# St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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# IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 13, 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 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/ Intention of Chace James Starnes/Alcides Benavides (anni)/

NOON

Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer

5:00PM Daniel Fitzgerald

MON. JUNE 14 - WEEKDAY/FLAG DAY
7:00 Aoife McCloskey
9:00 Edward Burke

TUE.7:009:00JUNE 15 - WEEKDAYMai O'KeefeKathleen Lenihan Kiernan

WED.JUNE 16 - WEEKDAY7:00Maryann Walter9:00Christopher Miller

**THU.** JUNE 17 - WEEKDAY 7:00 Timothy Corbett 9:00 Colette E. Weiner

FRI. JUNE 18 - WEEKDAY7:00 Augie DeSimone9:00 Anthony Santora

SAT. JUNE 19 - ST. ROMUALD

9:00 **collective:** Deceased Religious of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/ The DePaola Family/

Andrew & Loretta Campbell

SUN. JUNE 20 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/FATHER'S DAY

8:00 People of the Parish

5:00PM

10:00 Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio

Taormina/Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Marco e Davide Colalella/Rocco e Salvatore Fazzolari/Concezio, Vincent e Giuseppe Battaglini/Antonino & Giuseppe Catalano/ Leonardo & Philip Curatolo/Francesco Virruso/

Pellegrino Benfari/Charles L. Suffel/

Mariano & Salvatore Palmeri/

NOON Ray Maurer, Sr. 5:00PM Arthur Woods



FLAG DAY JUNE 14

# **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, 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

Especially:

Joann DeSantis, Gerald Welch, Anthony Giangregorio,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

# **MEMORIALS**

# **WINE & HOST THIS WEEK**

are offered in memory of Colette E. Weiner at the request of Robert Weiner.

# TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Augie DeSimone.



SAINT ROMUALD JUNE 19

# **TODAY'S READINGS**

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10

Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4

Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9

Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11

Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11

Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8

Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30

Ps 34:2-7 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10

Ps 34:8-13 Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Job 38:1, 8-11

Ps 107:23-26, 28-31

2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41

#### From the Pastor's Desk:

# "Growth by God's Design"

One of the great things about living in Middle Village, aside from the people themselves, is the pride that we take in our gardens. They need not be large; indeed, they're rather small plots by suburban standards. Still you're bound to see a great variety of flowers, vegetables, fruits, and herbs growing in-ground or in containers in front, back, and side yards. It's something that helps give our Village a village atmosphere: a small town in the heart of the biggest city in America.

It never fails to amaze me how the neighborhood sprouts new life, whether with bulbs sending their shoots through the late snows or seedlings gaining strength with the spring rains and warm sunshine until flowers start to pop everyplace and recognizable vegetables start to form and ripen. That's part of the mystery of life.

So too is the conception and growth of a child in the womb of its mother and the child's eventual birth and growth into adolescence and adulthood. For all of our scientific knowledge supporting the fact that human life begins at conception, there is still so much mystery and wonder tied to the development of a human being.

What's true of nature around us in general is true for the life of the Church and also for the life of the individual Christian. The Church has grown from a mere handful of men and women followers of our Lord as He walked and taught among them to now over two billion people who are, at least nominally, His disciples. Like the single seed of grain or the mustard seed, a great thing has developed by the grace of God and human cooperation.

The faith of an individual also grows slowly, often unrealized, steadily drawing us closer and closer to the God Who created us in love and planted the very seed of faith in our souls. While God does the work, however, we are called to cooperate with Him, to be open to discerning His presence in our lives and allowing His Word and the grace of His Sacraments to guide and strengthen us along the way.

I saw a meme on Facebook the other day. It portrayed a man standing in a field, holding an upright shovel in his hand and looking off to the horizon. It said, basically, "God answers prayers, but He doesn't expect you to pray for a hole and just wait for Him to make one appear." We are drawn to God by our nature, but our faith needs to grow by our cooperation with an openness to His grace.

