

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379

~ **MASS BELLS** ~

PASTOR

Rev. ROBERT J. ARMATO

PAROCHIAL VICARS

REV. MSGR. ROBERT J. THELEN
REV. JOSEPH PALACKAL, CMI

IN RESIDENCE

REV. MICHAEL UDOH

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sr. Bridget Olwell, OSU
bridgetosu7@gmail.com

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

718-326-0922
Victoria Richardson, Principal
stmargprincipal@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

718-326-0922
Ms. Victoria LoBosco
Mrs. Karen Gonzales
Coordinators
stmargaretre@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

718-326-1911
Don Competello, Director
Diane Competello, Asst. Director
DnDSingit@aol.com

LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS

Kathryn Burger Hazel Scanlon
Jeanne Perry Sue Karcher
Mary Anne Todzia

GIFT SHOP

Sue Karcher, Coordinator
parishcalendar@aol.com

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICES:

Mary Pascale, Receptionist
Phone: 718-326-1911

Fax: 718-326-1883
E-mail: stmargaretmv@gmail.com

Website: www.stmargaretmv.com

Schedule/Calendar:
parishcalendar@aol.com



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 27 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Anthony LoPresti
10:30	Vivian & Mike Sisto
NOON	Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM	Geraldine & John Ward
MON.	SEPTEMBER 28 - ST. WENCESLAUS AND ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ
7:00	Margaret & Eileen Flynn
9:00	Johnny Curran
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 29 - SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
7:00	John Piazza
9:00	Paddy Murphy
WED.	SEPTEMBER 30 - ST. JEROME
7:00	Harvey & Philomena Karcher
9:00	Concetta Giampapa
THU.	OCTOBER 1 - ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
7:00	Anna Rooney
9:00	Richard & Magdalena Nadler
FRI.	OCTOBER 2 - THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
7:00	Mary Narky
9:00	Frony DiCenso
SAT.	OCTOBER 3 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in purgatory
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00PM	Edward Twomey
SUN.	OCTOBER 4 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Kunzinger & Scaturro Families
9:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Philip, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Mario DiGangi/
10:30	Breege Reilly
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. and William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Carl Dokter

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

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

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm 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 see notice on page 6.

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**

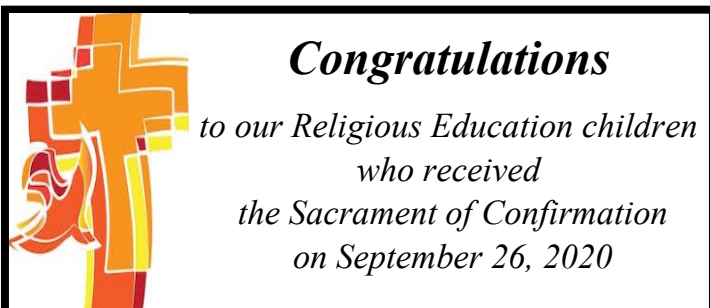
IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana. **SUSPENDED**

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

Epecially:

***Erika Muhsen,
Marie Catherine Hellmann
May they rest in Christ's Peace!***

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Rosalen H. Becker.



BLESSING OF PETS

Fr. Armato will bless pets
in the schoolyard at
10:00AM next Saturday,
October 3, in honor of
St. Francis of Assisi. Bring
yours, whether on a leash,
or in a cage, or in a bowl!

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jb 1:6-22
Ps 17 1bcd, 2-3, 6-7
Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
Ps 88:10bc-15
Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27
Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14
Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; Jb 40:3-5
Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab
Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Ps 119:66,71, 75, 91, 125, 130
Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Is 5:1-7
Ps 80:9, 12, 13-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

From the Pastor's Desk:

“On Changing Course”

It was a fairly common practice during the first centuries of the Church for people to delay being baptized until they were near death, for fear of committing a sin and being “out of luck”. They didn’t have the same concept or experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we have today. Fortunately, despite our modern lack of using it, at least our understanding of this great gift has improved, and we realize that we can go to confession not just once but as often as needed.

