

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 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.	NOVEMBER 8 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Geraldine Ciaccio/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/
10:30	Catherine, Michael, Tom, & Rosaleen Reilly
NOON	Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM	Aida Baker
MON.	NOVEMBER 9 - DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
7:00	Peter Brennan
9:00	Rose D'Amato
TUE.	NOVEMBER 10 - ST. LEO THE GREAT
7:00	Deacon Vincent & Dolores DeBiase
9:00	David J. McConville
WED.	NOVEMBER 11 - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS/ VETERANS DAY
7:00	Dorothy Mulholland
9:00	Veterans of the US Armed Forces
THU.	NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT
7:00	George Mueller
9:00	Catherine & Edward Flynn
FRI.	NOVEMBER 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
7:00	Edward Strack
9:00	Angie Ferzola (ANNI)
SAT.	NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses
11:45	Monthly Memorial Mass: Frank Aufiero, Giovanni Naccarelli, Anna Taormina, Thomas E. O'Connor, Isidora Caldarella, Patricia C. Ruffle, Benedict Delleani, William J. Lavin, Antonino Rizzo,
3:00PM	Wedding: Evan Galinsky and Jenna Goldbach
5:00PM	John Nespoli
SUN.	NOVEMBER 15 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Thomas Mazza
9:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Joseph Russo/ SanFrancesco DiPaola/Sanfilippo, Giuseppe, Vincenzo, Antonino, Vito, Antonino/Alesio Atria Mary York/Geraldine Ciaccio/Salvatore Fazzolari/Vincent Battaglini, Familia Pitassi, Cercone e Battaglini/ Tomasso, Carmelo & Maria Pistone
10:30	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	
5:00PM	Markus Kotnik

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 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, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago,

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**

*May they rest
in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Walter R. Martin.

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Dorothy Mulholland
at the request of Barbara Floria and
Verna Barsottini.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Angie Ferzola.

TODAY'S READINGS

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16
Ps 63:2-8
1 Thes 4:13-18 or
1 Thes 4:13-14
Mt 25:1-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor 3:c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7
Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20
Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9
Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8
Ps 112:1-6
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps 128:1-5
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Malice, Charity, and Healing”

I yield the first part of this message to a former President of the United States:

“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nations’ wounds, ...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.”

~ Abraham Lincoln

President Lincoln was a wise man, a politician to be sure, but a wise man, who saw that mercy and charity had to prevail to bring our country back together again. Perhaps, had he not been stopped by an assassin’s bullet, our nation would have healed faster and more deeply from the struggles of the bloodiest war in our history, and our country and the world as we know them might be better off today.

It is the evening of Election Day as I write this article. Although I am anxious about the outcome of the day’s voting for the Presidency and have been busy in prayer all day, I have little desire to watch any of the news programs as the results come in. It’s unlikely that we’ll know the final tally with any certainty for a few days, anyway, because of the great number of mail-in and absentee ballots that were cast, and, like most of you, I could do with a bit more shut-eye.

The last several months have taken a grueling toll on all of us, from the pandemic itself with the resulting deaths of loved ones and the endless stream of rules and decrees governing our behavior, to the angry and costly riots and bitter political contests, and everything else in between. Our nation has been divided as never before, short, perhaps, of the Brothers War, and it would be good for us to take President Lincoln’s words to heart. The fate of our Republic rests now in the hands of Almighty God. Actually, it always has been in His hands, despite our arrogance and misguided senses of independence, omnipotence, and self-importance, and our lack of charity and wisdom, which need to prevail once again.

Today’s Scriptures speak to us about wisdom. It is personified in the first reading and represents the life of grace and good works in the Gospel parable. Wisdom does not mean being able to understand nuclear physics but rather knowing the right thing to do in the eyes of God and what He expects of us. It is to be found through prayer and reflection on the Word of God, in the teachings of the Church, and in the lives of the saints whom we honor. It requires us to persevere in our relationship with God, placing our trust in Him. Wisdom is readily available to those who pursue it over time, and is inexhaustible.

The problem with the five foolish virgins in today’s parable is that they had not used the gifts that God had given all ten to prepare for the great wedding feast of the Bridegroom, that is, the coming of Christ at the end of time, the final event for which no one knows the day or the hour. Instead, they had squandered them, while the wise virgins had come prepared with proper use of time, responding to God’s grace and thereby producing the good works that He expected of all ten virgins.

We can be like either set of virgins: foolish, if we improperly waste the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that God has granted us to use in His service; wise, if we use those gifts well to build up the Kingdom of God. Indeed, He does give us the gifts, and some day He will ask each of us for an accounting as to how we’ve used them. This being said, though, we should not live in fearful anticipation of imminent doom, but rather in joyful hope, trusting in God’s love for us and recognizing the trust that He has in each one of us. If He expects much of us, it is because He has entrusted us with much in order to accomplish His expectations.

As we near the end of another liturgical year, our focus turns to the four last things: death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Let us live wisely by grace as children of God, drawing ever closer to Him, prepared to receive our Lord when He comes in glory, eagerly awaiting His return, and ready to meet Him when He comes!

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **159 families have pledged \$60,188 (75.2%)**. We have \$19,827 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

GETTING BACK TO "NORMAL"

Mass attendance is increasing little by little, and topped 500 last weekend for the first time since March. We still have a long way to go to get back to normal. In the meanwhile, please remember that families or couples are allowed to sit together, but individuals still should keep their distance from others in church.

While collections also were up from previous weeks, we're still far from being able to pay our bills without dipping into what remains of our thinning reserves. Please support your parish as best as possible during these difficult time, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings.

ALL SOULS INDULGENCE

The Holy Father has extended the period for obtaining an indulgence for praying for the deceased and visiting their grave to the entire month of November. The usual conditions apply: confession and detachment from sin; reception of Holy Communion; visiting the grave; praying the Apostles Creed; and praying an Our Father and Hail Mary for the intentions of the Pope.

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

At this time, the Food Pantry is in need of special foods for the holidays. Mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, coffee, juice and cookies.

Please place your donations in the bin located by the center entrance to the church. Grocery store gift cards are also welcome.

As always, thank you for your generosity!

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 next Saturday, November 14. See pg. 2 for listing of names of the deceased.

MASSES & MEMORIALS

The **2021 Mass Book** is now open for your Mass 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*.

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 on 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!

NEW HYMNALS

Once we're allowed to put out Mass aids again, (hopefully by Christmas), we'll use a hardbound hymnal with the full three-year cycle of Scripture readings in place of the annual missalette. This will save us time, work, and money in the long run, since it will last for over seven years with *proper care*.

The new books can be memorialized for \$25 per intention, as we've done with the missalettes. More information on this will be provided in the coming weeks.

RETURNING TO SERVICE

All ushers and collection counters are requested to return to their regular service schedules immediately. If you attend a Mass without ushers, please cooperate and help take up the collection, if asked.

Be sure to wear a mask while serving!

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!

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 **TODAY**, Sunday, November 8.
The truck will be on 79th Place, by the parking lot from 8:30am until 12:30pm for your items.

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

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 (2)

Chapel Missal - \$100 (1)