

# **ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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## **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**

IN

## **ORDINARY TIME**

## **SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

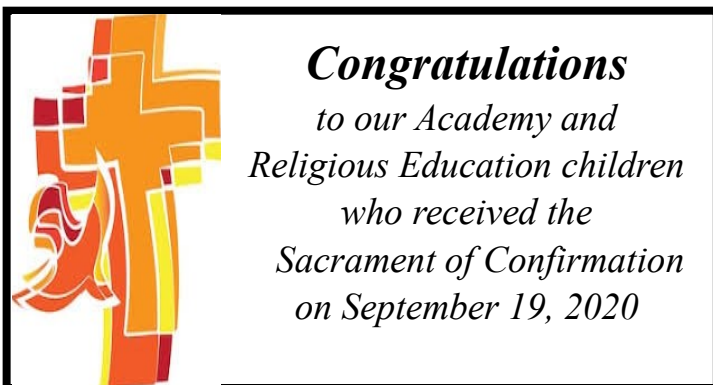
### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*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

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 20 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey Anna Carosi/Geraldine Ciaccio John J. & Margaret M. Forte (ANNI) Theodore Mundy, Sr. (ANNI) Aldo Cermeli
<b>MON.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 21 - ST. MATTHEW</b> Anna Carosi Wilhelm Nick
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 22 - WEEKDAY</b> Angel Ruiz Joe VanSchaick (BIRTH)
<b>WED.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 23 - ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA</b> Godfrey Halley Giuseppe Babino
<b>THU.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 24 - WEEKDAY</b> Eamon Friel Jorge Bonilla
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 25 - WEEKDAY</b> Patrick Kearney Joseph Kresse
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 26 - ST. COSMAS AND ST. DAMIAN</b> 9:00 <b>Collective:</b> Millie & Jerry Calabrese/ Mieczyslaw Stroczan/ 5:00PM George McGarry (BIRTH)
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 27- TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 7:30 People of the Parish 9:00 Anthony LoPresti/ 10:30 Vivian & Mike Sisto NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst 5:00PM Geraldine & John Ward



## 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](http://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](mailto: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:***

*Rosario Bonanno, Antonina Biondo  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

### **WINE & HOST THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Giuseppe Babino  
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

### ***WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH***

Faneeza Heffernan and Desiree Pena, who  
received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Noon  
Mass last Sunday.

We also congratulate Angelica Vasquez and  
Marino Velarde who received the Sacrament of  
Confirmation at that Mass.

May God bless them!

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Ps 19:2-5  
Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13  
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44  
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9  
Ps 119:29,72,89, 101, 104,163  
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11  
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc  
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11  
Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4  
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8  
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17  
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28  
Ps 25:4-9  
Phil 2:1-11 or  
Phil 2:1-5  
Mt 21:28-32

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Different Ways and Thoughts”***

We continue to hear themes of mercy and justice in today's readings, but they are not quite what we might expect to find, for, as we see in the first reading, God's ways and thoughts are not the same as ours. Ours are conditioned by our human experiences; God's are eternal and beyond measure.

Our initial reaction to today's Gospel passage, for instance, might be one that puts us squarely in the camp of the first group of workers who spend the whole day toiling in the heat as opposed to those hired to work just one hour in the relative cool of the evening after most of the day's work has been done. We may find the disproportionate wages rather disturbing, according to our modern concept of just wages, union demands, and Federal and State employment regulations.

Today's passage follows hot on the heels of St. Peter asking Christ, basically, “What's in it for us, who have given up everything to follow You?” to which the Lord replies, again basically, “You'll get a hundred times whatever family, friends, property, and self-goals you've given up, AND you will inherit eternal life.” Hmmm.

Now, before we start calculating the debits and credits, we need to understand that the Scriptures are not presenting us with a case of heavenly economics. It's not quite so simple as that. Christ is using the rabbinical language of a teacher of His times to make a point. More importantly, what is the cash value of eternal life?

That question applies to the meaning of the parable. Each of us is called into God's “Vineyard”, not just to sample the wine, but also to tend the vines so that they bear good fruit and to help in harvesting the grapes. Some people respond early on; others respond later in life. The “wages” that are paid to each are the same: eternal life, which, being tied essentially into the infinite love of God, cannot be measured. Infinite love and eternal life are both endless, complete in themselves; by their very nature one cannot have more or less of either.

St. Matthew also presents this parable of Christ as a lesson to teach his target community: a mixed group of Gentile and Jewish converts to the Christian Way, who may have been at odds with each other. The latecomers, i.e., the Gentile followers, who had received and responded to the Good News only recently, would be treated by God exactly the same as the long-term workers, the Jews, who had received and followed the Covenant for centuries earlier. Similarly, whoever responds to God's call for repentance and reformation will find in Him the same abundance of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

This is important for us, as well, for we, too, respond to the Gospel in different ways and at different moments in life. Some of us are hard at work, living a holy life from our early years, while others don't come to Christ until late adolescence, mature adulthood, or even the closing of our days. Sometimes, we're deaf to God's call, or distracted by and too attached to the things of this world, or afraid to respond. Fortunately for us, God is patient and persistent in His call to work in His Vineyard that we might come to share equally in the abundance of eternal life in His Kingdom. Better late than never.

Of course, it's best to know, to love, and to serve God for the entire length of this life so as to experience as much as possible in the here and now a beautiful relationship with Him as well as to find eternal happiness with Him in the life to come. He isn't cheating anyone who responds sooner rather than later in life, nor is He wasteful (prodigal, one might say) with what He gives to the latecomers.

So, turn to God, Who is rich in mercy and generous in forgiving, and Who calls us to share His life and His love. Get active in our little corner of the Vineyard here in Middle Village called St. Margaret's Parish. And be thankful that His ways are not like our ways, nor are His thoughts like ours.

~ *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](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.org)

## 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)

## 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".

## 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.

## 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!

## 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](mailto:stmargaretre@gmail.com)

## 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 2:30pm) each Sunday during the month of September. No more than 25 guests 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.

## 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.



## 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! All are welcome!

## MEETING SUSPENDED

All parish meetings and other uses of the buildings on campus remain suspended at least through the end of this year so that we can maintain a safe environment for our Academy children, who are using the School, Center, and Hall for in-class instruction during the pandemic.

## 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 follow:

### CONFIRMATION

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.