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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) JUNE 14, 2020

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the St. Margaret Parish Community, are a Catholic Parish of diverse ages, gifts and backgrounds. We dedicate ourselves to our personal relationship with Jesus and to growing as a community of faith.

We endeavor to serve the community through education, and service and social ministries, and commit ourselves to the nurturing of the spiritual life by celebrating the Sacraments, by enriching our life of prayer and by deepening our understanding of the Scriptures. We strive to reach out and respond to the changing needs of our community.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN.	JUNE 14 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)
7:30	Anna Roemmelt
9:00	Giuseppe Valenza/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Philip, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Gregory Burke
10:30	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	
MON.	JUNE 15 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Giuseppe Scibilia
9:00	Andrew & Ana Jenner
TUE.	JUNE 16 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Raymond Stern
9:00	John & Pauline Karpinsky
WED.	JUNE 17 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Janet Passafuime
9:00	Colette E. Weiner
THU.	JUNE 18 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Robert C. Thoering
9:00	Lottie & Stanley Andrzejewski
FRI.	JUNE 19 - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
7:00	Antoinette Composto
9:00	Gloria Moschitta
SAT.	JUNE 20 - THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00	Collective: Susi Diaz/Vittorio Grillo/ Giacomino Gennari/ Andrew & Loretta Campbell
5:00PM	
SUN.	JUNE 21 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/FATHERS DAY
7:30	Fathers Day Triduum
9:00	Rosario, Rosario e Nunzio Taormina/ Daniele Bussa/Anthony Persico/Mimma Ciaccio
10:30	John J. Forte
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Daniel Fitzgerald

***ALL SCHEDULED MASS
INTENTIONS WILL BE
HONORED AND CELEBRATED
PRIVATELY, BY THE PRIESTS
OF THE PARISH***

PARISH INFORMATION

**The Rectory Office
IS CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4-4:45 pm or by appointment with a priest. **SUSPENDED**

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mondays after the 9am Mass. **SUSPENDED**

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY devotion are prayed every morning in the church at 8:30am. **SUSPENDED**

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child. **SUSPENDED**

WEDDINGS **MUST** be scheduled at least six months in advance by appointment with a priest or a deacon. Please call the rectory office. For marriage preparation information visit www.pre-cana.org.

THE ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Tuesday, at 7 pm in the Church. Tenors and baritones needed! **SUSPENDED**

IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana. **SUSPENDED**

THE YOUTH CHOIR rehearses on Monday, from 6-7 pm in the Church. For more info, DnDsingit@aol.com **SUSPENDED**

BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 meets on Tuesdays from 7:15-9 pm in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome, age 10 1/2 & up. Call Mr. Krzewski, 718-894-4099. **SUSPENDED**

CUB PACK #119 meets on Mondays from 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. New members welcome, age 6 to 10-1/2. Call Mr. Krzewski, 718-894-4099. **SUSPENDED**

SENIOR CITIZENS meet every Wednesday at 12 Noon in the Parish Center. **SUSPENDED**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Connie Faccibene, Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Scott White, McKinley Kelleher, Sean Harrison, Justin James Quirke, Elizabeth Ott, Mary Harrison, John Murphy, Anne McGinnis, Norma Voyer, Vicky Turato, Julio Pelaez, Maritza Gutierrez, Graciela Mora, Cindy Mulore, Salvatore Tuttolomondo, Gloria Mojica, Gloria Pemaj, Anne Gorian, Allen McConville, Joseph Simon, Jack Marchindiondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pitelli, Marion Caracciola, Giovanni Campo, Edward Stoltzenberg, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Carol Arevalo, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoll, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, Cathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Anthony Pittelli, Josephine Hartnett, Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirichs CP, Hannah Lehman, Daniel Wilson, John Austin Bryzgoria, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney, Frank Ciccone, Cindy Heege,

The names will remain for 3 months, please call 718-326-1911 and ask for continued prayers.

