

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 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 16 - TWEIENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Daniele Bussa
10:30	Robert Levine
NOON	Philip Fontanetta (ANNI)
5:00PM	Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tollis
MON.	AUGUST 17 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Nicholas Cascio
9:00	Rose D'Amato
TUE.	AUGUST 18 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Jeanette Tavarone
9:00	Mary York
WED.	AUGUST 19 - ST. JOHN EUDES
7:00	Sr. Anne Werner, D.W.
9:00	Jennie Cerar
THU.	AUGUST 20 - ST. BERNARD
7:00	Erna Mezic
9:00	Theresa & John Rice
FRI.	AUGUST 21 - ST. PIUS X
7:00	Tom O'Leary
9:00	John & Agnes Brzuzan
SAT.	AUGUST 22 - THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00	Collective: Jeanette & Anthony Tavarone
5:00PM	Rosalia Morreale
SUN.	AUGUST 23 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Mary Hawd
9:00	Il Poploo della Parrocchia/Michael, Saverio e Luigi Bosco/
10:30	Maria Stephens
NOON	Martin Wintergerst (ANNI)
5:00PM	Marie Hamill



THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUGUST 22

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 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, Julio Pelaez, Maritza Gutierrez, Graciela Mora, Cindy Mulore, Salvatore Tuttolomondo, Gloria Mojica, Gloria Pemaj, Allen McConville, Jack Marchindondo, 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 (Peli) Heege, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Dr. Vincent P. Rappa, Charlie Krzewski, Helga Zender, Deacon John DeBiase

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:
Mary B. O'Shea
Mary Narky

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Jennie Cerar and
Steve Pirtz at the request of
Frank & Florence Cerar.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Jeanette Tavarone.



***SAINT
PIUS X
AUGUST 21***

TODAY'S READINGS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7
Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24
Dt 32:18-21,
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10
Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6,
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14
Ps 107:2-9
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab
Ps 85:9ab and 10-14
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8,
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

From the Pastor's Desk:

“A House of Prayer for All Nations”

One of the worst things, a least socially, to experience is to be left out of a celebration. It seems like there's a painful wall of separation between the “in crowd” and the “outsiders”. We feel like Charlie Brown, unwanted and uninvited, who only gets an invitation by mistake.

How different it is with God! He tells us through the Prophet Isaiah, “My House shall be a house of prayer for all peoples.” Yes, salvation is through the Jews, but they were to serve as the conduit for universal salvation, to be a light to the Gentiles, drawing them into the Covenant. St. Paul, writing about seven centuries later to the Church at Rome, a community composed of Gentile and Jewish followers of Christ, reminded the Gentile members that as it was through the Jewish people that salvation had come to them so now the Gentiles were to give the example of faithfully following Christ so as to bring non-Christian Jews back into the loop. In today's Gospel, Christ initially rejected the prayer of the pagan foreigner. He had come to call just “the lost sheep of the House of Israel” back to faithfulness. It was only after acknowledging the deep faith of the outsider that He answered her pleas on behalf of her tormented daughter.

The Kingdom of Heaven, the Reign of God, is not intended for just one small part of the world's population but is open to all people who approach God in faith, so great is His mercy. That's a good thing for those of us who are descended from peoples far outside the circle of ancient Israel. It's not simply a matter of “all are welcome in this place,” though, as one of our too often heard hymns proclaims. While the door is open, God expects all who enter to do so with the proper mindset and disposition of soul. God's invitation is open to all, but His promise of salvation is delivered only to those who respond with justice, who serve Him faithfully, who repent of their sins, and live according to His Covenant.

We have been called to follow Christ in a newer, fuller life, but His call, too, requires a response of faith put into action. It was not because of the woman's persistence but because of her faith that Jesus granted her request. We should not nag Christ with our own to-do list of expectations for Him, but approach Him in faith, asking that He will accomplish for us that which will lead us to eternal life. In addition, we are not Christians for own sakes and salvation alone, but are to serve, by our faithful way of following the Master, as instruments to bring others into the Father's eternal peace, joy, and life through Christ.

Sometimes in parish life, we get that “someone is sitting in my seat” attitude, not only when we come to Mass but also in our societies and groups, offended that someone has taken over or entered “our territory” instead of being happy that someone new has been drawn to Christ. We might be the one tenuous connection that that person has with a Christian community. We should be missionaries for Christ, whether in some far off place or in our own homes and local community. It is particularly important for us today in view of the demographic changes even in our own neighborhood. A parish that does not grow withers and dies.

Like the Jewish people of ancient times, we are called to be a light for all peoples, to help them to see and experience the goodness and mercy of God that we ourselves have received. These irrevocable gifts and call of God are to be shared by the way that we live as faithful disciples of Christ, trusting in Him in our prayers, drawing close to Him in our meditation on Holy Scripture, and united to Him and to one another through our proper reception of the Sacraments.

May God, Who has begun the good work in you, bring it to fulfillment in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our **goal of \$80,015**. So far, **122 families have pledged \$44,857 (56.1%)**, well below where we were this time last year.

With about 650 families registered in the Parish, this comes to an *average donation of \$125 per family*. Even in these difficult times, it shouldn't be a burden, if we ALL pitch in between now and Christmas.

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 our 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 at Mass or at the Rectory offices, 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".

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY



is located in the Convent
66-25 79th Place

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

**PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING
AS YOU WAIT**

Our 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.

Thank you for your generosity!

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open only for the celebration of Masses and baptisms. It will be closed at all other times to enable us to clean and sanitize the facilities.

Please observe these rules for your safety and that of others:

Do NOT enter the church, if you are sick. Anyone entering the church MUST wear a facemask or covering. "Social distancing" MUST be observed at all times.

Sit only in the areas that are marked by a taped cross.

The lavatories are locked.

Please do NOT leave **anything** in the church, including prayer cards or brochures.

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 to 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!

MASSES & MEMORIALS

We have many Mass and memorial openings through the rest of the 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. **Please make an appointment at the Rectory to register as soon as possible.** We schedule on a first-come-first-served basis.

Only one child will be baptized at a time, at each of two sessions (1:30 and 2:30pm) each Sunday during the month of August. No more than 25 guests are permitted.

WAKES & FUNERALS

We are conducting wake services (*subject to priests' availability for particular wake times*) and celebrating funeral Masses with music again with the usual restrictions on occupancy of the funeral home and the church. ALL participants at funeral Masses MUST wear a facemask or covering and observe "social distancing" at all times.

Arrangements should be made with the Rectory via a licensed funeral director.

SACRAMENTS RESCHEDULED

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

CONFIRMATION

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

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

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, 10/3, 1:00pm

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

Saturday, 10/24, 1:00pm

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

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS



A memorial Mass with music is celebrated each month for the repose of the souls of those who were buried from our church during the preceding month.

Families who wish to have an annual or "month's mind" Mass offered for a loved one can join in the monthly celebration. Contact the Rectory, **718-326-1911** to make the arrangements.

The next memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:45am Saturday, September 12.

HVAC UPDATE

Work on replacing the boilers for the Parish Center is under way. The work, which was interrupted by the pandemic lock-down, should be completed before Labor Day.

Two of the existing AC units have been brought back into service, enabling us to celebrate Mass more comfortably. Thank you for your patience and generous support!

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for religious education of public school children is now open. Classes will be on-line at least until January. For information/registration please e-mail stmargaretre@gmail.com

RECTORY OFFICE 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 between people on the sidewalk.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held on Sunday, August 30. The truck will be on 79th Place from 8:30am to 12:30pm for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR
ITEMS AT THE RECTORY DOOR**