

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 13 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Elissa DeBenedictis
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Geraldine Ciaccio/Philip, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Luigi, Michael e Saverio Bosco/Giulia Caruana/Maria e Rosario Chiarenza/Salvatore Cipponeri/ Mary Miller (ANNI)
10:30	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	
MON.	SEPTEMBER 14 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
7:00	Maria Kaddlick
9:00	Rose D'Amato
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 15 - OUR LADY OF SORROWS
7:00	Dorothy Daly
9:00	Ignazio & Giuseppa Pandolfo
WED.	SEPTEMBER 16 - STS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN
7:00	Anne Rooney
9:00	Fred Basedow (BIRTH)
THU.	SEPTEMBER 17 - ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
7:00	Phillip Prima
9:00	Mary Narky
FRI.	SEPTEMBER 18 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Intention of Anne Slattery
9:00	Mary Narky
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 19 - ST. JANUARIUS
9:00	Collective: Aloysius & Rebecca David/ Mieczyslaw Stroczan
5:00PM	People of the Parish
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 20 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
9:00	Anna Carosi/Geraldine Ciaccio
10:30	John J. & Margaret M. Forte (ANNI)
NOON	Theodore Mundy, Sr. (ANNI)
5:00PM	Aldo Cermeli



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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, 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 Bryzgornia, 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, Cathie Greulich,

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:***

*David J. Sheeran,
Caterina D'Anna*

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of
Ignazio & Giuseppa Pandolfo
at the request of Ben Armato*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will hold a ***holy hour*** of Eucharistic Adoration consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, scriptural reading, and time for quiet, personal prayer from 9:30 until 10:30AM on the first Saturday of each month beginning October 3.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Ps 100:1b-5
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11
Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20
Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

From the Pastor's Desk:

“HOW many times???”

This week's first reading and Gospel passage address the questions of mercy and forgiveness, judgment and justice, from the wisdom sayings of ben-Sira to Jesus answering St. Peter's question on personal relationships.

The first reading from about two centuries before the time of Christ reminds us of the problems of anger, holding a grudge, and seeking revenge. Anger often eats away at us, taking control of our reason. Moreover, it has a terrible effect on our souls to the point where we even burn the bridge that would allow us to seek forgiveness from God for our own offenses. We become blinded to our own sins and indifferent to the need to be reconciled to one another no less with God.

A good question arises, though, from the lips of St. Peter in the Gospel story, “Well, just HOW many times do I have to forgive?” God bless St. Peter for asking! It's an interesting question. We'd like to have an absolute number, so we can recount the times and call it quits when we hit the acceptable quota, at which point we feel free to bear animosity toward the repeat offender forever after.

One of the things that always has impressed me about this story is that St. Peter is asking the question in reference to forgiving *his brother*, i.e., St. Andrew. Now, Peter and Andrew weren't “just” brothers. They were also business partners, working hard with their crew, side-by-side in a small fishing boat six days a week, fifty-two weeks a year (no two-day, no less three-day, weekends, and no vacations, either). They very well may have lived in the same house or at least next door to one another, as was common for families even into our own time. I imagine that that could get on one's nerves, tensions flaring up, patience getting exhausted, and harsh words being exchanged. “Familiarity breeds contempt,” as the saying goes. If two of the greatest saints, two of Jesus' hand-picked Twelve, could fight, I guess it's not so odd that we might do the same within our own families.

Now, this is not to justify or excuse the harms that we do, just because saints have done it before us. There are few things that Satan likes better than breaking up families, which are the basic building block of societies, including the Church. I mention it as a point of reflection toward the answer that Jesus gave to St. Peter using the parable, the point of which is that mercy and forgiveness should triumph over judgment and condemnation, and that we will get back what we give; i.e., we need to treat others the way that we want God to deal with us.

Forgiveness does not mean glossing over an injury, but it does require that we do not let the recognized, admitted injury take over our lives. The fire of anger and hatred can be extinguished only by forgiveness and love. We need to recognize the harm that has been done, the sin that has been committed, and to be willing in spite of it to show mercy and to pardon “from [the] heart,” if we expect God to do the same with us.

The debt of our sins cannot be paid by mere human effort. The payment has required the merciful love of the King wonderfully granted through Jesus Christ, the innocent one dying for sinners, for each and every one of us.

The first reading and the Gospel passage can be summarized, then, in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer: “Forgive us our trespasses [sins] as we forgive those who trespass [sin] against us.” How often we say those words without realizing that they can be either a plea for God's mercy or a self-imposed sentence of condemnation! Rattling through prayers is never a good idea.

HOW many times will God forgive us? As many times as we repent of our sins and try by His grace to avoid them in the future. So, never be afraid to turn to God for forgiveness, do not be afraid to seek forgiveness from others, and do not be afraid to forgive others again and again and again. Forgiveness goes hand-in-hand with love, which is the very essence of God.

~Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **127 families have pledged \$49,542 (61.9% 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

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 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".

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The lectionaries used for Mass each day have become frayed over the years and need to be replaced. Also, a set of liturgical books is needed for the rectory chapel. Please contact Mary at the Rectory, if you would like to donate one or more of these books in memory or honor of someone:

Church Lectionary - \$150 per volume (4)

Chapel Lectionary - \$100 per volume (4)

Chapel Missal - \$100 (1)

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.

Please 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 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 **THIS** Sunday, September 13, either loose or in an envelope marked for that 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.

RCIA NEWS

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.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, will take place on Saturday, October 3, at 10:00am in the schoolyard. Bring your critters!

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for religious education of public school children is 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.

In addition, two of the old AC units have been brought back into service, enabling us to celebrate Mass more comfortably and also to cool the Gym on school days.

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, October 10.

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, 10/3, 1:00pm

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

Saturday, 10/24, 1:00pm

Please keep the children, their families, and their sponsors in your prayers.