

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 4, 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>OCTOBER 4 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
7:30	The Kunzinger & Scaturro Families
9:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Philip, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Mario DiGangi/ Breege Reilly
10:30	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	<b>Wedding:</b> Keith Gordon and Alyssa Halwick
2:30PM	Carl Dokter
5:00PM	
<b>MON.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 5 - BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS</b>
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Richard Miskiewicz
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 6 - ST. BRUNO AND BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER</b>
7:00	Joseph Sparacio
9:00	Theresa Bechtold
<b>WED.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 7 - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b>
7:00	Anne Baird
9:00	Ella Genna
<b>THU.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 8 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Regina Gockley
9:00	Anita Wunsch
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 9 - ST. DENIS AND ST. JOHN LEONARDI</b>
7:00	Ruth O'Hehir (BIRTH)
9:00	Jim & Rita Minogue
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 10 - WEEKDAY</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Marie DeSabato/
11:45	<b>Memorial Mass:</b> Scott G. White, Caterina D'Anna, David J. Sheeran, Rosario Bonanno, Antonina Biondo, Marie C. Hellmann, Erika Muhsen, Catherine Rogers,
3:00PM	<b>Wedding:</b> Brian Yabindranauth and Christina Auriemmo
5:00PM	Michael Putillo
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 11 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
7:30	Joseph Schkufza
9:00	Maria Martello/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Janet Caracci
5:00PM	Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles



**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

## 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** take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, at 1:30pm and 2:30pm. 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, Gloria Mojica, Gloria Pemaj, Allen McConville, Jack Marchindiondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pittelli, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoll, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, 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, Cathie Greulich, Sr. Mary James Fox, Edward Pandolfo, Paul Colangelo,

***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:***

*Catherine Rogers,  
Giovanni Naccarelli,*

*May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

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

*are offered in memory of Santa Maria Barbarino  
at the request of Phyllis Clausen.*

## ***Congratulations***

*to our Academy  
children who received  
the Sacrament of  
First Holy Communion  
on October 3, 2020*



## TODAY'S READINGS

***Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Is 5:1-7  
Ps 80:9, 12, 13-16, 19-20  
Phil 4:6-9  
Mt 33-43

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12  
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-10c  
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24  
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15  
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14  
Ps 117:1bc, 2  
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5  
Lk 1:69-70, 71-75  
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14  
Ps 111:1b-2, 3-6  
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29  
Ps 105:2-7  
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-6  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
Mt 22:1-14 or  
Mt 22:1-10

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

### *“The Vineyard and the Harvest”*

Years ago, when I was a boy growing up on the other side of Juniper, many of the neighbors had grape arbors in their back or side yards. They were mainly concord grapes, a little tart for plucking and eating off the stem but suitable for making jam. (Families that made wine bought special types of grapes by the case from suppliers.) For the most part, we kids used the homegrown grapes as ammo for our version of juvenile “war games”, much to the displeasure and consternation of our elders, who had tended the vines carefully all through the growing season.

While most of the arbors have disappeared, some can be found yet here and there throughout our neighborhood today. They still require much work and attention, from the proper trimming of the branches and shoots in the spring, to the feeding and watering, to protecting the maturing grapes from the depredations of insects (and kids like by buddies and me), to, hopefully, harvesting a good crop in the end. The last thing that a grower wants to see is no produce on the vines.

Today's Scriptures continue the imagery of the vineyard that we've seen the last few weeks. In ancient times, the Kingdom of God, represented by the People of Israel, also was referred to as the “Vineyard of the Lord”. Established upon the Covenants, God had tended it carefully for centuries through the guidance of His prophets, some of whom were ignored while others were persecuted. Despite God's efforts, the human response, or lack thereof, produced the wrong fruit. Even after sending His Son at last, the results were appalling. Hence, Christ gave notice to the religious leaders of His time that the Vineyard, i.e., the Kingdom of God, would be taken away from them and given to others. Those “others” are the Church that He founded and which is called to continue His mission today.

