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**TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 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.	OCTOBER 11 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Joseph Schkufza
9:00	Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Maria Martello/Vincenzo, Salvatore e Giovanna Consiglio/Joseph Battaglia/ People of the Parish
10:30	Janet Caracci
NOON	Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles
5:00PM	
MON.	OCTOBER 12 - COLUMBUS DAY
9:00	Vita & Frank Spadafora
TUE.	OCTOBER 13 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Rose D'Amato
9:00	Intention of Frank Miller
WED.	OCTOBER 14 - ST. CALLISTUS
7:00	Mildred LoCascio
9:00	Anita Wunsch
THU.	OCTOBER 15 - ST. TERESA OF AVILA
7:00	Marija Skara
9:00	Vera Krzewski
FRI.	OCTOBER 16 - ST. HEDWIG AND ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
7:00	Margaret Crowley-Farrell
9:00	Thomas & Mary Moskal
SAT.	OCTOBER 17 - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
9:00	Collective: Scott White/Eugeniusz Latka/ Kazimierz Libena/Edina Varga
5:00PM	Anthony & Antoinette Santora
SUN.	OCTOBER 18 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Robert Hawd
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Vito e Rosaria Salamone/ Benedetto e Giuseppina Alfa/ Caroline Rossi
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Patrick, Lazarus & Patrick DeMartino
5:00PM	



**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.

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, 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 Rigovitch, 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***

Epecially:

***Thomas E. O'Connor,
Frank Aufiero,
Isidora Caldarella***

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Catherine Rogers.



***SAINT TERESA
OF AVILA
OCTOBER 15***

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1
Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6
Ps 119:41, 43, 45, 47, 48
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23
Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6
Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

From the Pastor's Desk:

“RSVP”

How would you feel? You have a big event coming up. Maybe it's your kid's baptism or graduation or wedding. Maybe it's your or your parents' silver or golden anniversary. Maybe it's a retirement or a testimonial dinner. Whatever the case, you invite a few hundred of your “closest friends” and relatives. The day arrives, and last minute phone calls and texts messages start pouring in: “Sorry, something came up; can't make it.” “:(Out of town. CU soon. XOXO!”

The image of the banquet was a popular way for the ancient People of Israel to think about Heaven. It would be non-stop, with the best of food and drink. You could eat and drink all you wanted and never feel bloated or buzzed. It would be like Christmas and Easter and 52 Sundays at your Grandmother's all rolled into one without worrying about the calories. Still, the bounty, the quality and quantity, the idea of no expense being spared, the love going into the preparation, Grandma's hospitality and culinary skills, as great as they might be, all would be eclipsed by the indescribable reality of the Celestial Banquet provided by God.

Now, how would you feel? You're throwing a \$1,000/plate formal dinner at an elegant, high-class restaurant, and a guy strolls in, wearing stained cut-off shorts, sandals, and a T-shirt. Mortified is a good guess, I think, especially if you had provided proper clothes for each of the arriving guests to put on before the cocktail hour began. In our Kumbaya, WWJD world, we might think compassionately and turn a forgiving eye to the *schlumpfer*, but it was recognized as a gross insult to the host in most other societies and times. It should be considered so today. The guy gets booted for a reason. (I'll explain below.)

Christ picks up on His people's common festal theme in today's Gospel passage. The Heavenly Banquet, in Christian terms, has become the Wedding Feast of the Son of the great King, the Wedding Feast of the Lamb of God. The concept in the Gospels is also in the Book of Revelation, where it appears as the victory celebration of the Lamb of God over Satan and the marriage of the Lamb to His Bride, the Church. In short, it is what awaits those who are faithful in following the Master, our blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who live according to His teachings despite trials and tribulations, who persevere through the persecutions and rejections and opposing popular opinions that the world throws against them, and who live as people of faith, hope, charity, justice, mercy, and compassion.

Now, back to the guy who got booted. He failed to use what was given each guest as a prerequisite for entering the feast. It is another image. God gives us everything that we need in order to enter His Kingdom of Heaven: the grace of the Sacraments, especially Baptism and Reconciliation, that we may be “properly dressed” and cleansed of our sins; the guidance of His Word and the teachings of His Church; the example of the saints and good people whom we ourselves have known and admired; the abiding presence of His Holy Spirit; our personal gifts of talents and the time to use them. If we fail to use these gifts, in essence if we do not live a life of righteousness in God's eyes (as opposed to *self*-righteousness), we cannot expect to be admitted into His Banquet.

There is a tendency today to think that everyone gets a free pass into Heaven, and so can live however one wishes, whether or not in accord with what is good, true, beautiful, and right in the eyes of God. Yet, Heaven and Hell are *both* real, and both are possible outcomes for the way that we live.

True, the invitation to eternal life goes out to every person. Sadly, the response often comes up short of what God desires. You and I have been called. How shall you, how shall I, respond, that we may be counted among those few who are chosen, instead of those who are cast out, where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth?

Today is the day to put on the “wedding garment” and to live the life of a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's children by adoption, so that we might recline at table at the Banquet feast of the Lamb. **RSVP!**

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **145 families have pledged \$52,918 (63.0%)**. We have \$27,097 to go.

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



ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

is participating in a **Boon Supply Fundraiser**.

Boon Supply offers eco-conscious everyday items. The catalog is available on-line for a "contact-less" fundraiser. Orders are placed directly on-line and delivered to your home.

Please use the following link to see the catalog:

boonsupply.com/1103047

Please take this opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and share the line with family and friends!
All purchases made benefit our Academy.

Thank you in advance!

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 (3)

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, November 14.

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!

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, at each session.

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!

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

The NYPD 104th Pct. has alerted us to scammers working in the area and preying mainly on our elderly by phone, email, or texts. **DO NOT FALL FOR IT!**

If you receive a request from any stranger do NOT buy prepaid merchant gift/debit cards, crypto-currency, or money orders, or meet with a stranger to withdraw money from your bank accounts to pay: Law enforcement for bail, IRS taxes, utilities to avoid service interruption, Immigration officials to avoid arrest, Social Security officials for any reason, ransoms, hospitals for emergency treatment of a loved one.

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.

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 alter candles*.

SACRAMENTS RESCHEDULED

Dates for the remaining postponed Spring 2020 celebrations of First Communion for Religious Education Program children are as follow:

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

Saturday, 10/24, 1:00pm

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

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.

RETURNING TO SERVICE

All of our **ushers** are requested to return to their regular Mass service schedules as of the weekend of October 31 - November 1.

Collection counters also should return to their usual schedules that same weekend.

Please make sure to wear your masks whenever you are serving.