

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 16, 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 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
MON.	MAY 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00	Judith Conte (anni)
9:00	Augusta Mundy (anni)
TUE.	MAY 18 - ST. JOHN I, POPE
7:00	Mieczyslaw Pluta
9:00	Marian Lapinski
WED.	MAY 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00	Ruth O'Hehir
9:00	Joan McShea
THU.	MAY 20 - ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA
7:00	Priests Ordination Class of 1995
9:00	People of the Parish.
FRI.	MAY 21 - ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES
7:00	Rita & Jim Minogue
9:00	Theodore Mundy, Sr. (birth)
SAT.	MAY 22 - ST. RITA OF CASCIA
9:00	collective: Patricia & Allen Gill
5:00PM	Grazia Macri
SUN.	MAY 23 - PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:00	Adolph Roemmelt
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Bamo Giampalo
NOON	William F. Armstrong (anniiv)
5:00PM	Kenneth W. Smith



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.

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 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, Carmen Gonzalez, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Bernard Russo, Gerard Frohnhoefer, John & Katie Bryzgoria, 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***

*May they rest
in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK
are offered in memory of Joan McShea.

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK
*are offered in memory of
Augusta & Theodore Mundy at the
request of Barbara Mundy.*



***St. Christopher
Magallanes
May 21***

TODAY'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1Jn 4:11-16
Jn 17:11b-19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc, 36ab
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 11:4, 5, 7
Jn 21:20-25
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30
Rom 8:22-27
Jn 7:37-39

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Gal 5:16-25
Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Only a Prayer Away ~

Once again, we take our Gospel reading from St. John. The timing is after supper on that first Holy Thursday night. Jesus has been giving His disciples His farewell address, making some closing points and assuring them that He will not abandon them but will send them another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, from the Father. Today He prays to the Father, asking for the preservation of unity among His disciples and also their protection from the wiles and ways of the evil one. What He prays for the Eleven, He also prays for us 2,000 years later.

Every time that I've read this section of the Gospel according to St. John (the hours between the Last Supper and Christ's arrest), the thought has crossed my mind as to the amount of stress that He was under at this point. The rambling verses are often very difficult to read, no less to understand; at times they seem incoherent. Still, we can see the immensity of Christ's love for His disciples in His determination to bring faithfully to an end the mission that He received from the Father: the reclamation and sanctification of all Creation.

We, as disciples of Christ, have been chosen and set apart ("consecrated"), yet we do not live in some sort of isolated religious fantasyland. We live in the world, but are not to be part of it, i.e., not to be so enmeshed in worldly cares and values that we forget that we are united to God by the power of His Holy Spirit dwelling within us and that we, too, have been entrusted with Christ's mission.

If we are to make the world holy, though, we must recognize that everything that we do must begin with God, be centered in our relationship with God, and be brought to fruition in God. This doesn't mean that we spend our entire lives on our knees or in church, rattling off prayers. It does require prayer to be integral and preliminary to our action, however, just as it was for Christ and His Apostles and just as it has been for Christians down through the ages. The principal prayer that we offer up should be for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, entrusting ourselves to the care of a loving God and Father through the Son Who intercedes for us.

Similar to the Apostles in today's first reading, we find ourselves, though only liturgically speaking, between the Ascension of the Lord and the Descent of the promised Holy Spirit. (One might call this interim period of nine days the original novena.) At the same time, we are not limited to these relatively few days to ask for the Gift of the Holy Spirit so that we may carry out our responsibilities as followers of Christ, united in peace and in the bond of charity, which is the Spirit.

We received that Gift initially in the Sacrament of Baptism, and most of us also were sealed with the same Gift in the Sacrament of Confirmation. All that we do as a Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is the result of that Spirit moving in us and through us, even to the point of uttering before the Father the prayers that we are not able to put into words. Sadly, it is also an underutilized and unappreciated Gift that we too often push aside almost as soon as it is given to us, rather like a sweater or necktie that doesn't appeal to us and that we do not intend to wear.

Yet, how different our individual lives would be, were we to place ourselves at the disposal of the Holy Spirit! How transformed our parish would be, if we truly were committed to living our lives guided by the Spirit Who is the essence of God! How powerful would be our witness as disciples of Christ in making the world holy, bound together by the same Spirit of love Who unites the Father and the Son!

Christ's "priestly prayer" is not just a single instance of record. It is an on-going prayer that we might be one joined in love just as He and the Father are one. It requires our cooperation in order to be fulfilled. We have been chosen and set apart to love one another, offering ourselves to one another in humble service! We might continue to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, yet He Who unites us is only a prayer away: Come into my heart, Holy Spirit!

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're over the halfway to the goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$48,963 already** from just **111 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **64.4% of goal with \$27,051 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. Forms and envelopes are available in church.

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 needs.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

Thanks to all of our parishioners and friends who contributed to our 10th Annual campaign for "Bride to Life"; it was one of our most successful campaigns.

Lots of new and gently used infant and children's clothing and accessories filled a large SUV and \$1,400 in cash and checks were hand delivered to the associate director, who was so happy with your generous contributions. Thanks to all!

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. The government is easing occupancy restrictions somewhat. Families or couples are allowed to sit together, but individuals still **MUST** observe social distancing for now.

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

The Food Pantry is in need of mayo, cooking oil, pasta sauce and instant coffee. 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#:(_____) - ____ - _____

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.



ST. MARGARET BLOOD DRIVE AT THE SHOPS AT ATLAS 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!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the children of our Academy and Religious Education Program who received the Lord in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist for the first time this month! We hope to see you receiving Him with your family EVERY Sunday.

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 Rosary, our Lady of Fatima, peace of mind, 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 now in the month of May, our Academy students will be preparing different ways to honor Mary in the classroom.

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!

*Let us take a moment to reflect on all the
good God provides for us.*