You and I here in Middle Village have been placed as workers in our little corner of the Father's Vineyard, the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. We, too, are to cultivate it by the way that we live our lives, so as to produce the fruit of good works: our faith expressed in acts of love and compassion, of mercy and forgiveness. God gives us everything that we need to produce this fruit: His Word and His Sacraments, the examples of the saints and the guidance of the Church's teachings. He even trims away the dead wood in our lives, our own sinfulness and self-centeredness, in order that we might bring forth an abundance of goodness and righteousness, proclaiming the truth of the Gospel message and our faith in Jesus Christ with courage and conviction, and acting with true justice.

Sadly, we live in a society that would rather have wild grapes and weeds, the Vineyard trampled underfoot by sin and lawlessness and wickedness. Today's prophets, those who have the temerity to proclaim their faith openly in the face of ridicule, continue to meet also with indifference or great opposition and even persecution. One need only read the newspapers or listen to the news reports to see how *practicing* Catholics and other Christians are treated by those who want a watered-down, privatized religion with no part of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church allowed in the public square.

The question remains as to what fruit, if any, God will find growing on our vines. The answer lies in our response to His grace and His invitation to live the fullness of life as His beloved sons and daughters by adoption through His Spirit.

Will we be like overgrown and unproductive arbors, or produce the wrong type of fruit? Will the Kingdom be taken away from us, as it was from the chief priests and the elders? Or will we listen to God and live according to His commandments so as to produce the good fruit and enter into eternal life? It's up to us. God invites, but He does not force; He provides for the growth and continues to tend, but He also requires our human cooperation to produce. What shall it be?

~ *Fr. Armato*

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **137 families have pledged \$50,447 (63.0%) of goal**. We are 35 pledges and \$8,650 behind where we were at this time last year.

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, but, please consider your ACA responses so that we may continue to serve the needs of our Parish and our Diocese.

[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)

## 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. See pg. 2 for listing.**

## 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 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!

## 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".

## BAPTISMS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism has resumed. **Please make an appointment at the Rectory to register ASAP.** 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) celebrated *only on the first and third* Sunday of each month, with a maximum of 25 guests per family, per session.

## 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.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

## MASS SCHEDULE TO CHANGE

Mass attendance has been falling, not only in our own parish, but also among our neighbors and in parishes in many parts of the country as the demographics have changed. Even prior to the pandemic, we could fit the entire weekend congregation from all six Masses into just two and still not fill the church, which holds 480 people. It has gotten worse, since reopening in July.

We are one of only two parishes in our immediate area with six weekend Masses, including two evening Masses. Our neighbors have cut back, while we have held steady since January 2017.

Our present schedule is no longer warranted, though. **As of Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2021**, our weekend Mass schedule will be revised as follows:

### Saturday

**Vigil Mass at 5:00PM**

### Sunday Masses

**8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:00PM**

This still offers a spread of timeslots to meet family and personal schedules. The 10:00AM Mass will be bilingual (English and Italian) and multi-intentional.

Times for all other Masses and services, including confession times and baptisms, will remain unchanged at this time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

## BLOOD DRIVES AT THE SHOPS AT ATLAS PARK

St. Margaret Parish has sponsored many very successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. Since all uses of the parish buildings are suspended until the end of the year to maintain a safe environment for our Academy children, we cannot host our scheduled October Blood Drive this year.

The New York Blood Center will be conducting drives at **The Shops at Atlas Park every Friday** in the month of October from 1pm to 7pm. Please consider making a blood donation at one of those drives. **When you register at the drive, sign in using the St. Margaret Group Code #06453.** To schedule an appointment, call **800-933-2566**. Appointments are strongly encouraged, and walk-ins will only be accommodated if social distancing can be maintained. Thank you for your continued support of our Blood Drives! Stay safe and well!

## 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 be opened from 1:00 to 4:00pm on Thursday, October 22nd, **in the church**. Enter from the 80th St. ramp doors and register as you enter the vestibule before sitting in the pews.

Please bring with you the following PRINTED information for each of your intentions: name of intention, date and time requested, your name and phone number. We will try to accommodate your request as much as possible.

Cash or a check for your offering will be accepted.

**All Announced Masses:** \$15/intention.

**Weekly Memorials:** \$25/intention for *hosts and wine, sanctuary candles, or altar candles*.

## SACRAMENTS RESCHEDULED

The remaining dates for the postponed Spring 2020 celebration of First Communion for our Religious Education Program children are as follow:

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

Saturday, 10/24, 1:00pm

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to our children who received the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend!

## 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.