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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 6, 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.	JUNE 6 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
8:00	Donna Roemmelt
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Ada Bajlo/Freida & Joe Petsche/Vito & Rosaria Salamone
NOON	Joseph Sparacio
5:00PM	People of the Parish
MON.	JUNE 7 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Margaret (Patty) Heckell
TUE.	JUNE 8 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Marie Piazza
9:00	Margaret Patricia Heckel
WED.	JUNE 9 - ST. EPHREM
7:00	Irene DiGenova
9:00	James Kiernan
THU.	JUNE 10 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Pat & Joe DiChiaro
9:00	Tom Cordero (anniv)
FRI.	JUNE 11 - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
7:00	Class of 2021 - SMCA
9:00	Kathy Lenihan Kiernan
SAT.	June 12 - THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00	collective: Frances Kelly (birth)
11:45	Memorial Mass: Marino Pascucci, Julia Lunginsland, Ronald F. Berk, Frances Saporito, Douglas A. Mahoney,
1:00PM	Wedding: John Vittor and Susan Conte
2:30PM	Wedding: Sal Starace and Ana Martinez
5:00PM	People of the Parish
SUN.	JUNE 13 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Mary Hawd
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Calogero Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Daniel Fitzgerald



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, 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, Heig Allocca, Joyce Seecheeck, The Valasquez Family, Kathryn Hummel, Caroline Martin, Michelle LaBove, Lee Johnson, Christine Arundel,

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

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Kathy Lenihan Kiernan
at the request of the Rectory Staff.*



***Congratulations to
St. Margaret Catholic Academy
Class of '21!***

***We are proud of all
of your accomplishments.***

***May God continue to bless and guide you
as you enter high school!***

TODAY'S READINGS

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8

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

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-17
Ps 34:2-9
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22
Ps 119:129-133, 135
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11
Ps 99:5-9
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Ps 85:9ab and 10-14
Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19
Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24
Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Coming Home to the Body of Christ”

Today Catholics in the USA celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, aka Corpus Christi. What a difference a year has made in our diocese! Last year, almost all of you were prevented from receiving the Lord sacramentally and had to content yourselves with watching Mass on TV or some other device and offering up an act of spiritual communion (small “c”). Today, not only have we left lock-down mode during which churches were closed and civil authorities did not deem religious worship to be an “essential activity”, but, as of today, the obligation for Catholics in good health to attend Sunday Mass has been reinstated in our Diocese.

How many people will actually return to celebrate and receive the Sacrament is anyone's guess, but there is a great spirit of hope and anticipation among many of us in the clergy that the number of Mass attendees will continue to rise, even little by little, just as it has since the reopening of churches. There is a hunger in the human soul, sometimes expressed openly, but more often endured silently though painfully, for the transcendent. The Gift of the Eucharist is what satisfies that desire most adequately for Catholic and Orthodox Christians.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is no mere sign or symbol that points to a greater reality. It IS the Reality itself, the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, given to His disciples at the Last Supper and sealed by His Cross and Resurrection. Sadly, for a growing number of Catholics, even among those who participate in Mass regularly, this is a point no longer accepted as a matter of faith. For many, it is only a symbol, a reminder of an event of 2,000 years ago.

No! It is NOT “just a symbol.” It is the very Reality of Jesus Christ present in a way unlike any other. While other religious leaders may be present to their followers in a sense through writings and images, it is only Christ Who is really, truly, and substantially present to His disciples under the appearance of bread and wine that have been consecrated and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In past ages, Christians would defy oppressive secular authorities and strive to celebrate and to receive the Eucharist, even to the point of dying in the attempt. Priests would risk their lives to celebrate Mass and to administer the Sacraments in homes and catacombs, in forests and fields, and on hillside “Mass rocks”. Today, we have become cowardly in the face of tyranny and evil, and most people have grown complacent after a year of being told by their own shepherds that Mass attendance, once the central part of their spiritual lives, wasn't required.

While there is grace to be found in every truly devout and pious religious act and experience, watching a Mass on TV or on a screen is NOT the same thing as being physically present at Mass in a church. Offering up “a prayer of spiritual communion”, regardless of how uplifting and profoundly sincere it might be, is NOT the same thing as receiving Jesus Christ present *par excellence* in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.

So many of you prayed for the day when you'd be able to come to Mass again. That day arrived months ago, thanks be to God! We have taken and continue to take reasonable precautions, especially now that permissible church occupancy is back to 100% of capacity. It is time to come home to the House of God and His people, and to share in the Banquet Feast of Heaven and earth. Wear a mask, if you must, but do come. Bring others with you, lest we just “preach to the choir”.

The priests of our Parish, as all priests, stand ready to bring Communion to the sick and the homebound, as needed. We also look forward, however, to welcoming our people in person, to seeing you in the pews, participating at holy Mass, reverently coming forward to receive your Lord in Holy Communion, and to become what we receive: members of the Body of Christ.

~ ***Fr. Armato***

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're over halfway to the goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$50,598** already from just **125 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **66.6% of goal with \$25,416 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:*

~ 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 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. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin for Mass intentions.

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#:(_____) - _____ - _____

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CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

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**ST. MARGARET
BLOOD DRIVE AT THE SHOPS AT
ATLAS PARK TODAY, JUNE 6**

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, today, June 6, 2021, from 9am to 3pm.** All blood donations on this 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. Call **800-933-2566**
or go to

donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule280827

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 Eucharist, our blessed Mother, sacred art, things of interest for children, Scripture study, and prayer, among many more topics.

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.

SMS COLLEGE GRADS

We'd like to hear from our St. Margaret School grads who are graduating from college this spring. Please email us your name, the year that you graduated, your college, degree, and field of study; e.g.:

James Jones ('13) St. John's BS Pharmacy

Jane Doe ('11) Fordham MBA Accounting

We'll print the info as it is received at:

stmargaretmv@gmail.com

**THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL
CLOTHING PICK-UP**

will be held on Sunday, June 20. The truck will be on 79th Place, near the parking lot from 8am until 12:30pm for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS
AT THE RECTORY DOOR**