Prayer Requests

**Pray for vocations to the Priesthood
and Religious Life.**

**Pray for first responders and
medical personnel.**

**Please pray for our men and women from our
Parish serving in the defense of our country:**

**Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Rev. Gus Iantosca, John Nespoli

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Thomas O'Leary
at the request of Mary Pascale.*



TODAY'S READINGS

***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)***

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6:51-58

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11, 16 Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20, 21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4, 6-7, 8, 10 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 Lk 2:41-51
Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Signs, Symbols, and Virtual vs. Real Presence”

We are accustomed these days to seeing all sorts of signs carried in rallies and demonstrations, some constructively peaceful, others less edifying or downright revoltingly anarchistic. Signs are specific in their meaning, while symbols often take the place of words because symbols are more powerful in expressing an idea, packing in all sorts of sentiments and stirring emotions to arouse the viewer. Signs and symbols point to a proposed or actual reality aside from themselves. For example, we see a properly displayed flag and think with patriotic pride not just of a piece of colored cloth but of the nation it represents; we see the same flag carried or hung upside-down and recognize it as a call for help in distress.

Today Catholics in the USA celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, aka Corpus Christi. Although the ability to celebrate Mass publicly is returning in different parts of our country and state, it is unfortunate that most practicing Catholics, including in our own Diocese and Parish, are prevented from receiving the Lord sacramentally today. We still are in lock-down mode and cannot even get into our churches, no less celebrate our rituals. Religious worship is not deemed an “essential activity” by civil authorities or even worth defending as such by those who, by virtue of sacred office, should.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is no mere sign or symbol that points to a greater reality. It IS the Reality itself, the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ given to His disciples at the Last Supper and sealed by His Cross and Resurrection. Sadly, this is a point that most Catholics, even among those who participate in Mass regularly, no longer accept as a matter of faith. For most, it is only a symbol, a reminder of an event of 2,000 years ago. Flannery O’Connor, a Twentieth Century Catholic author, is said to have responded when told by a friend that the Eucharist is only a symbol, “If it’s just a symbol, then to hell with it!”

No. It is NOT “just a symbol.” It is the very Reality of Jesus Christ present in a way unlike any other. While other religious leaders may be present to their followers in a sense through writings and images, it is only Christ Who is really, truly, and substantially present to His disciples under the appearance of bread and wine that have been blessed and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In past ages and in other lands, Christians would defy oppressive secular authorities and strive to celebrate and receive the Eucharist, even to the point of dying in the attempt. Priests would risk their lives to celebrate Mass and administer the Sacraments in homes, catacombs, and fields and on hillside Mass rocks. Today, we have become complacent and cowardly in the face of tyranny and evil. Thousands of people are allowed to protest and even riot side by side in our streets, but a few hundred people gathered to worship peacefully in their churches are deemed to be an intolerable medical threat to the general population.

This leads me to speak about this “virtual” business to which we’ve become so accustomed and upon which we all have been encouraged to depend during these months of separation. While there is grace to be found in every truly devout and pious religious act and experience, watching a Mass on TV or on a computer screen is NOT the same thing as being physically present at Mass in a church. Offering up “a prayer of spiritual communion”, regardless of how uplifting and profoundly sincere it might be, is NOT the same thing as receiving Jesus Christ present *par excellence* in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.

I know that many of you are praying for the day when you can come to Mass again. So am I. Until then, be assured of my prayers and those of the other priests of the Parish for you and yours. May God bless and protect you now and forever!

Stay safe, and keep the Faith!

~Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign is underway. Our goal for this year has been set at \$80,015.

With about 650 families registered in the Parish, it comes to an average donation of \$125 per family. Even in these difficult times, it's certainly not a burden if we **ALL** pitch in between now and Christmas. **So far, 107 families have pledged \$40,302 (50.4%), halfway toward our goal.**

Please think and pray about your response this year so that we may continue to serve the needs of our Parish and our Diocese.

BUILDING OUR DATA BASE

We have names, street addresses, and phone numbers, but very few email addresses on record. Help us to build up our database of email addresses so that we can communicate better, especially during this medical emergency. Just email us at:

stmargaretmv@gmail.com

Include your first and last name and a brief note to let us know how you're doing. Share with us what you would like to see in the parish - whether spiritual, social, or other wise - once we are able to gather together again.

