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Office Hours: (Monday—Friday) 9:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Anticipated Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance 3:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were, in fact, quite near. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in Jesus' words of love.

Congratulations to C.J. and Martha [Riley] Nye whose daughter, Lola will be baptized next Saturday at our 4 p.m. liturgy. We pray that this beautiful child will always know the love and support of her family and our church community. Happy Thanksgiving to all! There will be a Mass at St. Mary's church at 9 a.m.

We did very well with this year's HARVEST DINNER! We made \$3,007 on the dinners and \$251 on the raffle proceeds for a grand total of \$3,258. Many thanks to all who helped with the dinner and those who came to enjoy the evening.

Our thanks to Boy Scout troops 85 and 79 who helped to collect food for our thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy. A total of 890 items were collected. Thank you to our Scout troops!

Many thanks. God Bless You, Fr. Paul J. Alciati

This Week In The Parish (Nov. 17—22)

Sat 10 a.m. Packing of Thanksgiving baskets in Hall
 10 a.m. Men's Group in conf. rm.
 10 a.m. Women's Group in church
 4 p.m. Vigil Mass followed by Anointing of the Sick

Sun 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation grades 1-5
 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass & Rite of Welcome
 11:30 a.m. Faith Formation grades 6-10
 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving basket pickup

Mon 12 p.m. Fun-Raisers meet in conf. rm.
 5 p.m. Daily Mass
 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council meets in conf. rm.

Tue 5 p.m. Daily Mass

Wed 10 a.m. Mass at Cortland Park
 No Daily Mass

Thu & Fri our Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving

Next Week In The Parish (Nov. 24—30)

Sat 4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sun 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Mon 5 p.m. Daily Mass

Tue 5 p.m. Daily Mass
 7 p.m. St. Margaret's choir rehearsal

Wed 12 p.m. Daily Mass

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday **November 17**
 4:00 p.m. For David Jacobsen, Donald J Barber, Charlie Havington - Bob & Jean Bowker

Sunday **November 18**
 10:30 a.m. For Bette Lou Henry—Patty Dwyer & Peg Peri

Monday **November 19**
 5:00 p.m. For C. Michael Norris—Janice & Gerald Peters

Tuesday **November 20**
 5:00 p.m. For Jean Caughey—Dorothy Stevens & Family

Wednesday **November 21**
 No Daily Mass

Saturday **November 24**
 4:00 p.m. For Cathy Niehus—Shirley Clark

Sunday **November 25**
 10:30 a.m. For Joseph Bacigalupi—Zech Family

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2018

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

Observances for the Week of November 18, 2018

Wednesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Our Lady of Peace (El Salvador)
 Thursday: St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS THIS WEEK

November 17-18	4:00 P.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector	Ann Marie Mooney	Carole Harris Terry Lynn Hughes
Eucharistic Ministers	Sarah Discenza Mary Jo Helms Peggy Strauf	Terry Mastrucci Karen McLaughlin Lana Riley
Ushers	Harry Bellardini David Finn	Vincent Swinnich Rusty McLaughlin
Altar Servers	Olivia Andreas	Aislynn Cobb Keira & Sarah Luzum

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

November 24-25	4:00 P.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector	Melissa Tyler	Jeremy Boylan Mollie Riley
Eucharistic Ministers	Shawn McMahon Susan Barnes Vicki Carle	Lana Riley Mary Van Miller Paula Lundberg
Ushers	Michael Havington Harry Reddick	Steve Lundberg Richard Riley
Altar Servers	Riley Delage	Christopher Boylan Sarah Williams

Altar Care Next Saturday: (November 24) Angela Griffin & Mary Jo Helms

Sunday Total: \$ 3,608 E-Give: \$ 1,664 Grand Total: \$ 5,272
 Thank You, your generosity is a blessing to St. Margaret's Parish.



PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are ill:
Calvin Griswold, Krista Stenberg and Millie Horak

Bottles & Cans Quick Stop Beverage on Rt. 281 will be accepting our can/bottle deposits. You may combine cans and plastic bottles in plastic bags but please place glass into a separate box. **Empty Inkjet Cartridges**—bring all your empty inkjet cartridges to the drop box in the church hall. St. Margaret's gets a donation per cartridge.

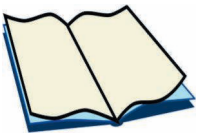
FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-5 will meet this Sunday at 9:15 and Grades 6-10 will meet at 11:30. There will not be Faith Formation classes or Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, Nov. 25th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

A huge thank you to the Faith Formation students and their families for the wonderful response to our Thanksgiving food collection. Nineteen bags of Thanksgiving dinner items were packed by the ninth grade students and will be distributed along with the Human Development Thanksgiving baskets. This was one of the ninth grade community service projects for their first year of Confirmation preparation.

**HOPE APPEAL 2018
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UPDATED-Thank You to those who have already contributed to our 2018 Hope Appeal! Our assessment this year is \$26,013. Pledges received to date \$20,379 with 80 families pledged. You may place your pledge in the collection basket or deliver your pledge to the parish center. You may also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org



LECTOR WORKBOOKS are available in the sacristy for the NEW liturgical year. Please pick one up after Mass and sign your name.

St. Margaret's Safe Environment Information

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Cortland #919 will meet on Wednesday, December 5th in St. Mary's Church Hall at 7:00 p.m. Monetary donations and gifts for our special family are requested. Also non perishable food item are needed for our local food pantries. We will have a \$5 gift exchange at our coffee hour and Christmas Carols. The short meeting is first. Please join us.



December Bake Sale



Thank You to all who baked or bought items for the November Bake Sale. We sold \$428 worth. The December Bake Sale will be held the weekend of December 15 & 16th. Bakers, please sign up in Communication Center or call: Carole Harris: 315-696-8515. Remember to include ingredients on the label. Please return sauce jars that were purchased at the bake sales, so that they can be reused for future sales.



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The Christmas Giving Tree

St. Margaret's Human Development Committee will be placing the Giving Tree in the Front Vestibule on the weekend of Nov. 24 & 25. If you would like to purchase a gift for a family in need, please take a tag from the tree. Return your gift-wrapped present with the tag on top NO later than Sunday, December 9th.



ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE AND EGIVE

VANCO—is our online giving system. This allows parishioners to make a contribution to our regular Sunday collection or any special collections for the month. Please check our website.

BULLETIN: Missing your weekly bulletin? Get it delivered to your e-mail. Sign up on parishesonline.com

ST. MARGARET'S—maintains an updated website that has information about our parish and activities. Our liturgical ministry schedule is on the parish website. <http://www.stmargaret-homer.org>

CHANGE OF PHONE OR ADDRESS—please let us know about your address and phone changes. Please call the Parish Office 749-2542 or email office@stmargaret-homer.org.

Honoring Leonard Cohen

On Sunday, December 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cortland Interfaith Center, please join members of the Board and members of Leonard's family for an informal celebration of this wonderful man. Leonard Cohen, SUNY Cortland associate librarian emeritus, served the Interfaith Association Board of Directors for decades, until his passing in July 2017. The event will feature a presentation of a plaque to be placed at the Interfaith Center and will follow with fellowship over soup, bread, and some chocolate ice cream, Len's favorite. Donations to the Interfaith Association in memory of Leonard Cohen can be mailed to Interfaith Center, 7 Calvert St., Cortland, NY 13045 c/o Louis Wilson. For more information, please contact, Interfaith Association Board President, Mary Lee Martens at MaryLee.Martens@cortland.edu

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