for all of us. We, like those poor people of Galilee, have so much to be grateful for. The compassionate Christ has had pity on us too, and has brought us into his fold. He knows all our infirmities and all our human weaknesses, and he is ever-ready to have pity on us and pardon us. Those people of Galilee were not saints, they were ordinary, run-of-the mill, not over religious people. They cheated one another; they were often uncharitable to one another; they were not always chaste and pure; they prayed very little and perhaps only when they wanted some material benefit. Yet our Lord had compassion on them.

This should give us great confidence, great encouragement. Christ has not changed: he is the same yesterday, today and forever. Today's Gospel goes out to every member of this congregation who has been lax in his or her religious life up to now. Christ wants us back on the high-road to heaven. All we have to do is to break with the past, with the earthly things that keep us from God. He has left to his Church the holy sacrament of penance in which he guarantees us complete and entire remission of all past sins if we confess them with true sorrow. Let us not think that our sins are too big to be forgiven, that Christ could not have compassion on us because of our dreadful past. He came to call sinners. Let us answer his call today—tomorrow might be too late.

ST. MARGARET PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

When: Sunday July 18th; 8:00am-1:00pm
Where: Church Parking Lot
Sign-Up: Walk-up time slots still available

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

St. Lawrence, the first Capuchin Franciscan to be honored as a Doctor, was born in 1559 at Brindisi, a town located on the Adriatic coast of the heel of Italy. Educated from his youth by the Conventual Franciscan Friars, he acquired great facility in languages and is considered the greatest linguist among the Doctors of the Church. His fields of labor were many: army chaplain, diplomat, leader of the Counter-Reformation in Austria and Bohemia, teacher of Sacred Scripture, exegete and mariologist. St. Lawrence offers priests a wonderful model for their studies and preaching. He was canonized in 1881 by Leo XIII.

PROTECT THE HYDE AMENDMENT

Taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortions. We believe in the sanctity of life, and we must defend it. Be informed and take action. Call your members of Congress and tell them to save innocent lives by protecting the Hyde Amendment. Join the USCCB's Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

For more info:

www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saint Margaret's Homeless Outreach

Delivering food to those living on the streets of our community

Requested Items

Bottled water (12-16oz)
Pop-top canned protein (Vienna wieners, Spam, tuna)
Pop-top canned ready-to-eat-meals (Spaghetti-Os, chili)
Granola, protein, or cereal bars
Dessert cups (fruit, applesauce, Jell-O, pudding)
Individual bags of chips (1-3oz)
Please no perishable or previously opened items.
