

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 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 15 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Thomas Mazza
9:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Joseph Russo/ Sanfrancesco DiPaola/Alesio Atria/Sanfilippo Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonino, Vito, Antonino Mary York/Geraldine Ciaccio/Salvatore Fazzolari/Vincent Battaglini/Familia Pitassi, Cercone e Battaglini/
10:30	Tomasso, Carmelo & Maria Pistone
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Markus Kotnik
MON.	NOVEMBER 16 - ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
7:00	Maria Kempijan
9:00	Patricia Green/Julia Duignan
TUE.	NOVEMBER 17 - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
7:00	Lina Cassasanta
9:00	Fred Basedow
WED.	NOVEMBER 18 - DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS. PETER AND PAUL/ ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE
7:00	Bernhard Mausser
9:00	Charles & Jeanie Pirtz
THU.	NOVEMBER 19 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Margaret M. Forte (BIRTH)
9:00	Walter W. & Katherine E. Weiner & Fam.
FRI.	NOVEMBER 20 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Giovanni Lechich
9:00	Fred Basedow
SAT.	NOVEMBER 21 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00	Collective: Lena & Joseph Mazzola/ John Martinkat/
5:00PM	Mike Maloney, FDNY (BIRTH)
SUN.	NOVEMBER 22 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
7:30	Linda Castagna
9:00	Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/ Daniele Bussa/
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Joe VanSchaick (ANNI)
5:00PM	Richard Garczynski



***THE PRESENTATION
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY
NOVEMBER 21***

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 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 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, William & Patricia Scharbach,

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:

Rev. Patrick J. Diffley and Walter J. Tuft.

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Lena & Joseph Mazzola at
the request of Ben Armato.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of John Martinkat
at the request of Hildegard & Family.*



***THE DEDICATION OF
THE BASILICAS OF
SAINTS PETER & PAUL
NOVEMBER 18***

TODAY'S READINGS

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11
Ps 150:1b-6
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

From the Pastor's Desk:

“How Do I Love Thee?”

How do we demonstrate our love? If one is romantic, perhaps it takes the form of a bouquet of long-stem roses, or a beautiful piece of jewelry, or dinner for two in a fancy restaurant, or a quiet, candle-lit evening at home with soft music and a bottle of good wine. Okay, snap out of it and let's get back to reality!

We demonstrate our love for others mainly through simple, everyday things that we say and do, with the emphasis on the latter. Thus, the wife in the first reading today is praised for the way that she takes care of her husband and acts upon her concern for those in need. She applies her talents in service to others, and she fears (i.e., reveres) God. Her talents are not hers to keep to herself. She is merely the steward of the gifts, using them wisely and reverently, in return for which she receives the love of her husband, blessing, and public praise and recognition.

In a similar way, the first two servants in the Gospel parable show their love and respect for their master by being his good agents, immediately using the entrusted assets in his service and interests. They are not the owners, just the stewards of the funds. To do anything less than what they are seen to do would be irresponsible and an insult to their master, as we see is the case with the third servant. The rewards and punishments are doled out accordingly.

Less dramatically, you and I are called to use the gifts (the time, treasure, and talents) that God has given us. No two of us have exactly the same set of gifts, yet we are to use whatever we've received in the same way: in faithful service to God and love for one another. To do anything less is irresponsibility on our part, an insult to God, and a denial of our neighbor. Sooner or later (we know neither the day nor the hour), the Lord will come suddenly “like a thief in the night” at the end of *our* time, and He will demand an accounting of how we have lived our lives. There is no escaping that eventuality, however long it may be delayed.

We have been created in the image and likeness of a loving and generous God, Who is so loving and so generous that He has give us not only physical life, but also a share in His own divine life. Furthermore, He has given us the means, the grace, by which to live, to love, and to serve. He will ask us how loving and generous we have been during the time that He's given us.

Hopefully, we will show forth a long list of the good things that we have done and the lives of others that were made better for our contact with them. It may not contain anything spectacular as the world rates events and deeds. The faithful wife in the first reading is praised for having done simple things with fidelity and generosity, and St. Teresa of Calcutta used to remind us that perhaps we are not called to do great things, but we are called to do all things with great love.

The more situations change, the more they stay the same. Our basic duties and obligations are different in detail and specifics from those of the good wife and the parable's servants, but they remain the same in their essence. You and I still are called to serve God and one another to the best of our God-given abilities, with love as the guiding force and governing reason for our actions.

The time for us to act grows short. As this year is about to end and another begin, we realize how quickly time goes by. Of the gifts of time, treasure, and talents with which God has entrusted us, time is the one that limits us the most, since we do not know how much of it we are given.

There is no time for us to slack off and let the good go undone. Therefore, “let us stay alert and sober”, ready to busy ourselves in working for the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, for the glory of God and one another's wellbeing, demonstrating our love by what we do and what we say. Then, we shall be prepared to receive our blessed Lord whenever He comes, for He will find us doing what He has give us to do and living as He has commanded us to live.

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **165 families have pledged \$60,973 (76.2%)**. We have **\$19,042 to go**.

First come your own family needs, then those of the Parish and Diocese. With about 650 families registered in the Parish, our goal come to an *average of \$125 per family*. Even in these difficult time, though, it shouldn't be a burden, if we ALL pitch in between now and Christmas. Please use the envelopes available in church, if you have not made a pledge as yet.

www.annualcatholicappeal.org

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.

Mass attendance is increasing little by little. 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 must observe social distance in church.

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.

All Announced Masses: \$15/intention.

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

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

We are 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!

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who continue to make your contributions at Mass or at the Rectory offices, or who have used weekly or monthly e-giving!

Now that the ushers are taking up the collections again, weekly donations have picked up a bit but not enough to make-up for the 40% of our parishioners who have not returned to Mass as yet.

The result is that we are projecting an **operating loss of over \$300,000** for the current fiscal year, 9/1/20-8/31-21. We are unable to pay our bills without dipping into what remains of our thinning reserves, which will be exhausted this year.

Please support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult times, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings.

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.

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!

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.

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 will be provided in the coming weeks.

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 December 5th.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

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!

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, December 12.

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.

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.