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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 11, 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.	JULY 11 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	William J. Roemmelt
10:00	Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Daniele Bussa/Marco Colalella/Antonino Catalano/ Antonino, Giuseppe e Antonina Catalano/ Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	
MON.	JULY 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Catherine Garbowski
9:00	Maria Iorio
TUE.	JULY 13 - ST. HENRY
7:00	Intention of Valerie Catalano
9:00	Filippo Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio
WED.	JULY 14 - ST. KATERI TAKAKWITHA
7:00	Regina Gockley
9:00	Kathy Lenihan Kiernan
THU.	JULY 15 - ST. BONAVENTURE
7:00	Dick Policke
9:00	Ida Lento/Maria Falsetta
FRI.	JULY 16 - OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
7:00	Laskowska Tevesa
9:00	Robert Sawitsky
SAT.	JULY 17 - WEEKDAY
9:00	collective: Leo McKenna
5:00PM	People of the Parish
SUN.	JULY 18 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Adolph Roemmelt
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL JULY 16

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 meet every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Center.

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, Jamie Allison, Eileen Hagan,

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 Kathy Kiernan.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Andrew Jenner.



TODAY'S READINGS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15
Ps 85:9-14
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Mk 6:7-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22
Ps 124:1b-3, 4-8
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a
Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20
Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-27
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14
Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42
Ps 136:1 and 23-24,
10-12, 13-15
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6
Ps 23:1-6
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Chosen for a Purpose”

From time to time we get invited to a special event. Perhaps it's a wedding or a baptism or graduation party. We're happy for the invitation and perhaps even feel special about having been chosen, but we also might turn it down and send our “regrets” instead of attending, or even fail entirely to respond as requested and just let the matter slip unanswered. The invitation can be effective or fruitless.

One might get the idea from the second reading today that, since we have been chosen by God from before all time, salvation is a slam dunk and we have nothing to do and nothing to worry about. Well, the first part of that is quite true, but the rest falls short of reality. God has destined us, and all of humanity, to enjoy eternal life with Him in Heaven simply out of His great love, but His calling and love require a response on our part, namely, that we are “to be holy and without blemish before Him”. That is, we are to live in accordance with His commandments and to cooperate with His grace.

We also have been given a threefold commission by virtue of our baptism into the life and mission of Christ: to be prophets/teachers, priests, and kings/shepherds. We are to proclaim the Gospel of our salvation in Jesus Christ, offer prayers and sacrifices, and lead and guide others into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Like the Prophet Amos in the first reading, we are taken by God and given a task. Similarly, the disciples in the Gospel passage were given instructions for their mission, which included healing the sick and calling people to repent of their sins and to reform their lives. They were not guaranteed success, but were instructed to turn their backs on the unresponsive and to try again elsewhere. Amos and the disciples were given the task and the equipment needed to carry it out, but the success (or failure) of each mission depended on how the recipients of the messages responded to God's grace.

You and I have been called to proclaim the Gospel, literally, the good news of God's glorious triumph over sin and death through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. The Father has joined us to His Son and sealed us with His Holy Spirit in order to enable us to participate in the great mission of redemption and reconciliation. This doesn't mean that we pester people to distraction by preaching at them incessantly and calling them to repentance and to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord, God, and Savior.

Formal preaching may be done by the ordained ministers of the Church, but for most disciples of Christ the prophet's mission is carried out by people of faith living ordinary lives, trusting in God's mercy and love for them and sharing that with others. By the common priesthood of the baptized, we offer our prayers and petitions to God for others and ourselves. As “kings” and shepherds, we lead and guide the members of our families and those given into our care, helping them to holiness and developing a right relationship with God. Sometimes, the mission meets with success and we rejoice; sometimes, the mission is unsuccessful and we are disappointed.

God has given us the mission, the responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and build up this little speck in the universe called St. Margaret Parish. He has equipped us fully by His Word and Sacraments, as well as by examples and our personal talents, to carry out our duties. What kind of response shall you give? What will you do to help to build up this Parish, not trying to return to some real or imagined glory days of the past but to carry it forward toward the fullness of the Kingdom? What healing can you bring about? What are you willing to give and to do as disciple of Christ? How will you participate in the life and mission of the Parish as we come out of the idleness and shadow of the pandemic? How will you answer the invitation of God, Who has created you for greatness and “blessed you with every spiritual blessing in the heavens”?

These are questions that each one of us must pray over and answer for ourselves. The summer has arrived and will be followed soon by a new pastoral year with old activities resuming and new opportunities being presented. Please use these quieter days and weeks not only for some wholesome and much-needed R&R but also to reflect on the grace and election that you have received and the response that you will give to these and other questions.

God has chosen you in love, blessed you in His Son, and destined you for greatness. Heed His call! Accept His mission!

~ *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 **\$58,457** already from just **138 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **76.9% of goal with \$17,557 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 Saturday, August 7.

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

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

We are back to 100% occupancy for use of the church for Mass and other celebrations. The Church will be open for private prayer until 12 Noon on weekdays, from 8:30am to 6pm 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. Get a shot or wear a mask.
- ~ 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, August 14.

SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS

Are you over 16 years old and still need to receive any of the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion)? If so, please contact Sr. Bridget at the Rectory (718-326-1911) to enroll in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) formation sessions that will begin this Fall. Reception of the Sacraments will take place in the Spring.



Summer
Joy

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!

We depend even more on e-giving for a steady flow of income during the summer 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 **faithdirect.net** and enter our parish code, **NY299**. You can change your decision later on, as you wish.

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

Registration for in-class sessions in our Religious Education Program is open **until Friday, July 30.**

Please email the Religious Ed Office at **stmargaretre@gmail.com** to register or for further information.

Do NOT contact the Rectory or Academy offices.



NEW HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

We have put our 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.

THANK YOU!

It's July 11, an opportune time to thank our neighbors at 7-11 for their generosity to our St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry!

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 Christian character, spiritual formation for men and women, daily Scripture reflections, things of interest for children, 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
- 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.

WELCOME BACK **SENIORS!!**

The first meeting of the seniors group since the pandemic, will take Place **THIS Wednesday, July 14th, at **12:00 Noon, in the Parish Center.****

We look forward to seeing you there!!