Part and parcel of receiving absolution in confession, however, are sorrow for our sins and the intention to avoid committing them in the future; i.e., we intend to change our way of life for the better. Still, we’re probably no better at carrying this out than were our ancient forebears in the Faith. We sin all too easily and often in our thoughts and in our words, in the evil that we do and the good that we fail to accomplish. Even St. Paul admitted that he left undone the good that he intended, while he committed the evil (sin) that he tried to avoid.

The first reading and Gospel today remind us that we are responsible for the results of our actions, that we have the capacity to do both what is right and what is sinful, that the way that we use or abuse this capacity has consequences, good and bad, and that we have the ability to change for the better by responding to the grace of God. In this, our attitude and personal response to God’s initiative are critical.

We all do good but also are guilty of committing sins and, therefore, are subject to judgment by God, Who rewards or punishes accordingly. It has been noted frequently that a saint is a sinner who has sought God’s mercy and forgiveness and asked for the grace to try again. Thus, we honor Saints Peter and Paul, St. Mary of Egypt, Augustine, Francis of Assisi, and John of God, to name just a few. Having fallen, we should want to stand again, and, having heard our pleas for help, God rejoices and reaches out, giving us the grace needed for our conversion of heart and reformation.

The problem with some of the characters in today’s readings is that they recognize the positive life that they are called to live but either turn from it or ignore the call and/or the opportunity to change. The best of our good intentions are meaningless, mere lip service, unless we carry through and act upon them.

God has given us the way, the model by which He expects and desires us to live in the incarnation of His only-begotten Son, Who, though Himself God, humbly obeyed the will of the Father for the sake of our reconciliation and reclamation, and was glorified through the Cross. St. Paul, in today’s second reading, quoted a hymn that his disciples in Philippi were singing in their liturgical celebrations. We continue to use it in our liturgical prayers today. His introduction to it, however, is also important as a guide, as it tells us about how to implement Christ’s example as individuals in order to develop a well-formed Christian community, in our case a parish.

Christianity is not a mere social group or human aid society or prayer circle. It is a way of life centered on our relationship with Jesus Christ and thereby, through Him and the power of His Holy Spirit, with God the Father. It was for this reason that it was referred to during the time of the Apostles simply as “the Way”. How can we call ourselves Christians, if we act in a way that is contradictory to the teachings of Christ and His Church? Simply put, we cannot. No one can lay claim to the title legitimately who does not adhere to the moral and doctrinal tenets of the Faith, beginning with the sacredness of the God-given gift of human life.

Do not despair over having sinned, but turn with sincerity of heart to God, Who is rich in mercy and generous in forgiving, and Who seeks our conversion in order that we might share in His life. Let us serve the Lord with love and humility in our little corner of the Vineyard called St. Margaret’s Parish, thankful of the grace that He pours out upon us. Be thankful, too, that His ways are not like our ways, nor are His thoughts like our thoughts.

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **134 families have pledged \$50,187 (62.7% 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.

We will have pledge forms available in the church next weekend. Please be prepared to make a commitment. Or, you can make your ACA pledges at the following website, if you have not received a donation request by mail: www.annualcatholicappeal.org

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 next Saturday, Oct., 3.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

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.

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.

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)

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

SACRAMENTS RESCHEDULED

Dates for the postponed Spring 2020 celebrations of First Communion for Academy and Religious Education Program children follow:

Academy: Saturday, 10/3, 1:00pm

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

REP: Saturday, 10/24, 1:00

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

Congratulations to our confirmandi who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in ceremonies celebrated this month!

BAPTISMS

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.

Please call and make an appointment at the Rectory, 718-326-1911 to register as soon as possible. We schedule on a first-come-first served basis.

MEETINGS 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.

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.

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. We still have over \$160,000 in unpaid pledges. **Every dollar received now goes directly into our account**, since we have met our goal.

Funds from our Generations account will be used in addition to your specific donations to offset the HVAC repairs.

Thanks for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for religious education of public school children is now **CLOSED**. Classes will be on-line at least until January.