Thank you to all who have provided the requested information.

We do NOT release this information to ANY third parties.

PARISH FINANCES

The needs of your family must take precedence during this difficult time. Still, your contributions to the Parish are what enable us to be here to provide the ministries that you require of the Church. The Parish cannot continue to exist without your help.

Please try to keep up with your contributions by dropping your envelopes in the rectory mail slot or through e-giving like *Faith Direct*. Go to the icon on our website and follow the instructions to sign up; or you can go straight to the ***Faith Direct* website** and enter our parish code **NY299**. You can change or drop out later on, as you wish.

As always, thanks for your generosity!

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

**HAS BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP
IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL
FOOD PANTRY
IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ST. MARGARET'S
YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIPS
HAVE BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

WHEN WE REOPEN, . . .

We WILL reopen. We don't know exactly when, how, or under what set of conditions it will happen, but we will reopen for worship and ministry eventually. When we do, we very likely will have to do familiar things in new, unfamiliar ways.

For one thing, we may have to change our Mass schedule and to restrict access to the church while also providing adequate opportunities for people to worship on weekends. As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, there also will be restrictions on the way that we conduct services for funerals and baptisms.

We need to plan the ways in which we can carry out the mission of the Church: to proclaim the Gospel and bring people to Christ. This will include essential activities like catechesis for our youth as well as for adults, the reopening and restocking of our food pantry, and outreach to the homebound, among other ministerial activities.

In addition, ministries and some services provided by volunteers must be rebuilt, and advisory bodies need to be reorganized.

What would you like for us to consider in terms of ministries, devotions, etc., when the time comes for reopening? Please email your thoughts to stmargaretmv@gmail.com or drop us a note via regular mail.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Little by little, the authorities are reopening our society to usual activities. Unfortunately, churches and public worship still are not considered to be “essential” to people’s needs.

As we find ourselves with time on our hands, use some of it for daily prayer: pray the Rosary or your favorite devotions: read and meditate on the Scriptures of the day shown on page 3 of this bulletin.

We have just started to post a Sunday Mass on our Facebook page. Pray that we will be able to resume public Masses soon.

Meanwhile, the priests of the Parish are celebrating Mass privately for all of the requested intentions that we have received, and all of you are remembered in our prayers.

E-GIVING IS HERE!

Have you signed up yet with *Faith Direct* or another e-giving service? It benefits both you and our Parish. Enrollment is friendly, safe, and trouble free, AND *you can change your intended giving anytime that you wish.*

To sign up go to the icon on our website,
www.stmargaretmv.com
and follow the instructions.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW!

*Jesus has given us His Body to eat
and His Blood to drink*

so as to nourish us on our journey towards Heaven. All are called in Christ, but some are chosen to nourish His Body as priests and in the consecrated life. Could you be among them? Contact the Vocations Office, **718-827-2454** or email **vocations@diobrook.org**

REOPENING THE CHURCH

Our church IS OPEN once again, though for **private devotional prayer only, from 12 Noon to 3pm, Monday through Saturday.** We remain closed on Sundays for the time being. *Please observe these rules for your safety and that of others:*

Anyone who is sick should NOT enter the church. Anyone entering the church MUST wear a facemask or covering.

Enter only the 80th Street center doors; exit only through the 80th Street side doors. Sit only in the areas that are marked off with a cross. “Social distancing” MUST be observed at all times.

The lavatories are locked.

Light your candles but do NOT touch the statues.

Public Masses are NOT being offered yet. A modified Liturgy of the Word without Communion is allowed for **funerals**, but *participation is limited to only ten (10) people*, ALL of whom MUST wear a facemask or covering and observe “social distancing” at all times.

We eventually will schedule **individual infant baptisms**, which will be *limited to ten people (including the child being baptized) present at each celebration.* Letters with further details will be sent soon to families who registered for baptism before the lockdown.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, we ask You to lift up those who are facing illness today.

We ask You to bring Healing, Comfort and Peace to their body, mind and soul.

We ask You to calm their fears and let them feel the healing power of your love.



***The Immaculate Heart
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
June 20***