

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 27, 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

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| <b>SUN.</b> | <b>JUNE 27 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>   |
| 8:00        | Linda Castagna  |
| 10:00       | Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Maria Curatolo/<br>Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano e<br>Salvatore Palmeri/   |
| NOON        | Anna Dzika  |
| 5:00PM      | Massimino Gironta   |
| <b>MON.</b> | <b>JUNE 28 - ST. IRENAEUS</b>   |
| 7:00        | George Dasher   |
| 9:00        | Kathy Lenihan Kiernan   |
| <b>TUE.</b> | <b>JUNE 29 - STS. PETER AND PAUL</b>  |
| 7:00        | Eileen Daley  |
| 9:00        | Joan Meyers   |
| <b>WED.</b> | <b>JUNE 30 - THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH</b>   |
| 7:00        | Walter R. Martin  |
| 9:00        | Donald Ashford  |
| <b>THU.</b> | <b>JULY 1 - ST. JUNIPERO SERRA</b>  |
| 7:00        | Andrew Jenner   |
| 9:00        | Casimir Krzewski  |
| <b>FRI.</b> | <b>JULY 2 - WEEKDAY/FIRST FRIDAY</b>  |
| 7:00        | Augusta D. Weiner   |
| 9:00        | Anna & John Rice  |
| <b>SAT.</b> | <b>JULY 3 - ST. THOMAS/<br/>FIRST SATURDAY</b>  |
| 9:00        | <b>Collective:</b> Deceased Priests of the<br>Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/<br>Mary Narky/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls<br>in Purgatory/Antonina Mauceri/ |
| 9:30        | Holy Hour   |
| 5:00PM      | William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz   |
| <b>SUN.</b> | <b>JULY 4 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN<br/>ORDINARY TIME/INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>   |
| 8:00        | Robert Hawd   |
| 10:00       | Giovanni & Mary Armato  |
| NOON        | People of the Parish/People of the USA  |
| 5:00PM      | Joan McShea   |



**THE RECTORY  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, JULY 5  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDENCE 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 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](http://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***

***Especially:***

*Guy J. DeMatties, Andrew G. Jenner,  
Douglas James Savignano*

*May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

### WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Tom Cordero.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Andrew G. Jenner  
at the request of the St. Margaret Choir.*

## WELCOME!

We welcome Fr. Celestine Anyanwu, who will be ministering in our Parish during the month of July. Father has served in the Diocese of Brooklyn, most recently at St. Gabriel's in East Elmhurst.

## TODAY'S READINGS

### *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43 or

5:21-24, 35B-43

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Gn 18:16-33

Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-11

Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday:

Acts 12:1-11

Ps 34:2-9

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday:

Gn 21:5, 8-20a

Ps 34:7-8, 10-13

Mt 8:28-34

Thursday:

Gn 22:1b-19

Ps 115:1-6, 8-9

Mt 9:1-8

Friday:

Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67

Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5

Mt 9:9-13

Saturday:

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 117:1bc, 2

Jn 20:24-29

Sunday:

Ez 2:2-5

Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6a

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“On Faith, Part II”***

In last week's commentary on faith, I said that faith is not merely an assent of the mind to doctrines and dogmas but, more especially, is a matter of entrusting ourselves to God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, in Whom we have come to new life as members of His Body and children of God. This is the work of a lifetime.

We grow in our relationship with the people around us, entrusting ourselves to them more fully over time. So it should be with our relationship with Christ, which not only helps us along the roads of life as things are going well, but also enables us to get through the tough, difficult, and crazy times that always seem to find us. Sadly, it sometimes takes a matter of desperation before we place ourselves fully into the hands of the Lord.

Such is the case in today's Gospel in which St. Mark presents two stories of faith in what scripture scholars refer to as a “Marcan sandwich”, beginning one story, and then introducing a complete second story before concluding the original (sort of like putting a piece of cheese between two slices of bread). In this case, it's a matter of two incidents of desperation in which the main characters trust in Christ's power to heal and to restore life, i.e., to perform the work of God. Both acts of desperation are tied to a determination and a conviction about Christ's ability and His desire to oblige in dire situations. The same Christ desires to heal us and to bring us into the fullness of life.

The first reading today reminds us that God's intent was that we should live for all eternity in His company but that the commission of the original sin by our spiritual parents, Adam and Eve, brought about both spiritual and physical death. St. Ambrose taught that God was actually merciful in allowing for physical death, lest we should suffer too greatly from the burdens and pains of an endless, agonizing life in our fallen state. Moreover, God has been even more merciful in sending us His Son for the forgiveness of sin, to bring about our healing and reconciliation so that we might live for all eternity in His presence after all.

As God has dealt mercifully with us in Christ, St. Paul reminds us, we, too, are to deal mercifully with those around us. We do not raise the dead or cure the infirm in a literal sense as Christ did, but we can do so in another sense by the way that we treat people with kindness, mercy, and compassion, addressing their needs as best we can, and to be the presence of Christ Whose Name we bear. This, too, requires us to entrust ourselves to the Lord, for apart from Him we can do nothing.

What does it take for us to entrust ourselves to Christ with the faith of Jairus, the dying/dead girl's father, or with that of the woman who has spent her savings and years seeking a cure from more conventional, albeit ineffective, methods? Unlike them, we have the benefit of a long-term relationship with Christ, begun in the waters of Baptism, developed in the course of our lifetime, and guided and nourished by Him through His Word and His Sacraments. Yet, we hesitate. Do we really need to be at the end of our rope before we turn to the Lord and place ourselves confidently in His hands?

Christ told the suffering woman that her faith, her trust in Him, had saved her. Sinners that we are, let us embrace Him and entrust ourselves to His mercy, not merely to “touch the tassel of His cloak” but rather to receive Him with great love and devotion each day, and then to use the grace of His presence in us to live the life of our calling as members of His Body and children of God! May we, too, hear Him say to us one day, “Your faith has saved you!”

~ *Fr. Armato*

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're over two-thirds to the goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$54,607** already from just **132 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **71.8% of goal with \$21,407 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.

## 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 this 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. The church will be open for private prayer until 12:00 Noon on weekdays, from 8:30am to 6:00pm on Saturdays, and between Masses on Sundays, Come, stay, and pray.

*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.

~ 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 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!

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE**  
**THE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE**  
**CLOSED ON SATURDAYS**  
**DURING JULY & AUGUST**

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#:(\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

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**SMS COLLEGE GRADS**

We'd like to hear from our St. Margaret School alumni 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**

**RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM**

Registration for in-class sessions in our Religious Education Program has begun. Please email the Religious Ed Office at **stmargaretre@gmail.com** to register or for further information. Do NOT contact the Rectory or Academy offices.

**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 Heaven, things of interest to children, Catholic education, videos by Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Larry Richards, and Chris Stefanick, daily reflections, and many other 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
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- 3) Enter your email address
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- 5) BOOM! You're in and free to explore to your heart's delight.

**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!

E-giving accounts for about a third of our weekly income. With people going away from the neighborhood during the summer, even if just on weekends, we depend even more on e-giving for a steady flow of income to meet the steady flow of operating expenses, which do not take a break.

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.