

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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SIXTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER
MAY 9, 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.	MAY 9 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ MOTHER' DAY
8:00	Concetta & John Averna
10:00	In honore per la Madonna di Fatima/ DiBenedetto e Barretta Famiglia/Daniele Bussa/Francesca, Giuseppe e Salvatore Casabianca/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Vincenza Palmeri/Girolama Curatolo/Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Ada Bajlo/Concetta Miele/Alice Fasano/ Francesca, Mary & Lina Battaglini/ Florence Maurer
NOON	Pat O'Brien (birth)
5:00PM	
MON.	MAY 10 - ST. DAMIEN
7:00	Mother's Day Triduum
9:00	Velma Thornton
TUE.	MAY 11 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00	Albert DiCenso
9:00	Mother's Day Triduum
WED.	MAY 12 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00	Margaret (Patty) Heckel
9:00	William T. & Carolyn Collins Family
7:30PM	Joan McShea
THU.	MAY 13 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
7:00	Joan McShea
9:00	People of the Parish
NOON	Joan Anastasio
7:30PM	Joan McShea
FRI.	MAY 14 - ST. MATTHIAS
7:00	Nancy Ciolino
9:00	Joan McShea
SAT.	MAY 15 - ST. ISIDORE
9:00	collective: Paolino Colangelo/ Margaret Maloney (birth)
5:00PM	
SUN.	MAY 16 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ John Hegener
NOON	Rev. Joseph O'Donnell, C.M. (birth)
5:00PM	Roland Belay

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. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child.

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 REHEARSALS ARE SUSPENDED.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.

CUB PACK #119 MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, MAY 13 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, May 12, 7:30pm vigil

Thursday, May 13,

7am - 9am - 12 noon - 7:30pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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, Jack Marchindondo, 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 Bryzgornia, 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, Carmen Gonzalez, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Bernard Russo, Gerard Frohnhoefer, John & Katie Bryzgornia, Eric Velasquez, Joseph Simon, Emma Green, Mary Policke, Donna Stubbs, Msgr. Robert J. Thelen, Heig Allocca, Joyce Seecheeck, The Valasquez Family, Kathryn Hummel, Caroline Martin, Michelle LaBove,

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

Epecially:

*Marino Pascucci, Julia Lunginsland,
Ronald F. Berk, Frances Saporito,*

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Anita Ann Competello.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Robert Forte.



***Motherhood is a million little moments
that God weaves together with grace,
redemption, laughter, tears, and
most of all love.
Happy Mother's Day!***

TODAY'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Ps 113:1-8
Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13
Mk 16:15-20

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ The Demands of Love and Friendship ~

Who among us has not been told, “If you don’t do such-and so, I won’t be your friend”? It sounds rather childish, doesn’t it? Perhaps that’s because the last time we heard it one child was saying it to another. Yet, that is sort of the expression that we hear our Lord use with His chosen disciples in today’s Gospel passage.

First we hear Him use the conditional “if”, which implies consequences for not complying. Then He issues a commandment to the very ones whom He’s just called His friends, not just once but twice. It’s rather odd for a friend not only to place conditions on the friendship but also then to *command* the other friend to do something to keep it intact. Ask, okay. Request, sure. But *command*? C’mon, man!

The Gospel scene is a segment of Jesus’ parting speech at the Last Supper. He’s making it clear to His disciples that, while he has chosen them to be His friends, that friendship requires a definite response on their part. He has come out of loving obedience to the will of the Father with Whom He is united in the bond of love, the Holy Spirit. Now, if they are to remain united with Him, they must respond with the same bond, both to Him and to one another. The Spirit of love that unites the Father and the Son is to be the same “glue” that unites His disciples.

Now, this required love is not romantic, emotional, or theoretical. Christ again makes it perfectly clear that He commands, demands that His disciples be willing to give themselves fully for the sake of the other. Yes, they have been chosen, but it is not for membership in some prestigious social club or exclusive prayer group. They have been chosen to share in the mission that must bear permanent results, and that can be achieved only if they follow His example of self-emptying love, just as He loves the Father and the Father loves Him. True love is demanding.

That’s pretty scary, yes? Of course, yes! But Christ does not pull any punches with his chosen friends. He has shared with them everything that He has been given to deliver by the Father. Neither does He pull any punches with us. He has initiated; we are called to respond. You and I have been chosen by Christ to be His disciples, His friends. We, too, have his promise, and we know what He expects of us, if we are to remain in His friendship. We share now in His life by virtue of our baptism, but that imposes on us a responsibility, a duty, an imperative, a command: we are to love, to be willing to die to self and to live for Him.

For the most part, we don’t engage in the dramatic laying down of our lives as martyrs do for the love of Christ, or as soldiers do for the love of country and kinfolk. Instead, we respond through the small, daily sacrifices of our lives, putting ourselves on hold for the sake of addressing the needs of another. Perhaps it is to take care of a sick relative or friend. It might be spending more of our personal quality time patiently with a child who wants for attention and guidance. It could be responding to the inconvenient, untimely need of a neighbor who has asked our assistance, or of a friend who has asked us to do him/her a favor. It might be helping to bring the parish back to life by getting active in one or another ministry when we’d just as soon stay comfortably at home. The opportunities are endless.

