

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 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.	JULY 19 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Leo McMenna
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Geraldine Ciaccio
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	David P. Jones (BIRTH)
5:00PM	Patrick & Mary (Kett) Morrissey
MON.	JULY 20 - STS. MARGARET/ APOLLINARIS
7:00	Augie DeSimone
9:00	People of the Parish
TUE.	JULY 21 - ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI
7:00	Joe Van Schaiek
9:00	Anne Abbruzzese
WED.	JULY 22 - ST. MARY MAGDALINE
7:00	Joe DiChiaro
9:00	Robert Thoering
THU.	JULY 23 - ST. BRIDGET
7:00	Tom Brucato
9:00	Helen Moskal
FRI.	JULY 24 - ST. SHARBEL MAKLUF
7:00	Rosemarie Sparacio
9:00	Madaline Sepe
SAT.	JULY 25 - ST. JAMES
9:00	Collective: Denise Vaicels
5:00PM	John Maunsall
SUN.	JULY 26 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Donna Roemmelt
9:00	Guido & Anna Carosi
10:30	Margaret M. Forte (ANNI)
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Fred Basedow

***THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR
ALL WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND
MASSES, USING THE REGULAR
SCHEDULE. PLEASE WEAR A
FACEMASK AND PRACTICE
SOCIAL DISTANSING.***

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours
**Monday - Friday - 9am to Noon
and 1pm to 5pm**
Saturday - by appointment
Sunday - closed

**CONFESSIONS - temporarily by appointment
with a priest.**

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 every Sunday as needed.
Please call the rectory for an appointment and to
register your child.

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 prattica 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 Bryzgoria, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney, Frank Ciccone, Cindy Heege, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Dr. Vincent P. Rappa, Charlie Krzewski, Helga Zender,

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***

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of James Grossi
at the request of Enio e Isa Prozzi.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit for the intention of Maria Krzewski.



THANKS!

Our thanks to Lorraine and Linda Mieszkowski for planting and maintaining the flowers at the entrances of our church and rectory. They have been a sign of hope in these difficult times.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Rom 8:26-27
Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 85:2-8
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17
Jer 31:12abcd, 13
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15
Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-6
Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,
129-130
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or
Mt 13:44-46

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Why?”

How easy it is for something that is good to be invaded, even taken over, by the bad! We plant our gardens in the spring, making sure to prepare the soil and to plant carefully, only to find by mid-summer that the place has become a jungle, overgrown with weeds faster than we could pull them out.

We're living in days when a just cause, a cry for honest justice, has been hijacked by mobs of anarchists bent not only on correcting what is wrong with our society but also on destroying whatever is good with it, from laws to ideas to statues and everything else with which they disagree.

An often-heard question is, “Why do bad people continue to exist alongside the good?” It's not a new question. It's been asked from the dawn of human history. If it were up to us, perhaps, the bad would be struck by lightning or otherwise taken out of circulation. Jesus addresses the problem with a parable in which He reminds His listeners that, while we want immediate action and results, God is more patient. Judgment will come eventually, in God's own time, when each person will answer for the way in which he/she has lived, whether for good or for bad.

We easily forget that this life is not the be-all and end-all of our existence. We are not created for the short haul, but for eternity. Sooner or later, we all must stand before the throne of God to give account for the way in which we have used our life and the grace, time, treasures, and talents that we have received from Him. He is patient, and loving, and merciful, but He is also just. Do not play Him fool!

Weeds cannot change into wheat, but we do have the ability to change our ways, to return to the Lord with contrite hearts, and to seek His forgiveness. Let us use well the time given us to live holy, righteous, and just lives now so as to produce good fruit and live in the Father's Kingdom for all eternity, lest we ourselves are bundled up and sent off to be burned with the weeds!

~Fr. Armato



***SAINT
MARGARET
OF ANTIOCH
JULY 20***

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, 116 families have pledged \$43,752 (53.4%) over halfway toward our goal.**

First come your own family needs, then those of the Parish. Finally, please consider your ACA responses so that we may continue to serve the needs of our Parish and diocese.

