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~ MASS BELLS ~

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FIFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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.	FEBRUARY 7 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Scout Sunday, George Bley, Ed Taite, Arthur Rogers/Sanfrancisco DiPaola/Alessio Atria/SanFilippo, Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonio, Vito, Antonio/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/John & Alice Shortall/ Michael Gunning/Semrie Laudani/
NOON	Norma & Abel Auditore
5:00PM	Carl Dokter, Joan Leonard
MON.	FEBRUARY 8 - ST. JEROME EMILIANI/ JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
7:00	Marco Colalella
9:00	Arthur Lieke
TUE.	FEBRUARY 9 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Blanche Dathe (anniv)
9:00	Jean Marie Peshniak
WED.	FEBRUARY 10 - ST. SCHOLASTICA
7:00	Jack Byrne, U.S.M.C.
9:00	The Pirtz & McDevitt Families
THU.	FEBRUARY 11 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES
7:00	George Thundyil
9:00	Phyllis Armato
FRI.	FEBRUARY 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Marco Colalella
9:00	Ernesto Auditore, Walter Serrer
SAT.	FEBRUARY 13 - WEEKDAY
9:00	collective: Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/
11:45	Memorial Mass: Mary Elizabeth Kissi, Cefinia Caprito, Davide Colalella, Harry A. Pickett, Michelina Camporese
5:00PM	Ernestine & Roque Auditore
SUN.	FEBRUARY 14 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Anna Roemmelt
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/ Rosario, Rosaria, e Nunzio Taormina/ Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Aida Baker



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 Pemaj, Allen McConville, The Scaturro Family, 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, Anthony Pittelli, Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirichs CP, Hannah Lehman, John Austin Bryzgoria, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney, Frank Ciccone, Cindy (Peli) Heege, 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 Scharach, Fr. William Farrugia, Bernard Russo, Genevieve I, Gerard Frohnhoefer, John & Katie Bryzgoria,

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: Vivien Hegarty,
Michelina Camporese, Marco Colalella,
Josephine Maria Vaccaro,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!***

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Fred Basedow
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Davide Colalella
at the request of Mary Pascale.*



***SAINT
SCHOLASTICA
FEBRUARY 10***

TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
Ps 147:1-6
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19
Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a
Ps 8:4-5-9
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25
Ps 128:1-5
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24
Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mk 1:40-45

From the Pastor's Desk:

“(Not so) Ordinary Time”

If you've come to Mass on Sunday or watched it on TV recently, you should have noticed that the priest is wearing green-colored vestments. It's a signal that we are in Ordinary Time. Now, that doesn't mean that nothing special is going to happen. It just means that we've started to count, or number, the Sundays outside the special liturgical seasons, beginning with the day after the feast of the Lord's baptism. It is the longest of seasons, usually covering about thirty-four weeks, and is the only one that's interrupted by other seasons, namely Lent and Eastertide. It's also chock full of special celebrations, solemnities, commemorations, memorials, feasts, and plenty of activities, both religious and non-religious.

There's the more common usage of ordinary time, though. That's the one with which we're more familiar, because it's the one that covers most of our lifetime. Again, it's not that nothing special is happening (there certainly are plenty of "Kodak moments"), but rather that occasions occur in more outstanding fashion in the context of our daily routines.

This past year was one in which the patterns and rhythms of our lives got very humdrum, even to the point where we might not have been certain what day of the week it was, they all seeming to blend together. Perhaps we got like Job in today's first reading, getting depressed over our situation, and tossing and turning in endless nights that opened onto swiftly passing days. It was like that for me at times during the lockdown. Were it not for my daily Masses and keeping up with praying the Breviary, I frequently could not tell one day from another. Yes, there was plenty of work to keep me occupied, but in a different way than usual.

Job's depression in today's first reading is contrasted sharply by St. Paul's enthusiasm for proclaiming the Gospel, the Good News of God's love for us in sending His Son as our Savior and Redeemer. In fact, Christ IS the Gospel personified, and St. Paul is excited about the prospect of sharing in His very life. It is something that he feels compelled to share with others. We also are called to shake off the Job and to put on the Paul, to make good use of the opportunities that come to us in the simple moments of life to proclaim our faith in Christ Jesus by living as He taught us: with self-sacrifice, trusting in God's presence and the grace He provides for us to accomplish our share in the work of sanctifying the world.

It is very tempting for us just to slip into the easy chair and veg in front of the tube, especially with socialization hampered or even prohibited because of the pandemic, but that is not the way of Christian discipleship. How easy it would have been for Jesus to tell Peter not to answer the door so that He could eat His supper in peace, but there were real needs to be addressed and healing to be done.

