

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 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 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
MON.	JULY 27 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Deceased of the Gramer Family
9:00	Intention of Madeline Conlon
TUE.	JULY 28 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Olga Troje
9:00	Noemi Giachin
WED.	JULY 29 - ST. MARTHA
7:00	Anita Cacioppo
9:00	Felice Americo
THU.	JULY 30 - ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS
7:00	Kathleen Keenan
9:00	Madeline Sepe
FRI.	JULY 31 - ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
7:00	Billy Policke
9:00	Rosemary Sparacio
SAT.	AUGUST 1 - ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI/FIRST SATURDAY
9:00	Collective: Mary & Giovanni Armato/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory
5:00PM	Jennie Cerar
SUN.	AUGUST 2 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	William R. Roemmelt
9:00	Anna Carosi/
10:30	Eamon J. Blake (ANNI)
NOON	Robert J. Schaefer
5:00PM	People of the Parish

**It is with sadness that we inform you of
the death of George Weihs.
George was an usher at St. Margaret for
52 years, and a member of the
Catholic War Veterans.
He passed away in Pennsylvania with
his family at his side.
Rest in Christ's peace, George.**

PARISH INFORMATION

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

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4 - 4:45pm at the
school door entrance, in the parking lot.

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 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 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

***Especially: George Weihs,
Giovanna Parrinello,***

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Eleanore O'Leary
at the request of Michael & Anneliese Roemmelt.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Eleanore O'Leary
at the request of Michael & Anneliese Roemmelt.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Eleanore O'Leary
at the request of Michael & Anneliese Roemmelt.*

TODAY'S READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11

Dt 32:18-21

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22

Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17, 18

Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6

Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9

Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3

Ps 145:8-9, 15-18

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21

From the Pastor's Desk:

“What Do I Really Want?”

If you could receive just one thing from God, what would you ask of Him? Health? Wealth? Power? Prestige? Comfort? World peace? Cures for diseases? In today's first reading, King Solomon asks God for wisdom, that he might govern his subjects with right judgement. The gift was given to him and lasted as long as Solomon stayed focused and remained faithful to God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents us with some more ideas about the Kingdom of Heaven: it is something to be sought, for which one should give up everything else speedily and gladly; it reaches out to all, but separates the bad from the good; it requires careful reflection, introspection, and consideration.

Few, if any, of us would give up anything readily for a promise. At the same time, we should not be so attached to any poor substitutes for eternal life that we insult God by rejecting the share in His divinity that He wants to give us. Perhaps we need to take the Scriptures more seriously and to contemplate them more deeply in order to realize and to find what God is offering us. It's better than the wisdom of Solomon or anything that we could imagine in our wildest dreams.

St. Paul reminded the Christians of Rome (whom he had yet to meet at the time that he wrote to them) that we have been called, chosen by God to share in the image of Christ, i.e., to share in the glory of the Trinity. God always initiates; we are responsible to respond, using our free will properly.

Do we take the words of Scripture to heart? What will we give for a share in the Kingdom of Heaven? Will we just assume (as some Protestants do) that eternal life is guaranteed to us by Baptism and then go about our own pursuits, figuring that we're home free, or will we respond to God's initiative, cooperating with His grace and putting our faith into action: seeking what is true and beautiful, doing what is right and good, loving justice, and walking humbly with our God?

~ 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, 117 families have pledged \$43,852 (54.8%) 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.

Thank you to all who have provided the requested information!

We do NOT release this information to ANY third parties.

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".

ST. VINCENT dePAUL PANTRY

Our St. Vincent dePaul pantry has to be restocked. Please bring your contributions of food, especially non-perishables, and place your donated items in the bin located by the center entrance to the main vestibule of the church. 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.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

St. Margaret Parish has sponsored many very successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. There is an **URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS** and the New York Blood Center is asking again for our help. St. Margaret will sponsor a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **Sunday, August 16** from 9am until 3pm in the Parish Hall. Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, you are required to schedule an appointment by calling 800-933-2566 or go to:

[https://donate.nybc.org/crm/schedules/drive schedule/273079](https://donate.nybc.org/crm/schedules/drive%20schedule/273079)

**NO WALK-INS
WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

HVAC UPDATE

We are replacing the boilers for the Parish Center and expect that the work, which was interrupted by the pandemic lock-down, will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Unfortunately, the cost of replacing the AC 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 is under consideration at this time. We hopefully will have AC in the church by mid-August.

MASSES & MEMORIALS

We have many Mass and memorial openings through the rest of this year. Please contact the Rectory offices to arrange for a remembrance of your intentions.

The *2021 Mass book* will not be opened until sometime in late September.

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.

WAKES & FUNERALS

We are able to offer wake services and to celebrate funeral Masses again, with the usual restrictions on occupancy of the funeral home and the church. Masses will be with musical accompaniment.

All arrangements should be made with the Rectory office through a licensed funeral director.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Please complete your *Generations of Faith* campaign pledges as soon as possible, if you have not done so already, so that the funds will be available for us for payment of the HVAC projects. Every dollar received now goes directly into our account, since we have met our goal.

Thanks for your generosity!

SACRAMENTS RESCHEDULED

Rescheduled dates for the postponed Spring 2020 celebrations of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion for Academy and Religious Education Program children will be posted here shortly.

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 feet between people on the sidewalk.

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 - 12:00Noon, **Monday through Friday** (8:30 - 12:00 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 by 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.

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.

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

We will resume our Monthly Memorial Mass on Saturday, August 8th at 11:45am.

The Mass on that day will be said for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners:

Anita Cacioppo, Lina Casasanta,
Jenny Cerar, Marianna Chiarenza,
Fr. William T. DeBiase, OFM, Josephine Filippi,
Josephine Fitapelli, Victoria Friscioni,
Karen Guarascio, Hilda Helm,
Herbert Konig, Maria Martello,
Terense M. McCormick, Gloria Moschitta,
Frank Robertazzi, Dan Smith,
Raymond Stern, Robert C. Thoering

May they rest in Christ's peace.

