

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

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**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 18, 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

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>JULY 18 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
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
<b>MON.</b>	<b>JULY 19 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Davide Colalella
9:00	David P. Jones (anniv)
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JULY 20 - STS. APOLLINARIS AND MARGARET OF ANTIOCH</b>
7:00	Augie DeSimone
9:00	People of the Parish
<b>WED.</b>	<b>JULY 21 - ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI</b>
7:00	Connie Faccibene
9:00	Karl Pospischil
<b>THU.</b>	<b>JULY 22 - ST. MARY MAGDALENE</b>
7:00	Peter Bojzeniuk
9:00	Kathleen Murray
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>JULY 23 - ST. BRIDGET</b>
7:00	Anne Abbruzzese
9:00	Kathleen Kiernan
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>JULY 24 - ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF</b>
9:00	<b>collective:</b> Elizabeth Balka
5:00PM	Sal Manardo
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>JULY 25 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/
NOON	Arthur Woods
5:00PM	Marco Colalella

## 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** 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***

***Especially:***

*Jose H. Gallego, Dorothy Fitzsimmons,  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

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

*are offered in memory of Kathleen Kiernan  
at the request of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.*

### **ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are offered for the intention of Maria Krzewski.*



***SAINT  
BRIDGET  
JULY 23***

## TODAY'S READINGS

### ***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 14:5-18, Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-6  
Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1  
Ex 15:8-9, 10, 12, 17  
Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15  
Ps 78:18-19, 23-28  
Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 or  
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b  
Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 71:1-2,  
3-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17  
Ps 19:8-11  
Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8  
Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15  
Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44  
Ps 145:10-11, 15-18  
Eph 4:1-6, Jn 6:1-15

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

*“A True Shepherd for the Sheep”*

Have you noticed how tired people appear to be these days? It doesn't matter to whom I'm speaking, they complain about being tired and worn out (myself included), “sciagaddu” as we say in Sicilian. It's not just the hot, humid, summer weather that has us down. Neither is it only from having played “Simon Says” with one official after another in dealing with the Covid virus for well over a year.

Our leaders are divisive in their positions and in their words and examples. Even many of our bishops, our religious leaders, are divided in what are supposed to be the defined teachings of the Church in matters of faith and morals. There are so many voices shouting in opposition to one another, and the world in which we felt so secure just a short while ago now is being turned upside down. There is a sad and disturbing general atmosphere of confusion and despair among the people. No matter what we do, the feeling just won't go away. All too often, we are like the sheep without a shepherd, for those who are supposed to be shepherding us are not doing what they have been chosen, whether by God or by the people, to do.

In reality, though, we DO have a shepherd who cares, one who has experienced the effects of being tired and worn out in service to others, of being overused and underappreciated. It is this Shepherd of Whom this week's Scriptures speak: the righteous one promised to ancient Israel, the one Who healed and taught the crowds, the one Who brought about unity in His own person, namely, Jesus Christ.

The Gospels are full of stories of astounding cures and miraculous feedings, but today's Gospel passage from Mark concludes by telling us that Christ “began to teach them many things.” What are the lessons that He teaches us today? What have we come to learn from Him? Well, like a parent at the end of a long day, He does not hesitate to address lovingly the needs of His children who turn to Him for attention and direction, especially in times of trouble.

In a world as confused and fragmented as our own, it should be a comfort to us that we DO have such a shepherd to Whom we can turn in difficult times. Our faith assures us that, indeed, we can trust Him Who has never been false to His promises to be with us always, to guide us through the storms, to bring us home safely, to Whom we can speak fully from the depths and silence of our hearts, and Who is present to us in His Word, in His Sacraments, and in His Church. This is the Shepherd Who guides us along the right path with His commandments and Who has laid down His life for His sheep, for you and for me and for every other person who has ever lived, lives now, or ever will live.

Our Lady (of Hope) appeared in the French village of Pontmain one hundred and fifty years ago this past January and announced, “My Son allows Himself to be touched.” Indeed, His heart is touched, moved with pity for us, just as it was for the crowds who pursued Him relentlessly in search of the one whom they could trust as a true shepherd. Will He who died so that we might have life in abundance not extend His love and His mercy to us as we call upon Him in faith?

Let us entrust ourselves to Him in these difficult times, then, for in Him alone shall we find our strength and the peace for which our hearts ache!

~ *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 **\$60,478** already from just **140 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **79.6% of goal with \$15,516 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. Bring someone to Mass with you!

*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.**

## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following students from St. Margaret Parish on achieving honors 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,  
ASHLEY MUNSON, STEVEN NAVARRO,  
ANTHONY NAZARIO, IVANA ODDO,  
SAMANTHA PACHECO, ELIANA SCANDARIATO,  
GIUSEPPE SCANDARIATO, JILLIAN SCHMALZ,  
JUSTIN SCHMALZ, JOHN ZHIVANAJ

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

## 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.***

## 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, 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.

## ACTIVITIES RESUMING

As we emerge from the stagnation of the pandemic, some ideas are on the table for coming back together as a parish community, such as a special Mass in September and a dinner-dance in October, among other activities. Watch here for further developments.

## 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 saints, prayer, spiritual development 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.

## 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.

