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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 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 25 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio
NOON	Arthur Woods
5:00PM	Marco Colalella
MON.	JULY 26 - STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE
7:00	Kathleen Seyfried
9:00	Margaret M. Forte (anniv)
TUE.	JULY 27 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Rosemarie Sparacio
9:00	Fred Basedow
WED.	JULY 28 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Paul Colangelo (anniv)
9:00	Lisette Rojas
THU.	JULY 29 - ST. MARTHA
7:00	Catherine P. Coccaro
9:00	Kathleen Kiernan
FRI.	JULY 30 - ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS
7:00	Billy Policke
9:00	Sr. Bridgid Kelly (birth)
SAT.	JULY 31 - ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
9:00	collective: Giuseppe Babino/Mary Narky
5:00PM	Frank Sorrentino
SUN.	AUGUST 1 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Mary Hawd
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Mary and Giovanni Armato/
NOON	Ria Niessl
5:00PM	Reynaldo Lindo



***SAINTS
JOACHIM
AND
ANNE
JULY 26***

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 Bryzgoria, 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 Bryzgoria, 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, Regina Caridi,

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:

*Judith Bedenik, Loretta Puzino,
Catherine Cocco*

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*



***SAINT
IGNATIUS
OF LOYOLA
JULY 31***

TODAY'S READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44
Ps 145:10-11, 15-18
Eph 4:1-6
Jn 6:1-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Ps 106:19-23
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28
Ps 103:6-13
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35
Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,
34b-37
Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
Eph 4:17, 20-24
Jn 6:24-35

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Feeding the Multitudes — Part I”

This week we take a month's pause from the Gospel according to St. Mark, which is the shortest of the Gospel accounts, in order to focus on St. John's telling of Jesus feeding the multitudes. This miracle is the only one that is reported by all four evangelists, so important is it to the story of Jesus Christ and the Church.

St. John is careful to put the event into a particular place (a wilderness setting) and timeframe: “The Jewish feast of Passover was near.” We need to remember that the Passover feast was the annual celebration of the liberation of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt and that God had fed them, through the intercession of Moses, with manna in the wilderness for forty years during the Exodus.

Although there are parallels with Elijah in the first reading and also the Exodus, Christ fed a far greater number of people with much less food and had plenty of leftovers after everyone had eaten their fill. It was Moses who interceded for the people during the Exodus, but God Who provided them with food for the journey. In today's Gospel, Christ both intercedes and takes the initiative in providing for the crowd's needs, as He does for us today.

As astounding as the stories of multiplying food may be to us, the miracle that Christ performs is just the surface of St. John's presentation. The evangelist is setting us up for something much greater, as we will see in the coming weeks. In the meanwhile, look again at the actions that Christ performs: He takes, gives thanks, and distributes. These are the same actions that He would perform at the Last Supper, sealing the New Covenant of redemption with His Body and Blood by instituting the Sacrament of the Eucharist in anticipation of His sacrifice on the Cross.

Furthermore, these are the same actions that the priest does during the Eucharistic Prayers in which he takes the bread, gives thanks, [blesses, breaks,] and gives. St. John is presenting to us a preview of the Eucharist. After almost two thousand years, Christ, through the ministry of His priests, continues to take the initiative of feeding His people with Himself, not once in a blue moon in a particular place, but every day throughout the world at holy Mass.

Unfortunately, unlike the people who were so amazed and wanted to carry Jesus off to make Him their King, we have grown rather nonchalant about the entire affair. We take the Eucharist for granted. Do we even believe that it is the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ? Sadly, most people, most Catholics, even among those who come to Mass and receive the Host do not. So many come and behave with all the “reverence” of attending a social or sporting event or a secular meeting. Still, it is NOT just a symbol, but rather the Reality itself, and that requires us to be properly disposed to receive Him, i.e., to be in a state of grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need to be clothed properly in body and in spirit.

Yes, the Eucharist is not a “reward for the holy but is medicine for the wounded”, as Pope Francis has pointed out, but it also demands the “triage” of personal confession to cleanse the soul wounded by mortal sin and to prepare it for healing. In addition, it requires a proper disposition, supported by the way that we live as disciples of Christ, along the lines pointed out to us by St. Paul in today's second reading: united in the Spirit with Christ the Lord and, through Them, to God the Father. Our beliefs and our behavior must be compatible, mutually reflective and supportive.

It is our faith that binds us together and which should inform and govern the way that we live, the good things that we say and do, and how we avoid sin and evil. It is the Eucharist that makes and sustains the Church. It is the same Christ Who taught and fed the multitudes on a hillside in Palestine two thousand years ago Who comes to us today in Word and in Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.

Let us entrust ourselves to Christ more fully, then, through our reverent reception of this great Sacrament, not a mere remembrance of a miracle from the distant past, but rather the gracious and present reality of our compassionate Lord, Who is blessed, broken, and given today in our sight for our salvation and eternal life!

~ *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 **\$63,948** already from just **145 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **84.1% of goal with only \$12,066 to go**. Can we get at least another 100 families to participate?

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!

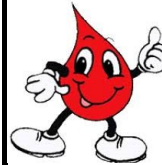
MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE



St. Margaret Parish has sponsored many very successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. There is an **URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS** and the New York Blood Center is asking again for our help. St. Margaret Parish will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** on Sunday, August 15, 2021 from 9:00am until 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is requested that you schedule an appointment for this Blood Drive by calling 800-933-2566 or go to [donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/288760](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive%20schedule/288760).

Walk-ins will be accommodated if social distancing can be maintained. For your safety and the safety of others, a mask should be worn at all times.

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

Registration for in-class sessions in our Religious Education Program is open **until this 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.

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. Plan on participating!

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 hope, forgiveness, St. Joseph, the Eucharist, miracles, teaching numbers and the alphabet to toddlers, Polish programming, 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.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE ...

A visiting missionary will preach at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, July 31 and on Sunday, August 1 at all the Masses. A **second collection** will be taken. Please be as generous as possible.