## St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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#### ~ MASS BELLS ~

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# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 30, 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 30 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** 8:00 Gerald McDonald (anniv) 10:00 Anna Dattolo NOON People of the Parish 5:00PM Brian Joseph Johnson **MAY 31 - THE VISITATION OF THE** MON. **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY/ MEMORIAL DAY** 9:00 **Deceased Members US Armed Forces** JUNE 1 - ST. JUSTIN MARTYR TUE. 7:00 Intention of Raymond & Susanne Wolfe

9:00 Mary O'Shea (anniv)

WED. JUNE 2 - STS. MARCELLINUS AND PETER

(25th Wedding Anniv)

7:00 Rebecca Lydia David (anniv) 9:00 Velma Begy

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7:00
9:00
JUNE 3 - ST. CHARLES LWANGA
Maria Curatolo (birth)
Rev. Salvatore F. D'Anna

FRI. JUNE 4 - WEEKDAY/FIRST FRIDAY7:00 Ada Bajlo9:00 Joseph & Elizabeth Sustar

SAT. JUNE 5 - ST. BONIFACE/ FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 collective: Deceased priests of the
Brooklyn and Rocville Centre Dioceses/
Michael & Mary Columbia/Mary Narky/
The O'Sullivan Family/Souls in Purgatory/
Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Odolino Pabuala

Crisologo/ Holy Hour

9:30

5:00PM William & Bella (Tolles) Kuntz

SUN. JUNE 6 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

8:00 Donna Roemmelt

10:00 Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Ada Bailo/Antonino Catalano/Freida & Joe

Petsche/Vito & Rosario Salamone/

NOON Joseph Sparacio 5:00PM People of the Parish



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

#### **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** <u>MUST</u> 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 prattica 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 Marchindiondo, 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

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

#### **MEMORIALS**

#### **WINE & HOST THIS WEEK**

are offered in memory of Walter R. Martin.

#### TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Rev. Salvatore F. D'Anna at the request of Ben Armato.



The Visitation
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
May 31

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

The Most Holy Trinity

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

Mt 28:16-20

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14

Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a

Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9

Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17;

8:4-9a

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17

Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a,

9bc-10

Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20

Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8

Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

#### From the Pastor's Desk:

#### "In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity"

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, one God in three divine Persons. It seems to be a strange idea, and it certainly is a confusing one, for us just as it has been for the people of ancient times and every generation of believers and non-believers ever since who have pondered over the theology of it.

Still, this belief is central to our faith and to our prayer life as Christians. Millions of Christian men, women, and children, to this very day, have died rather than deny this fundamental belief. A person cannot be considered to be a true Christian without this profession about the very essence of God.

Catholic Christians are baptized in the Name of the Trinity. We begin and end our prayers and offer our blessings with the sign of the Cross and the invocation of the Trinity. We offer the Mass to the Father, with the Son, through the Holy Spirit.

Theologically, God is called a *comunio personarum*, a communion of three distinct Persons - - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - - in eternal relationship with one another, yet <u>one</u> God, not three, united in a bond of continuous, reciprocal love. The Holy Spirit is that bond, uniting the Father and the Son.

We must realize that the Trinity, as Mystery, is a truth that we never will understand fully until we stand before God and see Him face to face. At the same time, we are called to accept here and now that this is the way that God has revealed Himself to humanity, through the revelation of the eternally begotten Son, incarnate in the Person of Jesus Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit.

The Mystery of the Trinity also speaks to us about who we are as human beings, created in the image and likeness of God. We have a rational soul with the ability to think and to reason. Most especially, we have the capacity to love. When we relate properly to others, carrying out these defining qualities, we image God, Who has created us to share, not only His divine likeness, but also His very being.

In opposition to these qualities that make us truly human stands the reality of sin, by which we fail to love, refusing to share in the divine nature and, with false pride, attempt to live without it. Denial of, or not recognizing, our participation in the life of the Trinity, a life of mutual love, adversely affects our relationships with one another as well as with God Himself.

It is important for us to realize that we, who have been created in the image and likeness of God, are to live as persons in loving relationship with one another, joined to each other and to our God through the bond of that same Holy Spirit, the bond of divine love. Simply put, purposely living outside the reality of the Trinity is nothing less than diabolical, for the devil himself is divisive in his rejection of God's love. It is only when we live together as the Trinity abides in Itself that we will be able to "live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with" us.

In short, the Trinity is not so much to be understood as to be experienced, and we DO experience the Trinity whenever we love, giving ourselves freely to the other, for love leads us to act rightly with true justice, and true justice leads us to the peace that the world cannot give, and that is a sharing in the very life of God.

We never can be truly alive outside of the reality of the Trinity, Whose very essence is love. Trying to do so is what leads us to fear, hatred, and envy of the other, and to every other attribute that divides us and rends our society, whether civil, familial, or religious. We need look no further than the reports of injustice and civil unrest that we find in the media day and night to see what comes of our rejection of participating in the life of the Trinity. Sadly, Satan continues to have a field day today, as he sees our society being torn apart, the very opposite of the way in which we should be living as children of God.

May you and yours be blessed and protected this day and forever in the Name of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

~ Fr. Armato

#### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

We're over the halfway to the goal for the <u>2021</u> Annual Catholic Appeal campaign. We've received pledges for \$49,923 already from just 119 families against this year's goal of \$76,014. That's 65.7% of goal with \$26,091 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.

#### **NEW HYMNAL DEDICATIONS**

We have put out more hymnals for use by the congregation now that we're back to 100% capacity in the church. Please use one of the forms available in the vestibule to dedicate a hymnal in memory or honor of your intention. The offering is \$25/book.

#### **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:* 

- $\sim$  Do  $\underline{\text{NOT}}$  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 remain ambiguous. Families or couples are allowed to sit together, but individuals still should try to observe some 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#:( )-	-

# Growing in the love and knowledge of Christ at

# ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

As we are in the month of May, our Academy students have been 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.



# 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 schedule280827

Walk-in 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 feminine genius, sacred art, things of interest for children, Scripture study, prayer, the virtue of chastity, 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.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI**

The solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, will be celebrated next weekend. The 12:00 Mass next 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.

#### **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.