

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 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 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	Caroline Rossi
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Patrick, Lazarus & Patrick DeMartino
MON.	OCTOBER 19 - ST. JOHN deBREBEUF AND ST. ISAAC JOGUES
7:00	Vincent Starace
9:00	Anne Baird
TUE.	OCTOBER 20 - ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
7:00	Catherine Rogers
9:00	Barbara Shaklo
WED.	OCTOBER 21 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Kathleen Kiernan
9:00	Joseph & Florence Dalton
THU.	OCTOBER 22 - ST. JOHN PAUL II
7:00	Eta M. Tierney
9:00	Anne Baird
FRI.	OCTOBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO
7:00	Anne Baird
9:00	Anita Wunsch
1:00PM	Wedding: Giuseppe Ficili and Sandra DiGangi
SAT.	OCTOBER 24 - ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET
9:00	Collective: Anita Wunsch/Salvatore Diglio
5:00PM	Frank Cerar, Sr.
SUN.	OCTOBER 25 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Mary & Bob Hallahan
9:00	Maria e Calogero Ciaccio/Vincenzo e Aurelia Laudani/ Mary Trzeszcz Kowski
10:30	Mary Trzeszcz Kowski
NOON	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
5:00PM	People of the Parish



Congratulations

to our Religious Education Program children who received the Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend! May your love for Him increase every time that you receive Him!

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. No more than two children will be baptized at each session with a maximum of 25 guests per family.

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 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 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, Sr. Mary James Fox, Edward Pandolfo, Paul Colangelo, Carmen Gonzalez,

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:

Anna Taormina, Patricia C. Ruffle,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Walter R. Martin.

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.

The next ***holy hour*** is November 7th.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22
Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-14
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26
Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Rendering to Caesar and to God”

Have you ever been questioned in such a way that, no matter what answer you give, it will place you in hot water? That's the situation in which Jesus finds Himself in today's Gospel, or so His adversaries thought. If He answered one way, He would be arrested as a rebel against Rome; if He answered the other, He would lose the allegiance of His followers. Lose or lose. As it is, He's too sharp for them, and it's not because He tells them that He's not going to give them an answer that they don't deserve or could use against Him.

“Show Me the coin for the tax,” He asks, and they give Him a coin with the portrait of the Emperor and the inscription “Divi Augustus Optimus Maximus”: “the Divine Augustus, the best and greatest [God]”. (The very fact that they're carrying this Roman money indicates a level of hypocrisy on their part, but let's move on. Nothing to see here, folks.) “Whose image is this?” He asks. “Caesar's,” they respond. And then we hear Him say the now-familiar phrase, “Then render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”

In case you haven't noticed it lately, all people of faith are in a similar situation today, being told to choose between the State and its secular values on one hand and God and our religious beliefs on the other. Holding to our faith publicly can disqualify us for advancement in work, schooling, benefits, or public life. Those who grew up under the communist dictatorships of Eastern Europe can attest to the experience first-hand. Who would have thought we'd ever see it in our own country?

What do we owe to “Caesar”, to the State? For openers, we owe our allegiance as good citizens, using our ethical and moral insights to work for the common good; to obey just laws; to defend our nation in times of war and social upheaval; to participate in the political process; to pay fair taxes for services that the State provides; to exercise our God-given freedoms with concern for others.

What do we owe to God? “You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your soul, and with all your heart, and with all your strength.” That's the prayer that every good Jew has prayed daily for the last thirty-two centuries; we Christians also use it in prayer. It's a poetic way of saying that we are to love God with everything that we are and everything that we have. Why? Because we have been created by God in His image and likeness, sharing in the gift of eternal life. Everything that we are and have comes from God, and we are His. He is the Giver of all life, and thus life itself is sacred and has intrinsic worth and dignity.

It is because of this that we Catholics have certain non-negotiable points as we contend in the Public Square, positions that we cannot concede, on which we cannot bend, and on which we cannot compromise. First and foremost among these is the basic right to life of every human person from conception to natural death, which precludes abortion and euthanasia. In addition are the dignity of the human body, which precludes selling fetal body parts, embryonic stem cell research, and human cloning; and the sanctity of marriage as a life-long covenant between one man and one woman, mirroring the fruitful relationship between God and Creation, and Christ and His Church, and which, therefore, precludes same-sex “marriage”.

The negatives all have been declared definitively by the Catholic Church as being objectively and absolutely immoral and, as such, cannot be held or supported as acceptable positions by any faithful Catholic. True, there are many other concerns that we have as disciples of Christ, like addressing the needs of those who are sick, hungry, homeless, or poor, and safeguarding the environment, etc., but the points stated above are of utmost importance in the order of concerns. Without them, the latter list is impeded, if not entirely impossible to carry out. Defend life!

Yes, render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but first and foremost, render unto God what belongs to God: your very life.

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **146 families have pledged \$52,938 (66.2%)**. We have \$27,077 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

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 (3)

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.

MEETINGS SUSPENDED

All parish meetings and other uses of the buildings on campus remain suspended at least through the end of this year so 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.

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!

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.

ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK

For each car, truck, or van running or not, Vincentian charities will give back to our parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle.

If you, a family member, or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call

718-491-2525 or

svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

IRS TAX DEDUCTION
FREE TOWING
ANY CONDITION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

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 part 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 bi-lingual (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!

MASSES & MEMORIALS

The *2021 Mass book* will be opened from 1:00 to 4pm **this Thursday, Oct. 22, in the church.** *Enter from the 80th St. side doors by the ramp and register* as you enter the vestibule before sitting in the pews. Observe social distancing!

Please bring with you 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 lamp, or altar candles.*

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 “contactless” 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!

SACRAMENTS RESCHEDULED

The remaining postponed Spring 2020 celebration of First Communion for Religious Education Program children will be next Saturday, 10/24, at 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 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 be sure to wear your masks while you are serving!