

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2020

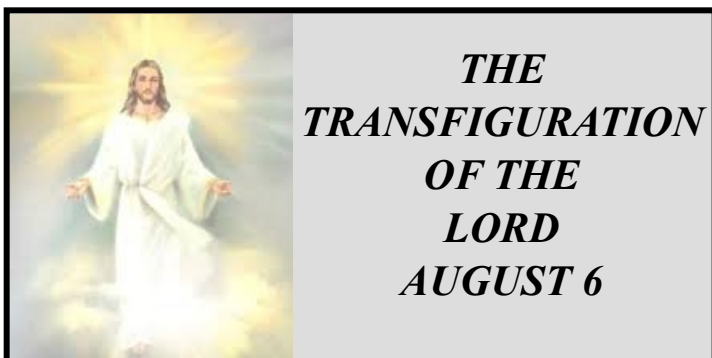
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.	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
MON.	AUGUST 3 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Robert R. Gockley, Sr.
TUE.	AUGUST 4 - ST. JOHN VIANNEY
7:00	Marie Hamill
9:00	Lorenza Sigovic
WED.	AUGUST 5 - THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR
7:00	George Weihs
9:00	Vincenzo Ciuffo
THU.	AUGUST 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
7:00	Maureen Schmerwitz
9:00	Anna Paollili
FRI.	AUGUST 7 - STS. SIXTUS II/CAJETAN FIRST FRIDAY
7:00	Anna Marie Petschauer
9:00	Josephine Brzuzan
SAT.	AUGUST 8 - ST. DOMINIC
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn & Rockville Centre/ Susi Dias/ People of the Parish
5:00PM	
SUN.	AUGUST 9 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Robert Hawd
9:00	Philip, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio
10:30	Geraldine Ciaccio
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	George Weihs



PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

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

**CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4-4:45 pm at the
school door 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: Eleanor Bedell,
Giuseppe Babino,***

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Anthony and
Jeanette Tavarone.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Mary & Giovanni Armato
at the request of Phyllis, Lee and Ben.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Anna Carosi.

TODAY'S READINGS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3
Ps 145:8-9, 15-18
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17
Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7
Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7
Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4
Ps 9:8-13
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Ps 85:9-14
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Taken, Blessed, Broken, and Shared”

Aside from the Passion and Resurrection narratives, there is one big event in the life of Christ that is common to all four Gospel accounts: the miraculous feeding of the multitudes.

In today's Gospel, the crowds have gone out of their way to track down Jesus just to listen to His teaching. Traveling as most of them did on foot, it must have been a grueling trek. (How many of us would attempt even to do a few loops around Juniper, no less than to tread for miles, during the heat of August?). By the time they caught up with Him, they must have been exhausted, not to mention hungry, and Jesus looked on them with compassion, “moved with pity for them”. It's the same emotion as God displayed when speaking to Moses about seeing the sufferings of His people in bondage in Egypt, as recorded in the Book of Exodus.

In the ensuing miraculous feeding of the thousands with barely enough food to feed a small family, however, Jesus far exceeded the miracle of the manna in the desert when the people had just enough to last them for the day. With Jesus, there is an amazingly abundant amount of leftovers. As wonderful as the story is, however, it's about more than a miraculous feeding. It's the story of the Eucharist.

Note the actions that Jesus does: He *takes, blesses, breaks,* and *gives* the bread to the hungry. He would do the exact same actions at the Last Supper, in which He is very clear that it is His Body, which is given for His disciples sacramentally, just as His Body would be taken, blessed, broken, and given in atonement for sin on the Cross the next day. These are the same actions that the priest does during the Consecration of every celebration of Mass.

Like the crowds following Christ, we, too, come to hear what He has to say (the Liturgy of the Word) about the love that the Father has for us before we receive Him (the Liturgy of the Eucharist) in Holy Communion, the Gift beyond all price

The Prophet Isaiah called the people of his time to experience the goodness of God by heeding His Word and being renewed in an everlasting Covenant. It is a prefiguration of what Christ has accomplished for us by His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, the full Paschal Mystery in which we participate sacramentally at every Mass. It is the same Christ present to us *par excellence*.

Just before today's passage from St. Paul's letter to the Christians of Rome, he tells them, “He who did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over for us all, how will He not also give us everything else along with Him?” (8:32). “Everything”, i.e., the fullness of life, is ours in Christ. We are bound to Him and, through Him, to the Father by a bond that cannot be broken, so strong is God's love for us. Even when we push God away by our sins, He calls us back to faithfulness and reception of His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

All of the promises that God made to His Chosen People over the centuries through the Patriarchs and the Prophets have been fulfilled in Christ. We receive the full Christ, the totality of the Father's love, in every Holy Communion that we receive *properly in a state of grace*. We have been called to follow Him, to listen to His Word, to be *taken, blessed, broken,* and *given* in loving service to God and one another, and so to be what we receive: the very Body of Christ.

~ ***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, 120 families have pledged \$44,102 (55.1%) over halfway toward our goal.**

First come your own family needs, than 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 our 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 or drop out 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 FOOD PANTRY

is located in the Convent
66-25 79th Place

**The Pantry is open every
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

**PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING
AS YOU WAIT.**

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

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



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,
Terence M. McCormick, Gloria Moschitta,
Frank Robertazzi, Dan Smith,
Raymond Stern, Robert C. Thoering

May they rest in Christ's peace.

HVAC UPDATE

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

A plan to repair the existing AC units is under consideration at this time. If successful, we may 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 on a weekly basis, 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 during the month of August.

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.

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 for this Blood Drive by calling 800-922-2566 or go to https://donate.nybc.org/crm/schedules/drive_schedule/273079.

**NO WALK-INS
WILL BE ACCEPTED**

REOPENING THE CHURCH

The church will be open for *private devotional prayer* from 6:30am - 12Noon, **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.

SACRAMENTS RESCHEDULED

Dates for the postponed Spring 2020 celebrations of Confirmation and First Communion for Academy and Religious Education Program children are as follows:

CONFIRMATION

Saturday, 9/19, 1:00 & 2:30pm

Saturday, 9/26, 1:00 & 2:30pm

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, 10/03, 1:00 & 2:30pm

Saturday, 10/17, 1:00 & 2:30pm

Saturday, 10/24, 1:00pm

Parents will be notified about the exact celebration assigned to their child.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for religious education of public school children is now open. Contact the Religious Ed office at stmargaretre@gmail.com.

Classes will be on-line at least until January.