St. John gives a major reason for Christian love in our second reading: “love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.” By “knows God”, St. John means, “experiences an intimate relationship with God”. Not to love puts us outside that relationship. We’d be out in the cold, empty, eternal darkness, worse than being lost in space without air or a spacesuit.

Christ has called us to share the warm light of His love. God the Father has given us the example of what He expects of us by sending His Son to atone for our sins. Think about it: we have sinned against God, defied Him, turned our backs on Him, rejected His love, and, despite all this, He still has loved us so much as to give us everything in His Son, Who has loved the Father and has complied willingly and humbly with the Father’s redeeming will in bringing us back to Him.

Christ has come on a mission that bears the fruit that will last: our eternal salvation. He has chosen us to share in that mission by loving one another. The love of the Father is extended to us through Christ freely and fully, but it is contingent, conditional upon our response. We are created in the image and likeness of God with the capacity to love, and Christ commands that we put that sacrificial capacity into effect, producing the fruit of goodness, justice, and truth.

The challenge of Christ’s command is before us, as fresh and demanding as it was when He spoke it to His disciples at the Last Supper. Let us live and truly love in the light of our Savior, therefore, open to the power of His Holy Spirit working in us and through us, that we may enjoy the fullness of eternal life with our God and Father, to Whom be glory now and forever!

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're over halfway to the goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$48,223** already from just **109 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **63.4% of goal with \$27,791 to go**.

The goal comes to a fair share donation of about \$120 from each of our 650 families. Some can give more, some less, but *everyone can give something*. Will you help to put us over the top? Please prayerfully consider making a pledge this year.

Money raised by this campaign is used to support programs for our elderly and youth, nursing facilities, seminarians and retired priests, and other diocesan and parish pastoral needs.

CONFESSION

The two parts of the "Easter Duty" are to go to confession and to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season. The time period has been expanded to the roughly 100 days *between Ash Wednesday and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30*, to make it easier for the faithful to fulfill the obligation, but time is running out.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to comply with the *requirement to be in a state of grace in order to receive Holy Communion*. Sadly, while most of the people who come to Mass on Sundays receive Communion, very few go to confession.

MOTHER'S DAY TRIDUUM

Remember to pray for your mother this Mother's Day. Three Masses will be offered this week from Sunday through Tuesday for the moms enrolled, whether living or deceased. Please use the envelope provided in your packet or one of the envelopes on the radiators to have your mother participate in the spiritual fruits of these special Masses. Remember them in your prayers, too! Living or deceased, they pray for you!

ROSARY

May is a month of our Lady. Remember to pray the Rosary each day, honoring her and presenting her with your cares and concerns as you meditate on the Mysteries of our salvation in her Son, Jesus Christ!

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. 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, June 12.

E-DATA UPDATES

Help us to update our database of email addresses so that we can maintain contact. Print the following information and return it via the collection basket, or by mail, or by emailing it to:

stmargaretmv@gmail.com

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone#:(_____) - _____ - _____



**ST. MARGARET
BLOOD DRIVE
AT THE SHOPS AT
ATALS PARK**

St. Margaret Parish has sponsored many very successful Blood Donation Drives and won many awards in the past, the most recent being the **Pacesetter Award for collecting 361 blood donations in 2019**, affecting the lives of more than 1,083 patients in need.

Since all use of parish buildings is currently suspended to maintain a safe environment for our Academy children, we will be hosting our **June Blood Drive at The Shops at Atlas Park, on Sunday, June 6, 2021, from 9am to 3pm**. All blood donations that day will be credited to our parish. Please consider making a blood donation; blood is still desperately needed during this difficult time of the pandemic.

Appointments are encouraged. Please call **800-933-2566** or go to donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/280827

Walk-ins will only be accommodated if social distancing can be maintained.

Thank you for your continued support of our Blood Drives! Stay safe and well!

CONNECT TO FORMED!

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.

FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more. Recent presentations include videos on the spirituality of motherhood, the Rosary, mental health issues, Scripture study, and much, much more.

The app can be downloaded very easily to your computer or ROKU and also to your cell phone or iPad so that you can enjoy the presentations wherever you happen to be.

To **register** on FORMED:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org/signup
- 2) Enter our Zip Code, 11379, and select St. Margaret.
- 3) Enter your name and email address.

If you **already have a FORMED account**:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org
- 2) Click on "Sign In"
- 3) Enter your email address
- 4) Click the link to your email
- 5) BOOM! You're in and free to explore to your heart's delight.

*Growing in the love and knowledge
of Christ at*

**ST. MARGARET
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

As we are in the month of May, our Academy students will be preparing different ways to honor Mary in the classroom.

We congratulate our students who received Jesus in First Holy Communion this past Saturday, and those who will receive this coming Saturday. We ask our Parish to keep our young people in your prayers.

We are proud to say that our doors have been open for full, five-day instruction for PK-Grade 8 during this uncertain year. We have limited seats available for Nursery-Grade 8 for the 21-22 school year.

Call our office for an appointment to see our great school, **718-326-0922**, or email us at stmargtours@gmail.com

We are saving a seat for you!

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open only for Masses and baptisms, and 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.

More people have been coming to Mass since Easter. Although the government is easing occupancy restrictions somewhat, "social distancing" still **MUST** be observed at all times. Families or couples are allowed to sit together, but individuals still must observe social distance in church.



**SAINT
MATTHIAS
MAY 14**