

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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PENTECOST
SUNDAY
MAY 23, 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. 8:00 10:00	MAY 23 - PENTECOST SUNDAY Adolph Roemmelt Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Graziella Pascia/Bamo Giampalo/Gianni Geni/ Maria Santissima del Romitello/ William F. Armstrong (anniv) Kenneth W. Smith
NOON 5:00PM	
MON. 7:00 9:00	MAY 24 - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH Intention of Kathleen Kiernan Paolino Colangelo
TUE. 7:00 9:00	MAY 25 - STS. BEDE, GREGORY VII AND MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI Philomena Karcher (birth) Margaret (Patty) Heckel
WED. 7:00 9:00	MAY 26 - ST. PHILIP NERI Intention of Anne Leahy Joseph Zawadzki
THU. 7:00 9:00	MAY 27 - ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY Thaddeus S. Lubanski Margaret Heckel
FRI. 7:00 9:00	MAY 28 - WEEKDAY Intention of Mary Simpson Intention of Tony Vocaturo
SAT. 9:00 5:00PM	MAY 29 - ST. PAUL VI collective: John O'Shea (birth) Robert Schaefer
SUN. 8:00 10:00 NOON 5:00PM	MAY 30 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Gerald McDonald (anniv) Anna Dattolo People of the Parish Brian Joseph Johnson



Congratulations

*to all of our Religious
Education Program and
Academy children who received
the Lord Jesus in the Sacrament
of the Most Holy Eucharist for
the first time this month! May your love for Him
increase every time that you receive Him!*

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 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***

Especially:

Douglas A. Mahoney,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Rosemarie Sparacio.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Angie Ferzola.



**THE RECTORY WILL
BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, MAY 31,
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM**

TODAY'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-34
1 Cor 12:19-23 or
Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or
Acts 1:12-14
Ps 87:1-3, 5, 6-7
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12
Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17
Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25
Ps 33:2-9
Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-6z, 9b
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20
Ps 19:8-11
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ An Ending and a Beginning ~

We come to the end of the Easter Season with today's solemnity of Pentecost, the "birthday" of the Church, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples with great power, under the appearance of tongues of flame. It seems to have been a long time coming this year, maybe because Easter was so early and we're still several weeks away from the end of the school year and the start of summer. Perhaps the ongoing pandemic has slowed us down mentally and made us lethargic. Maybe it's been the weather. Or, maybe it's just me.

Whatever the reason, we find ourselves today not only at an ending but also at a new beginning, or rather, a reawakening of what began in us some time ago with the Gift of the Holy Spirit through Whom we were baptized into the very life of God as members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. For those of us who are adults, as with today's candidates, we were infused further with this Gift at Confirmation. To what purpose, then, have we been given this great Gift?

The Holy Spirit bestows spiritual "gifts" upon those who receive Him: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety, and fear (i.e., profound, awe-filled reverence) of the Lord. When we use these gifts properly, we grow in our experience of God's grace, His presence, in our lives and deepen our relationship with Him. These individual gifts give us the strength and courage to live prudently and to act with righteousness, justice, and holiness, which, in turn, produce proper relationships with God and with one another.

This way of living in accordance with Christ's teachings requires us to enter the Mystery of salvation: to die to self and sin, and to live as a new person for God in Christ (Romans 6:8-14). This yields the "fruits" of a life of grace, life in the Spirit, the first nine of which are found in St. Paul's letter to the Galatians: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Church adds another three to these: generosity, modesty, and chastity.

It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we celebrate the Sacraments, the presence of Christ among us. Besides the one-time celebrations of Baptism and Confirmation, we feel the effects of the Spirit most especially in the frequently received Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. As given to us in today's Gospel account, Christ authorized His disciples to forgive sins. This authority has been passed down from generation to generation through those consecrated by the Spirit to the priesthood as the ordinary ministers of the mercy and compassion of God. The same goes for the Sacrament of the Eucharist by which Christ continues through His priests to nourish His people and to strengthen the bond of His love among them, and it is the Spirit Who joins husband and wife in holy Matrimony.

We should note from today's readings that the Gift of the Holy Spirit is tied to a call to action, whether the Apostles proclaiming the Gospel in Jerusalem, or St. Paul reminding his disciples that each one has a particular role to play as a part of the Body of Christ, or Christ giving His disciples the power to forgive.

The Gift of the Spirit is ours, and ours for a purpose for which we have been called and set apart to act: to continue the mission of Christ to bring all of creation to the Father. It requires our cooperation, though, in order to be put into effect. We might continue to sit back and wait for some great signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, like an earthquake or a great gust of wind or tongues of flames resting upon us, but how much richer the world around us, our parish, our family life would be, if we were to allow the Spirit to direct our lives now!

He Who already dwells within us is but a prayer away from our taking action: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful; enkindle in them the fire of Your love! O Lord, send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth!*

~ 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 **\$49,673 already** from just **117 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **65.3% of goal with \$26,341 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We 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 Saturday, June 5.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

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 government is easing restrictions somewhat, but **please observe these rules for your safety and that of others:**

~ Do **NOT** enter the church, if you are feeling sick.

~ Wearing a facemask or covering is now optional **IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED**, but please consider those around you who still are not vaccinated or who may be on edge.

~ Seating regulations are still ambiguous. Families or couples are allowed to sit together, but individuals still should observe social distancing for now.

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 are responding to the stewardship initiative and continue to 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI

The solemnity of *Corpus Christi*, the Body and Blood of Christ, will be celebrated on June 5-6. The 12:00 Mass that Sunday will conclude with a brief period of Eucharistic adoration and Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament in the church.

First Communion children are invited to participate in their outfits.



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!

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, St. John Paul II, St. Rita of Cascia, peace of mind, Scripture study, finding happiness in marriage, stuff for children, 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!