

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 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 30 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Adolph Roemmelt
9:00	Anna Carosi/Geraldine Ciaccio/
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Marion Veneziano (ANNI)
5:00PM	Mary B. O'Shea
MON.	AUGUST 31 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Velma Strack/Vera Krzewski
9:00	Erich Steigerwald
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 1 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Anne Maley
9:00	Tom Cordero
WED.	SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Anthony Tavarone
9:00	Frony DiCenso
THU.	SEPTEMBER 3 - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
7:00	Steven Dominic Belviso
9:00	Intention of Thomas Denton
FRI.	SEPTEMBER 4 - FIRST FRIDAY
7:00	Anita Wunsch
9:00	Intention of Anthony Cavallo
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 5 - FIRST SATURDAY/ ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
9:00	Collective: Rudolph Stalzer/Franziska Stalzer/Antoinette & Anthony Raso/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory/ Jennie Cerar
5:00PM	
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 6 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Margaret Roemmelt
9:00	Francesca Fanara/
10:30	Erwin Fellacher
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey



***SAINT TERESA
OF
CALCUTTA
SEPTEMBER 5***

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

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

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4-4:45pm in the church.

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, Tom Haubert, John Miller,

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:

Anita Wunsch, Anne Baird

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Mary B. O'Shea
at the request of the Infantino Family.*



**THE RECTORY WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM**

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63:2, 3-6, 8-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5
Ps 119:97-102
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16
Ps 145:8-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9
Ps 33:12-15, 20-21
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5
Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15
Ps 145:17-21
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

From the Pastor's Desk:

“When the Going Gets Tough, . . .”

There is no easy way to live as a person of faith. There never was and never will be. Living as a person of faith is costly, but the alternative is even costlier in the long run. That's the message that we get from today's Scripture readings.

Jeremiah had tried his best to proclaim God's message in order to get the people back to living according to the Covenant. They had turned a deaf ear to his message and even mistreated him harshly as they sought their own way out of their difficulties, caught between the superpowers of their day, Egypt and Chaldea. The prophet had begun his mission full of hope; now he looks back, thinking that he'd been tricked by God and is suffering as a failure for his gullibility. At the point of giving up, however, he realizes that there is only one way to go and it is forward. His love for God drives him to keep proclaiming God's call, regardless the cost.

Similarly, St. Paul encourages the Christian community at Rome to hold fast to their faith in the face of popular opposition, and to live sacrificially, hearing and understanding the will of God and putting it into effect faithfully and completely.

Finally, in the Gospel, St. Peter, almost immediately after having been commended for his proclamation of faith in Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God”, tries to get the Lord to take the easy way out, to abandon the mission that He had received from the Father for the salvation of all mankind, a mission that would require His suffering a horrible death before rising from the dead. Christ's stern rebuke lays it on the line for Peter and for us as His disciples: We must be ready to renounce our self-centeredness, carry our personal crosses, and lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel. What shall it profit us to gain the whole world, a mere passing thing, only to lose our soul for all eternity?

Although there are many places in the world today where Christians still lose their livelihoods if not their very lives because they remain faithful to Jesus Christ, we in the USA are not likely to be killed for following Him, but we will suffer in other ways for His sake. There is a growing movement in our country, a growing intolerance of any form of religion in general and of Catholic Christianity in particular, because we present an obstacle to lawlessness, open immorality, licentiousness, and disrespect for the value of every human life as created in the image and likeness of God. The Church often has been targeted as an institution; similarly, Christians find themselves as individual targets of evil and hatred more and more.

Like generations of disciples before us, you and I are called to reaffirm our faith and to recommit ourselves to following Jesus Christ, to be willing to offer our very lives for the sake of Him Who laid down His life for our eternal salvation. Some of our personal crosses, our individual sacrifices, may seem very small and insignificant; others may be very great, heavy, and costly. Each one, however, contributes to eternal salvation, our own and that of the entire world.

When the going gets tough, we cannot turn tail and run, and we must not feel duped or betrayed. Instead, we must strengthen ourselves in prayer, in our reflection on the Word of God, and in our celebration of the Sacraments, so as to think as God thinks. Then we will be able to do what is good, true, holy, just, and righteous in His eyes, and to place ourselves confidently in His loving care, trusting that He will get us through the temporary difficulty to the safety of His eternal Kingdom. Guided by His Holy Spirit, we walk in the footsteps of the Master, Who has conquered sin and death. As with Christ, so also for us, there can be no Easter Sunday without Good Friday, not for the short term, and certainly not in the long run.

So, live boldly by the grace of God as a faithful Christian, thereby proclaiming to the world and to the glory of God the Father that *Jesus Christ is Lord!*

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our **goal of \$80,015**. So far, **124 families have pledged \$48,607 (60.7%)**.

With about 650 families registered in the Parish, this 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.

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

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who have sent in or dropped off your contributions at Mass or at the Rectory office, 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".

RCIA NEWS

Our pandemic-deferred **celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation** will take place at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, September 13, for those who were scheduled to be initiated this past spring.

Please contact Sr. Bridget at the Rectory as soon as possible, if you are over 18 years old and still have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, or First Communion, to register for RCIA formation sessions beginning this fall with celebration of the Sacraments taking place next spring.

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

Please bring your contributions of food, especially non-perishables, and place them in the bin located by the center entrance to the main vestibule in church. 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 celebrations 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 with a taped cross.

The lavatories are locked.

Do NOT leave **anything** in the pews or at the entrances, including prayer cards or brochures.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

We usually have a visiting missionary speak to us during the summer months and take up a special collection to aid the **missions**. We also have been requested by Bishop DiMarzio to assist the Christian community on **Lebanon** this September.

Since the ushers are not allowed to take up collection, please put your contributions in the Poor Boxes located at each of the entrances to the church by September 13, either loose or in an envelope that you've marked for the purpose. Thanks for helping your brothers and sisters in need!

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, after we have completed this year's book of Mass and memorial intentions.

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 have been notified about the particular date and time for their child and attendance limitations for each celebration.

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

HVAC UPDATE

Work on replacing the boilers for the Parish Center is almost done and should be completed this week.

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!

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

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

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

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. Please contact the Rectory to make the arrangements, **718-326-1911**.

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

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to much needed blood donations. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to adhere to safety protocols, the Blood Drive on August 16 was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** We are happy to report that **83 units** of blood were collected, a great testament to the dedication of the members of our community in supporting our Blood Drives.

We commend the New York Blood Center staff for a job well done, and Sue Karcher who always goes above and beyond promoting the Blood Drive.

BAPTISMS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism has resumed on a weekly basis. **Please make an appointment at the Rectory as soon as possible.** We schedule on a first-come-first-served basis.

No more than two children will be baptized at a time, at each of two sessions (1:30 and 2:30) each Sunday during the month of September. No more than 25 guests per family are permitted.

As of October 4, baptisms will be celebrated only on the first and third Sunday of each month, at 1:30 and 2:30, with no more than two children and a maximum of 25 guests per family, per session.

VIRTUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

In response to the Covid Pandemic, the Candlelight Vigil committee has elected to conduct the Vigil Virtually.

They have provided a YouTube link on their website. The Vigil will be available at any time on September 11th.

Please log on to: 911vigil.org.

NEVER FORGET