At the same time, it's not that we always must be "gotta-run-gotta-do". That's a great way to burn out. We see in today's Gospel passage that even Jesus found that He had to go someplace quiet from time to time in order to recharge Himself in prayer with the Father, the way that people today might go on a spiritual retreat or just spend some time in prayer in church, or at home, or in another conducive place. We also need to find a balance: to be active in serving the Lord and one another and to have our service strengthened and supported by our prayer life.

Ordinary Time will be interrupted in just a few weeks from now with the start of Lent, the period of preparation for the great solemnity of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Don't waste the time you have been given by God, and don't enter into Lent "cold turkey". Begin now not only to plan your activities and prayer life but also to get them started, lest you find yourself in the doldrums like Job instead of the joy of Paul. No time that God gives us is ordinary. Yes, our very days are numbered, but every moment is an opportunity for us truly to live in Christ for the sake of the Gospel, that we, too, may have a share in it, in Him. He is our hope and the reason for our hope, and this hope does not disappoint.

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign has come to a close. Thanks to the **198 families who have pledged \$77,638, we hit 97.0% of our goal of \$80,015.**

While we didn't attain our goal this year, we exceeded the 2019 pledges by \$4,813. This is remarkable, given the difference in conditions between 2019 and 2020. God bless all of you who responded!

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 March 6.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

ASK FATHER

We will resume small groups for discussion and prayer once the closures are over. Meanwhile, if you have a question about the Faith, Scripture, liturgy, etc., jot it down and submit it via the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory. We will try to address the questions each week in the Mass Bells.

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.

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. Families or couples are allowed to sit together, but individuals still must observe social distance in church.

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

Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry. We are in need of cooking oil, mayo, coffee and bottled juice. As always, we are asking for **grocery store gift cards**, which can be placed in the rectory office mail slot.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

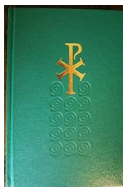
A memorial Mass with music is celebrated each month for the repose of the souls of those who were buried from our church during the preceding month.

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, February 13. See the listing of intentions on page 2 of this bulletin.

NEW HYMNALS



Our new hardbound hymnal with the full three-year cycle of Scripture readings can be memorialized for \$25 per intention, as we’ve done with the missalettes.

Please use the request forms available in the church vestibule and at the Rectory for your intentions.

SEX ABUSE REPORTING

Call 1-800-342-3720 or 1-888-634-4499 toll free to report possible cases of sexual abuse involving children or adults.

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who continue to support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult times, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings!

Still, we are projecting an *operating loss of over \$300,000* for the current fiscal year. We are at the point where we cannot pay our bills without dipping into what remains of rapidly thinning reserves.

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.

A financial report for 2019-20 actual and a projection for 2020-21 will be provided to the Parish in February.



2021 YEAR OF RENEWAL

Saint Margaret Catholic Academy

prides itself on the education opportunities provided to our students. In addition to a rigorous academic program, students are provided with rich and varied activities that seek to educate the whole child.

At ***Saint Margaret Catholic Academy*** we understand that art, music, and physical activity are vital components of a child's development. Students can take art, music, writing, foreign language, and physical education each week. Students participate in unique activities such as band, clubs, and more.

We also believe that the social emotional support of students and families is important, especially during these challenging times. All students have access to counseling services, and families are given resources to support their children through our collaboration with PDHP.

Saint Margaret Catholic Academy supports the potential of all learners. Our teachers and staff are trained to serve students with disabilities as well as English Language Learners. Professional development consistently focuses on strategies for improving academic instruction for at-risk students to ensure their success.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for tax purposes

WILL BE AVAILABLE
ONLY UPON REQUEST

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911 if you would like a statement mailed to you.

YOUNG SINGERS WANTED

We now have music at all weekend Masses. In order to enhance the celebration at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass, we have formed a group of young people to sing contemporary as well as traditional hymns.

If you're interested and in your late teens to twenty-something, please contact our Director of Music, Don Competello, after any of the Masses.

VOLUNTEER TECHIE WANTED

We need the assistance of someone who is tech savvy to help with developing the parish website and our e-mail database. Please contact Fr. Armato if you are interested.

FORMED IS HERE!

FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute, has come to St. Margaret's and is available without charge to all parishioners. All that is needed to visit the website is Internet access and an e-mail account. Simply go to *formed.org*, enter our Parish name, and then follow the prompts.

FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated only at 1:30pm on the first and third Sundays of each month (except April) with up to four children baptized per session.

No more than twenty-five (25) family members and friends per child may attend, so that we can maintain social distancing.