A parish grows in a similar way. Our own was started by a handful of farming families 161 years ago. We now number hundreds of families and thousands of members. While it might be nice to play numbers games (we priests are notorious for doing it among ourselves, usually inflating the numbers along the way), the numbers themselves are not as important as the quality of the fruit.

The number of our Mass attendees has been rising little by little since lockdown ended almost a year ago, but we're still no place close to our pre-Covid numbers and far from where we were just a few years, no less a generation, ago. Yet can we not be better Catholic Christians, more committed disciples of the Lord? That's what Pope Benedict XVI predicted: a smaller but more committed Church. "Not many but much" is the English translation of an old Latin expression.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic and look forward to a new flourishing of parish life this autumn, what do you want to see? What hopes do you have for our community of faith? Will we just return to the "status quo ante", or will be be better than before by the grace of God? What changes need to take place within you, within me, within each and every one of us?

St. Paul reminds us, as he did the ancient Corinthians, in today's second reading that "we all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what" we've done in and with our lives. Let us allow the seeds of faith to produce much good fruit in our lives, in our families, and in our Parish! Let Middle Village truly bloom with our faith-filled good works!

# **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

We're over halfway to the goal for the <u>2021</u> Annual Catholic Appeal campaign. We've received pledges for \$53,288 already from just 126 families against this year's goal of \$76,014. That's 70.1% of goal with \$22,726 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.

## **EUCHARISTIC 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, July 3.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord! Let us pray for our nation.

# **CHURCH OPEN HOURS**

We are back to 100% of occupancy for use of the church for Mass and other celebrations, and we're considering leaving the church open until 12:00 Noon during weekdays for private prayer.

Although the government has eased restrictions somewhat, please observe these common sense rules for your safety and that of others:

- ~ Do NOT enter the church, if you are feeling sick.
- ~ While wearing a facemask or covering is now optional *IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED*, please consider those around you who still are not vaccinated or who may be on edge.
  - ~ Continue to receive Communion in the hand.

# 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, July 10.

# **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:_    |     | <br> |  |
|----------------|-----|------|--|
| Address:       |     |      |  |
|                |     | Zip: |  |
| E-mail address | ss: |      |  |
| Phone#:(       | )   |      |  |

# SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## **RACE FOR EDUCATION 2021**

#### KING DRAGON

Duffy's Flooring
Dynamic Installation
Maspeth Federal Savings
EJ Electric
Graf-X
Premium Car Service
Izkina

Raytone & Varuzzi Plumbing

#### **PLATINUM DRAGON**

AM Restoration
Prestiza Events
Grand Care Pharmacy
Unishippers
Ridgewood Savings Bank

#### **GOLD DRAGON**

Cross County Bank Metro Diner Ridgewood Savings Bank HAA of SMCA

#### PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES!!

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

to the following students from Saint Margaret Parish who have achieved Honor Roll status at:

#### **St. Francis Preparatory School:**

LAUTARO ARTIGALA, FILIP BIELECKI,
SOFIA CARIDI, JESSICA DOHERTY,
SEBASTIANO ELMI, JULIA FERRANTINO,
ANDREW FRANZESE, SKYE KENNIFF,
GABRIELLA MARTINO,
MARGUERITE MAUCERI, MAGGIE MEENAN,
ASHLEY MUNSON, STEVEN NAVARRO,
ANTHONY NAZARIO, IVANA ODDO,
SAMANTHA PACHECO,
ELIANA SCANDARIATO, JILLIAN SCHMALZ,
GIUSEPPE SCANDARIATO, JUSTIN SCHMALZ,
JOHN ZHIVANAJ

We wish all of these students continued success in their future endeavors.

# **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 Sacred Heart, our blessed Mother, sacred art, things of interest geared toward children, Scripture study, prayer, and the feminine genius, 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 collect 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 OR CONVENT DOOR