

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 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 25 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Mary & Bob Hallahan
9:00	Maria e Calogero Ciaccio/Vincenzo e Aurelia Laudani/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/
10:30	Mary Trzeszczkowski
NOON	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
5:00PM	People of the Parish
MON.	OCTOBER 26 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Pat Pellegrino (ANNI)
9:00	Theodore Mundy, Jr. (BIRTH)
TUE.	OCTOBER 27 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Andrew Kastner
9:00	Edward Twomey
WED.	OCTOBER 28 - ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE
7:00	Giovanna Lechich
9:00	Fred Basedow
THU.	OCTOBER 29 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Deacon Vincent & Dolores DeBiase
9:00	Augie DeSimone
FRI.	OCTOBER 30 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Robert Begy
9:00	Connie Maltese
SAT.	OCTOBER 31 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Richard Wrede/
5:00PM	People of the Parish
SUN.	NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS
7:30	Anne McGinnis
9:00	Maria Martello/Vincenzo, Salvatore e Giovanna Consiglio/Giuseppe, Laura, Andrea e Grazia Palazzolo/Giuseppe Barone/Vito e Giuseppa Stabile/Filippo Amato/Antonino, Antonina e Giuseppe Catalano/Vincenzo, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Frieda & Joseph Petsche/
10:30	Peter Bojcenik
NOON	Anna Nick
5:00PM	Ida Lento/Maria Falsetta



Congratulations

to all of our Religious Education Program and Academy children who received the Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist for the first time this month! 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 Wednesday, at 7 pm in the Church. Tenors and baritones needed!

IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana.

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 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, 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:

***Benedict Delleani,
William J. Lavin,***

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Augie DeSimone.



**DON'T FORGET
TO FALL BACK
ONE HOUR ON
SATURDAY
NIGHT
OCTOBER 31**

TODAY'S READINGS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33
Ps 128:1-5
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-5
Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11
Ps 111:1-6
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26
Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Remember”

Last week, the Pharisees failed in their attempt to trip up Jesus with a tricky question to which He answered, “Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s and to God that which is God’s.” They try again in today’s Gospel story, but with a strictly religious question: “Which is the greatest of the Commandments.”

If you are thinking about one of the Ten, you’d be wrong. There were, and remain, some 613 commandments that govern the life of observant Jews, both in Christ’s day and in ours. Yet, the answer that Jesus gives, Deuteronomy 6:5, would have been obvious to any Jewish schoolboy, no less a scholar, because it’s part of a prayer that is said daily: “You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” That is, we are to love God with our entire being. He follows it up immediately, though, with a passage from Leviticus (19:18): “And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Then He adds, “The whole Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.” Thus, we express our primary love for God in the way that we love our neighbor.

What does it mean to love? It is to desire and strive for (not simply to wish) the good of another person. The commandments to love God and neighbor are joined together, as we love God by living according to His commands, some of which are presented to us in today’s first reading as proper ethical behavior in dealing with the less fortunate, who are precious in God’s eyes. Since we do not live in a vacuum or in isolation from others, the care and concern that we offer to other people speaks volumes about how well we do what God has placed before us.

There is a hierarchy of values, though, as to how we go about this. First and foremost among these is the way that we protect and defend life, particularly that of the most vulnerable among us: the child in the womb. We cannot serve the needs of others, if they have not been brought to life in the first place.

Therefore, the Church’s non-negotiable, prime directive regarding life issues is to protect and defend the life of the pre-born, who is as much a human person under the Natural Law as anyone who is brought to term. Only then can we discuss how best to address negotiable matters of health care, housing, education, nutrition, and a host of other valid and reasonable concerns. No life, no service. Furthermore, no one can consider him-/herself a practicing Catholic who promotes or supports the intrinsic evil of abortion or uses of the pre-born that deny or diminish in any way their intrinsic, God-given, human dignity.

Last week’s lesson was the establishment of our priorities vis-à-vis the targets of our dedication and allegiance, placing God first, front and center in our lives. Today’s lesson reminds us of our duties and responsibilities to one another as a matter of the practice of love for the love of God. We forget that sometimes. As often as we do, though, God calls us to remember both His compassion and His justice, and to act accordingly on what we remember.

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **150 families have pledged \$56,288 (70.3%)**. We have **\$23,727 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. Finally, 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**.

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!

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who have sent in or dropped off your contributions at Mass or at the Rectory offices, 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 your decision later on, as you wish.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

As a result of attendance restrictions placed on us by the pandemic regulations, we are not able to celebrate our customary memorial Mass for the year's deceased.

Please use your *All Souls Day* envelopes to remember all of your deceased loved ones in the *three Masses* that will be celebrated for the repose of their souls on November 2-4.

RETURNING TO SERVICE

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

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

Please be sure you wear your masks while you are serving!

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!

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.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held on Sunday, November 8. The truck will be on 79th Place from 8:30am until 12:30pm for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR
ITEMS AT THE RECTORY DOOR**

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!

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open only for the celebration 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 by a taped cross.

The lavatories are locked.

Do NOT leave *ANYTHING* in the pews or at the entrances.

MASSES & MEMORIALS

The **2021 Mass Book** is now open for your Masses and memorial requests. Some openings remain through the rest of this year. Please contact the Rectory offices to arrange for a remembrance of your intentions, or mail in your requests with a check for your offering. We will try to accommodate you as best as possible.

All Announced Masses: \$15/intention.

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