

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 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.	SEPTEMBER 6 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Margaret Roemmelt
9:00	Per onore alla Madonna DiLoreto/ Concezio, Salvatore, Francesca, Vincent, e Giustino/Francesca Fanara
10:30	Erwin Fellacher
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
MON.	SEPTEMBER 7 - LABOR DAY
9:00	Roman Krzewski
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 8 - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Judith Conte (BIRTH)
WED.	SEPTEMBER 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER
7:00	Anita Wunsch
9:00	Christopher Deraval
THU.	SEPTEMBER 10 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Anita Wunsch
9:00	Edward Velasquez
FRI.	SEPTEMBER 11 - PATRIOT DAY
7:00	Christopher Amoroso
9:00	Victims of 9/11/01 terrorist attacks
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 12 - THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priests of the Dioceses of Brooklyn & Rockville Centre/ Memorial Mass: Giovanna Parrinello, Eleanor Bedell, Giuseppe Babino, Daniel Avitto, Elaine Delaney, Mary B. O'Shea, Mary Narky, Maria L. Arias, Anne Maley, Joseph R. Sylvester, Sr., Anita Wunsch, Anne Baird, Santa Ferranti, Rosalia Morreale
11:45	
5:00PM	
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 13 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Elissa DeBenedictis
9:00	Daniele Busa/Giulia Caruana/Geraldine Ciaccio/Philip, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo Luigi, Michael e Saverio Bosco/ Mary Miller (ANNI)
10:30	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	



***THE NATIVITY
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SEPTEMBER 8***

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.

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY devotion are prayed every morning in the church at 8:30am.

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, o, Julio Pelaez, Maritza Gutierrez, Graciela Mora, Cindy Mulore, Salvatore Tuttolomondo, Gloria Mojica, Gloria Pemaj, Allen McConville, 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 (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:***

Scott G. White

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Christopher Derval
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Patricia DiChiaro,
Erwin Erker, and Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer*

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8
Ps 5:5-7, 12
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Ps 13:6ab, 6c
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
Mt 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31
Ps 45:11-12, 14-17
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22
Ps 116:12-13, 17-18
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

From the Pastor's Desk:

“On Sin and Reconciliation”

There are two very difficult things that we encounter in today's Scriptures. The first is the recognition of sin, and the second is the importance of reconciliation.

No one likes to admit that they've done something wrong, and it's easier to bury if it “only” offends God. We've lost the sense of sin as a disruption in healthy relationships with God and other people. Everything has become relative, to be judged by our personal standards of right and wrong. There is no objectivity to our vision, which hinges instead on our own subjective opinion. The way we feel about something is all that matters. We forget that there is an absoluteness to right and wrong, to good and sin. We get offended when someone points that out to us and we might be led to say, “Well, that's the way YOU look at it, but I feel that”.

We attempt to fall back on what our “conscience” tells us without acknowledging that we are to develop a *well-formed* conscience, guided by the immutable, unchanging Law of God and the teachings of Christ and His Church. Simply put, we do not get to pick and choose right and wrong as we would like. That would make us false gods, which is how Adam and Eve got into trouble in the first place and started the mess we're in today.

On the other hand is our obligation to seek reconciliation, to heal the damage that has been done by thoughts, words, wrongful actions, and lack of proper actions, i.e., by sin. That was the purposeful challenge given to the prophet Ezekiel in today's first reading. Had he relinquished his mission, he would have been held responsible for the intransigence of the sinful people.

Christ also charges His disciples in the Gospel to seek reconciliation in order to bring a sinner back into a proper relationship with oneself and the community of the Church. We can't sidestep the issues at hand, or sugarcoat problems, or turn a blind eye to offenses. Instead, we must make the attempt to reconcile, drawing the circle larger and larger, if necessary, so to give the offender every opportunity for contrition, forgiveness, and healing. It's not a matter of beating one's head against a wall or going to exhaustion in the attempt to reconcile, though. Jesus tells us to try and try and try again, but, if our attempts fail over and over again, it eventually becomes time to move on with life and to shun the offender, keeping him/her in prayer for a possible return some day.

Look, we're all in the same boat. From time to time, we sin against God and one another and so stand in need of forgiveness. That forgiveness is granted to us when, as Catholic Christians, we enter the confessional with contrite hearts, repentant of our offenses, and seek God's mercy and His grace to reform our lives so as to avoid the occasion of sin in the future. We also assist one another by our prayers and by looking out for one another, pointing out dangerous, disruptive, sinful behavior when need be.

We also must be open to forgiving others for the times when they've hurt us. (Remember that little line in the Lord's Prayer: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”!) We will be held responsible for our own sins and also for being indifferent to those of others, i.e., for not caring enough about their spiritual wellbeing as to call them back to right living.

God is gracious, all merciful, and full of compassion. He is also the source and administrator of true justice. He has chosen us, as He did Ezekiel, as Christ did His first disciples, to be instruments of reconciliation and healing, of harmony and of the peace that the world cannot give.

Never be afraid to turn to God for forgiveness; do not be afraid to bring others to His mercy; do not be afraid to forgive. Forgiveness goes hand-in-hand with love, and, as St. Paul reminds us today, “love is the fulfillment of the Law.”

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **125 families have pledged \$49,207 (61.5%) of goal**.

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.

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

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!

RCIA NEWS

Our pandemic-deferred **celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation** will take place at the 12:00 Noon Mass next 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.

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.

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 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".

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 in **Lebanon** this September.

Since the ushers are not allowed to take up collections, please put your contributions in the Poor Boxes located at each of the entrances to the church next Sunday, 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.

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.

No more than two children will be baptized at a time, at each of two sessions (1:30 and 2:30pm) 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 will provide a YouTube link on their website. The Vigil will be available beginning at 8:00am on September 11th.

Please log on to: **911vigil.org**.

NEVER FORGET

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!

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. See pg. 2 for listing.

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.

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**