Make your ACA pledges at the following website, if you have not received a donation request by mail:

www.annualcatholicappeal.org

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.

We do NOT release this information to ANY third parties.

BAPTISMS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism has resumed, and we are registering children now. Please make an appointment at the Rectory as soon as possible. Only one child will be baptized at a time, at each of two sessions (1:30 and 2:30) each Sunday until we clear the backlog of requests.

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

**HAS BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL AUGUST.**

ST. VINCENT dePAUL PANTRY

Our St Vincent dePaul pantry has to be restocked. Please bring your contribution of food, especially non-perishables, and place your donated items in the bin located by the center entrance to the main vestibule. You can also contribute grocery store gift cards, dropping them off at the rectory.

The pantry is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10am to 12Noon. Please observe social distancing as you wait.

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who have sent in or dropped off your contributions using the envelopes mailed to you, or who have used weekly or monthly e-giving!

To use *Faith Direct* for e-giving, 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 your decision later on, as you wish.

A special word of thanks to parishioners who have donated so generously towards the HVAC projects and what would have been regularly scheduled "second collections".

BLOOD DRIVE

The *NY Blood Center* will conduct a blood drive in the Parish Hall on Sunday, August 16. More information will follow shortly.

You **MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE** with the NY Blood Center in order to donate.

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Aside from the Mass, there is no prayer as powerful as the Rosary, in which we meditate on God's love for us in the events of the life of Christ and our Lady. Also continue to pray your favorite devotions and to read and meditate on the Scriptures of the day (see page 3 or this bulletin), especially to prepare yourself for Mass. The church is open each morning, Monday to Friday, for you to spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

REOPENING THE CHURCH

We have resumed our Mass schedule! Attendance is limited to a *maximum* of 25% of the capacity of the church, in our case, about only **96 people**. Members of the same household can sit together, but all others **MUST** sit apart from others by six feet. Sit in the pews ONLY at the places marked by a cross (“+”).

The church will be open for *private devotional prayer* from 6:30AM - 12:00 Noon, **Monday through Friday** (8:30 - 12 on Saturdays). Except for celebration of the Sacraments, we will remain closed on Sunday afternoons.

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 with a taped cross. “Social distancing” **MUST** be observed at all times.

The lavatories are locked. Please do **NOT** leave **anything** in the church.

Light your candles, but do **NOT** touch the statues.

Funeral Masses have resumed. ALL participants **MUST** wear a facemask or covering and observe “social distancing” at all times.

We have begun to schedule *individual infant baptisms, limited to twenty-five (25) participants, including the child being baptized, present at each celebration.* Baptisms are being scheduled on a first-come-first served basis.

AS WE GO FORWARD

We have to plan new ways in which to carry out the ancient mission of the Church: to proclaim the Gospel and to bring people to Christ. This includes essential activities like catechesis for 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 (like outreach to the homebound, bereavement ministers, ushers at Mass, and collection counters) must be rebuilt, and advisory bodies (the Finance and Pastoral Councils) have to be reorganized and/or reconstituted. **PLEASE get involved in YOUR parish!**

What would you like for us to consider in terms of ministries, devotions, etc., when the time comes?

E-mail your thought to stmargaretmv@gmail.com or drop us a note via regular mail.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Rectory hours have resumed (see schedule on page 2 of this bulletin).

Only **ONE** person at a time will be admitted into the rectory, **PLEASE** wear a facemask or covering. All others must remain outside and observe social distancing of six (6) feet between people on the sidewalk.

HVAC UPDATE

We are in the process of replacing the boilers for the Parish Center and expect that the work, which was interrupted by the pandemic lock-down, will be completed around Labor Day.

Unfortunately, the AC part of the project has been tabled. The cost of replacing the units that failed late last summer is about \$300,000. We do not have the funds to pay for this part of the project and are unable to secure loans to cover the cost. An alternative plan to rehabilitate the existing units, however, is under consideration at this time.