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TWELFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 21, 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 21 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/FATHERS DAY
7:30	Fathers Day Triduum
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Mimma Ciaccio/ John J. Forte
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Daniel Fitzgerald
5:00PM	
MON.	JUNE 22 - STS. PAULINUS OF NOLA/ JOHN FISHER/THOMAS MORE
7:00	Fathers Day Triduum
9:00	Velma Begy
TUE.	JUNE 23 - WEEKDAY
7:00	John R. Armato
9:00	Fathers Day Triduum
WED.	JUNE 24 - THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
7:00	Domenico Laudani (BIRTH)
9:00	John Ciorcari (BIRTH)
THU.	JUNE 25 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Anita Cacioppo
9:00	Salvatore Fischetti (ANNI)
FRI.	JUNE 26 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Mathias Gramer
9:00	Jean & Edward Moskal
SAT.	JUNE 27 - ST. CYRIL
9:00	Collective: Tommy O'Leary/ People of the Parish
5:00PM	
SUN.	JUNE 28 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	William Roemmelt
9:00	Adriana & Andrea Sciulara/Geraldine Ciaccio
10:30	Joseph O'Driscoll
NOON	Gary W. Krause
5:00PM	William & Bella (Tollis) Kunz

***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 Pittelli, 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 Bryzgornia, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney, Frank Ciccone, Cindy Heege, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Dr. Vincent P. Rappa, Charlie Krzewski,

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. Msgr. William J. Flood,
Ida Tollis, Timothy Corbett*

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of John R. Armato at the
request of uncle Ben Armato.*



***THE NATIVITY
OF
SAINT JOHN
THE BAPTIST
JUNE 24***

TODAY'S READINGS

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13
Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
Ps 60:3-5, 12-13
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21
31-35a, 36
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4,
10-11
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab,
15ab, 17
1 Pt 1:8-12
Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
14c-15
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17
Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9
Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12
Ps 137:1-6
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 1-14, 18-19
Ps 74:1b-2, 3-7, 20-21
Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a
Ps 89:2-3, 16-19
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Mt 10:37-42

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Fear, Courage, and the Return of the Remnant”

Rather opportunely, the Scriptures for this Sunday speak to us about fear and courage. We have learned to live with fear over the last three months, fear from a broad range of causes. Unless you have been away on another planet or living under a rock or in a cave, there is no need to list them here.

Fear causes us to do things that we would not do under normal circumstances, whether to flee or to stand and fight. Among the former is the closure of places of worship for fear of spreading disease even while thousands of people are allowed to riot and loot in lawless acts of civil disturbance as well as to assemble in peaceful demonstrations. The best that we seem to be able to muster on the religious side is my weekly tag line of “Stay safe, and keep the Faith” as we obey the authorities, meekly making due with virtual worship and spiritual communions.

Still, Christ tells us not to fear - three times in this Gospel passage alone! Now, there is common fear, like when we're facing a rabid animal or an attacker, but there also is good fear, the kind that we experience when we realize that we are in the presence of the awesome God. The latter is called “profound reverence” and “fear of the Lord” and calls us to employ the courage that comes from our relationship with God, even to the point of addressing Him boldly with whatever is in our hearts and on our minds. These are the traits of the Prophets of the Old Testament and generations of Christians over the centuries. Even in the darkest of times in our lives, when all appears to be gloom and threatening doom, and the ground feels like it is giving way beneath our feet, we are called to be people of faith and hope, of courage and trust, to proclaim the Truth by living it in love, regardless of the obstacles or the cost, regardless of the threats or the demeaning opinions of others.

I came across two interesting and, in a way, related things on *Facebook* this (Thursday) morning. One was a meme that said basically, “We cannot be the ‘salt of the earth’ if we keep sugarcoating the Gospel.” The other was an article expressing the author's opinion that we shouldn't expect droves of people to return to Mass once the lock-down of churches is ended. His point was that the Faith has been diluted for so many decades that we are in the process of losing yet a third generation of Catholics. Moreover, for over three months now, faithful churchgoers have been dispensed from normal religious practice, separated from the reception of the Sacraments so essential to the health of the soul, and told to content themselves with “virtual worship” and spiritual communions.

One might wonder how many (or why, for that matter) people, who have learned to live without communal religious practice during the period of lockdown, no less for decades, would suddenly strive to make their way back into the pews for placebos when they yearn for solid nutrition. Doubtless, there will be some. Nevertheless, it is quite likely that we are moving towards a smaller but more committed Church, such as Pope Benedict XVI described several years ago.

The Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, will remain until His Second Coming. But, “when the Son of Man returns, will He find faith on the earth?” Will we have the courage to trust in God and the presence of His Holy Spirit so as to live the Gospel message without fear of the consequences, and to proclaim the teachings of Christ in the light of day, boldly, clearly, and fully, or will we be complacently content just to get what we want out of the Church with minimal personal cost?

These are questions that each of us will have to answer for ourselves in the days and years ahead, but let me make this perfectly clear: The days of having someone else do the work of maintaining the Church are over. The challenge to live the active, committed Christianity of the early Church and her numerous renewals has gone out to each and every one of us.

There is nothing on earth or under the earth that we should fear. Although the battles of trial and tribulation, of doubts and fears continue, Jesus Christ has won the war through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. So, do not be afraid!

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Finally, this (Thursday) evening the long-awaited notice for which many of us have been praying has arrived: Permission has been granted to resume the celebration of public weekday Masses beginning on Monday, June 29, the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Sunday Masses will resume beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday, July 4. *Attendance at all Masses will be limited to just 25% of the seating capacity of the church - in our case, just 92-96 people with proper social distancing. All other precautions, like the wearing of facemasks, MUST be observed. Your cooperation will be essential!*

Until then, be assured of my prayers and those of the other priests of the Parish for you and yours. May God bless you, protect you from harm, calm your fears, and strengthen you to proclaim His love for us in Christ Jesus!

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.

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.

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, . . .

Yes, we will reopen Monday, June 29, for daily Masses at first, limited to a maximum of 25% of the capacity of the church, in our case, about 96 people.

Since the same restriction will apply to weekend Masses, we may have to alter our schedule and to restrict access to the church while providing adequate opportunities for people to worship on weekends. As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, there also will be restrictions 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 to 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 and/or reconstituted.

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. Churches and public worship finally are 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 had received, and all of you are remembered in our prayers.

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!



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.

“Be not afraid.”

Do not fear how Jesus is calling your to build his Church. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocations Office,

718-827-2454, or email
vocations@diobrook.org