

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 22, 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 22 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
7:30	Linda Castagna
9:00	Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/ Daniele Busa/
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Joe VanSchaick (ANNI)
5:00PM	Richard Garczynski
MON.	NOVEMBER 23 - STS. CLEMENT AND COLUMBAN
7:00	Mary Narky
9:00	Vanita Hooves
TUE.	NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC
7:00	Lina Cassasanta
9:00	James & Jean Clune
WED.	NOVEMBER 25 - ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
7:00	Steven Dominic Belviso (ANNI)
9:00	Mary O'Shea
THU.	NOVEMBER 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00	People of the Parish
FRI.	NOVEMBER 27 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Catherine & Edward Flynn
9:00	Anne Maley
SAT.	NOVEMBER 28 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Louis & Jane Normandia/ Michael Martino/
5:00PM	Michael Couch
SUN.	NOVEMBER 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30	Robert Hawd
9:00	Geraldine Ciaccio
10:30	Owen A. O'Brien (ANNI)/Buscemi Family
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Phillip Prima

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**

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON THU., NOV. 26 AND FRI., NOV. 27
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
MASSES ARE:
THU., AT 9:00AM ONLY
FRI., AT 7:00 AND 9:00AM**

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, 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:

Donald W. Flynn, John Bohan,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Michael Martino
at the request of Maria & Michael Russo.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Angie Ferzola.



***The priests and
staff of
St. Margaret Parish
wish you a blessed
Thanksgiving!***

TODAY'S READINGS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19
Ps 96:10-13
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a
Ps 100:1b-2, 3-5
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7
Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Sooner or later”

As the civil year draws to a close and we prepare tentatively to celebrate “the holidays”, so also the end of the liturgical year is ushered in by today’s Solemnity of Christ the King. The feast, formerly celebrated at other times of the year, was placed here on the calendar after the Second Vatican Council. It is a fitting climax centered on the Person of Jesus Christ and a reminder that, as we profess in the Creed, He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Just when is He coming, though? The best answer we can give is, “Sooner or later,” for no one knows the day or the hour. Indeed, every generation of Christians has expected the Parousia (His Return, the Second Coming) in their own time, and every generation is called to prepare for the Great Event of the end of time by the way in which we live as His disciples as people of faith in the Resurrection, hope and trust in God’s promise of eternal life, and offering charity for all in need.

This has been one heck of a year, the enjoyment of much, if not most, of which has been deprived us because of the rules and edicts governing our behavior during the COVID pandemic, now possibly entering Round 2. Oddly enough, the same pandemic that has brought about so much suffering and fear also has provided us with opportunities to cooperate with God in accomplishing the various corporal and spiritual acts of mercy.

The corporal acts are given to us rather dramatically in today’s Gospel: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, tending the sick, and visiting the imprisoned, to which usually is added burying the dead. The spiritual acts, drawn from various Scriptures, also are part of the Tradition of the Church: teaching the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving others willingly, comforting the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead.

These are our duties as disciples of Christ and children of God. They provide ample opportunities for living according to His teachings and have in common the idea of turning out from ourselves in order to serve others with the talents and gifts that we have received from God. How many we do or how often we do them depends on the varied circumstances and situations of each person’s life, but each and every one of us is given opportunities to act upon these needs and more.

The Christian is supposed to see the Person of Jesus Christ in the people around us. This point is made pellucidly clear in today’s Gospel: in serving other people, we serve Christ, and in ignoring others, we ignore Christ. Moreover, the Gospel also is very clear that we will be judged by how we react to the opportunities: either we will be admitted into eternal life in Heaven for having addressed them faithfully, or we will suffer eternal damnation for having ignored them.

Now, it seems to me that we can ignore our responsibilities toward one another, which leads to living a miserable life of hell on earth. Or we can carry out our duties reluctantly and grudgingly, fearful of damnation for failing to do so, which is little better. Or, we can embrace them with a joyful heart, grateful that we have been entrusted by God to participate in His own work, as seen in the first reading, and, by doing so, to bring a taste of Heaven into the here and now.

Lord knows, we have prayed for the living and the dead, attended the sick, and buried our dead. We’ve counseled those who doubt in God’s love, home-schooled our children, provided for the hungry and thirsty, and more besides.

There is no time for us to slack off, to let the good go undone. Sooner or later, the Lord will come, not only at the end of all time, but also at the end of our time. May He find us doing what He has given us to do and living as He has commanded us to live, that we may hear Him say, “Come, you blessed of My Father, and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!”

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **173 families have pledged \$63,293 (79.1%)**. We have **\$16,722 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 comes to an *average of \$125 per family*. Even in these difficult times, 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.



URSULINE SISTERS

JOY OF GIVING VIRTUAL AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th
continuing until Thursday, December 10th

Beautiful items for everyone.

Christmas shopping made easy!

The link to the virtual auction registration and item previews will be posted on their website:

www.tildonkursuline.org

Questions? Contact Anne, **718-591-0681, ex. 2060**
or awalsh@tildonkursuline.org

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!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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 collections, 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 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.

NEW HYMNALS

We are going to put out Mass aids: a hardbound hymnal combined 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. ***Use the forms provided in this bulletin and in church. Forms, and your donation can be returned to the Rectory or in the collection basket.***

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.

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 CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE"



WHEN: November 30th to December 12th

WHAT: New toys and children's clothing, unwrapped, or Gift card to Target, Amazon, Kohls, Old Navy, Marshall's or your choice.

WHERE: To Convent, 66-25 79th Place on Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 12 Noon or into the black bin in the vestibule of the church, at any time. Thank you for your generosity!

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!