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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 1, 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.	AUGUST 1 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Mary Hawd
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Mary and Giovanni Armato/Giuseppa Bonomo/Ria Niessl
NOON	Ria Niessl
5:00PM	Reynaldo Lindo
MON.	AUGUST 2 - STS. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI & PETER JULIAN EYRNARD
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Kathy Kiernan
TUE.	AUGUST 3 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Loretta Puzino
9:00	Anna Paollili
WED.	AUGUST 4 - ST. JOHN VIANNEY
7:00	Augie DeSimone
9:00	Living/Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses
THU.	AUGUST 5 - THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR
7:00	Patricia Ford
9:00	Mary & Alfonso Trotta
FRI.	AUGUST 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD/FIRST FRIDAY
7:00	Robert Gockley, Sr.
9:00	Kathy Kiernan
SAT.	AUGUST 7 - STS. SIXTUS & CAJETAN/ FIRST SATURDAY
9:00	collective: Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls In purgatory/Mary Narky/
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00PM	Joan McShea
SUN.	AUGUST 8 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Margaret Roemmelt
10:00	Domenico Maneri/
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Raymond Goldbach, Sr.



***THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE
LORD
AUGUST 6***

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 next meeting Wednesday, August 18 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, 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

Epecially:

John A. D'Amato, Martin Barrett

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

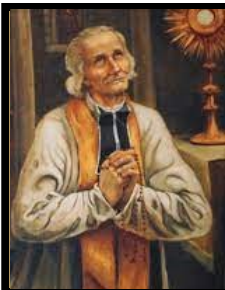
MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Rita Lupi
at the request of Enio & Isa Prozzi.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Mary & Giovanni Armato
at the request of Phyllis, Lee & Ben.*



***SAINT
JOHN
VIANNEY
AUGUST 4***

TODAY'S READINGS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15
Ps 81:12-17
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a,
34-35
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14,
21-22, 23
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2Pt 1:16-19
Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13
Ps 18:2-3a, 3c-4, 47, 51
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8
Ps 34:2-9
Eph 4:30-5:2
Jn 6:41-51

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Feeding the Multitudes - Part II”

We continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, part of what Scripture scholars call the “Bread of Life Discourse”. The scene has shifted across Lake Tiberius to the fishing town of Capernaum, Jesus’ base of operations when in Galilee. The topic of conversation also has shifted from physical bread to the Person of Jesus Himself: the “true bread from Heaven”.

Why do we follow leaders? The leader might have a certain charism or offer us a particularly appealing message, but I think it’s very often because the leaders meet, or at least promise to meet, our needs. There is a peril, though, in that they might upset our applecart in the process; just keep our needs satisfied and us in our comfort zone, and we’ll get along just fine. Fortunately for us, Jesus was never one to let a good applecart go to “waste” by leaving it upright and full of apples.

Many of the people who had experienced His miraculous feeding of the five thousand plus now had tracked Him down, seeking still more freebies. Instead of providing another astounding food fest, however, He tells them to work for food that would not perish, food that would be given them not by virtue of their manual labor but rather because of their faith in accepting Him as the Promised One sent by God. Remarkably, the same people who had witnessed the miracle of the loaves and fishes the day before demanded yet another “sign” as proof.

The Israelites in the first reading, who already had experienced God’s power through His destruction of the Egyptian army and their own passage dry-shod through the Red Sea, seem to have forgotten those little events as the bread that they had on hand at the beginning of the Exodus began to give out. How dare Moses take them out of their relative comfort zone, as unbearable as slavery was! After all, people can’t eat sand, Mo! How soon they forgot the providence of God and all that He already had done for them.

We might do that sometimes. God’s goodness is all around us, even in the most difficult times in our lives. We forget that even our very existence is His loving gift to us. We want more proof positive that He’s there, that His is Whom we believe Him to be: loving and merciful Father, miracle worker, protector, provider, etc., etc., etc. What are the basis and the strength of our own faith? Do we require miracles? If so, we have no further to look than to the altar in every celebration of holy Mass as the power of God’s Holy Spirit changes bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, though our limited and defective physical senses fail to perceive Him.

Jesus’ listeners were okay with the prospect of Him providing them with regular bread, or even with the manna that had sustained their ancestors for forty years as they wandered in the desert during the Exodus. What a surprise it must have been for them, just as it is for most people today, Catholics included, that the heavenly bread that He promises is nothing less than Himself: blessed, broken, and given for their salvation and for ours, as well.

A manager for whom I worked many years ago used to say, “If you don’t know where you’re going, any road will get you there.” Well, we (hopefully) are going to Heaven, to the fulfillment of our lives as children of God, and the road that we have been given to follow is our belief in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It’s not an easy road; Jesus never promised such a one to His disciples. But it is the ONLY road that leads to our goal. Moreover, He has promised to feed us along the way of our life’s journey: no longer with barley loaves or manna in our “wilderness” travels, but with His very self through Whom we will neither hunger nor thirst.

The miracle of the Most Holy Eucharist, the true Bread come down from Heaven, awaits us. Let us remain steadfast in our faith in the One Who is blessed, broken, and given in our sight for the life of the world!

~ *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 **\$66,878** already from **just 150 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **88.0% of goal with only \$9,136 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, 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 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/driveschedule/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 accounts 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 **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 in our Religious Education Program is now closed. ***Do NOT contact the Rectory or Academy offices.***

SAVE THE DATES!

~ Going off to college? Students will receive a special **send-off blessing** *at all Masses* on the weekend of **August 14-15**.

~ **Welcome back hospitality** for all returning to Mass with free refreshments after the *8, 10 and 12 Masses* on **Sunday, September 26**.

~ **Anniversary Celebration dinner-dance** Saturday evening, November 6.

MISSION APPEAL

Please make your mission appeal check payable to St. Margaret RC Church. We will send one Parish Check to the Missions Office to remit all donations received.

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 St. Joseph, women's issues, daily Scripture reflections, stories for children, "The Search", Sacraments, 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

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 November, among other activities. Watch here for further developments. Plan on participating!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE . . .

The next Senior's group meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 18th, at 12:00 Noon, in the Parish Center.