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NINETEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8, 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 8 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Margaret Roemmelt
10:00	Intention of Michele Labove/Domenico Maneri/
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Raymond Goldbach, Sr.
MON.	AUGUST 9 - ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
7:00	Carol Polanich
9:00	Mary B. O'Shea (anniv)
TUE.	AUGUST 10 - ST. LAWRENCE
7:00	Enrico Franzese
9:00	Delia & Thomas Waters
WED.	AUGUST 11 - ST. CLARE
7:00	Mary B. O'Shea (birth)
9:00	Joseph & Valeria Rader
THU.	AUGUST 12 - ST. JANE FRANCES deCHANTAL
7:00	Andrew Jenner
9:00	Anthony Santora/Nancy Gardini
FRI.	AUGUST 13 - STS. PONTIAN AND HIPPOLYTUS
7:00	Robert Forte
9:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio
SAT.	AUGUST 14 - ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
9:00	collective: Robert Levine/
11:45	Memorial Mass: Robert M. Pozarychi, Sr. Jose H. Gallego, Dorothy Fitzsimmons, Judith Bedenik, Loretta Puzino, Catherine Coccaro, Maria Angela Pipitone, Martin Barrett, John A. D'Amato
5:00PM	Louis & Margaret Hegener
SUN.	AUGUST 15 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00	John Murphy
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Giuseppa Bonomo/ Bardhyl Arapi/
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	People of the Parish



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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 18th 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

Especially:

Patrick Wisneski, Griselda F. Corona,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Thaddeus S. Lubanski
at the request of Anne & Frank DiMarco & Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Helen Dowdle
at the request of Mary Lou & Pete.*

HAIL AND FAREWELL!

Welcome to **Fr. Peter Mawusi**, who will serve in our Parish during the month of August. Fr. Mawusi comes to us from St. Catherine of Genoa parish in Brooklyn, where he presently is assigned full-time.

Thanks and farewell to **Fr. Celestine Anyanwu**, who helped us in July and now is serving as a summer assistant at our neighboring parish of Our Lady of Mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Ps 34:2-9

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-9
Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12
Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17
Ps 114:1-6
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13
Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11
Mt 19:13-15
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16,
16:1-2
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14
1 Cor 15:54b-57
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Ps 45:10-12, 16
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Dig Deeper, Look Higher”

Once again, our Gospel passage comes from John 6, the “Bread of Life Discourse”. Confusion has set in among the people. How could Jesus be Who He says He is, when they know His parents and family? After all, didn't He grow up in their midst? As often happens in the Gospel according to St. John, however, Jesus speaks on one level and the people understand on another. It would require a leap of faith for them to accept His words. Lest we fault them, though, His message requires the exact same leap of faith from us almost 2,000 years later.

Most people today probably have no problem in accepting Jesus as philosopher Who taught a simple, ethical and humane way of life. But “Son of God” and “Bread of Life”? That's pressing it a bit too far. Nevertheless, either He is exactly the latter two terms, or He is nothing. What's more, His promises are nothing and meaningless, if He is not entirely and truly Who He claims to be.

No other religious leader or founder of any other religion in history ever made the statements that Jesus did. Certainly, none other ever has been able to deliver what He promises: the offering of His own Flesh for His followers that they might have eternal life and find strength to put the commands of His Heavenly Father into effect.

So, let's get back to us and that giant leap of faith. What do we believe we are receiving as we take the Host, why are we receiving it, and how have we prepared to receive it? The 20th Century American author, Flannery O'Connor, when told in conversation by a fellow dinner guest that the Eucharist was only a symbol replied, “Well, if it's only a symbol, the hell with it!” For her, as for us, either the Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ given sacramentally to His Church for all time for our salvation, or It is nothing. If It is nothing, then why receive It? It is not to be reduced to being just a talisman or lucky charm. That would be committing a sacrilege with eternally painful consequences.

The second question, then, is, why do we receive It? The answer to this is multi-faceted. We receive It as an outward sign of our communion with Christ and one another as members of His Mystical Body, the Church. We are to be united in faith and in action as a prerequisite. We receive It because we recognize Its divine Reality. Like the Prophet Elijah in the first reading, we receive It as food for our journey, our lifelong journey to the Kingdom of Heaven, that we might be strengthened in holiness by the grace it gives and so live according to the Word of God and the teachings of Christ that have been handed down to us by the Church.

How, then, do we prepare to receive It properly? Although the Eucharist brings about the remission of venial sins, we are to be in a state of grace first, free especially from any mortal sin. This in turn requires formal, personal confession in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Yet, how long the Communion lines are at Mass, and how quiet the confessionals are on Saturday afternoons! Are we all so holy and sinless?

Furthermore, what do we do when we come to Mass? How do we spend the time before Mass begins? Do we enter into a period of quiet, prayerful recollection, or is it a time for catching up on the latest news? How do we receive the sacred Host? Is it with reverence and profound respect, or is it with an attitude of nonchalance? St. John Chrysostom (+407) taught that we should stretch out our hands in awe, as if we were about to have gold dust poured into them, and then consume the Sacrament with great love and devotion.

If our response to any of these questions is not along the positive lines that I have suggested in this brief writing, perhaps it's time for us to dig deeper and look higher. The miracle of the true Bread come down from Heaven, the Son of the Father, and our food for the journey to eternal life, is present to us. How will you respond to His claims? How will I?

~ *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 **\$69,153** already from just **153 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **91.0% of goal with \$6,861 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, September 4.

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
During the month of August

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.

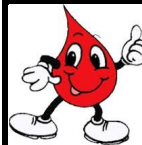
Again, we thank you for your continued support!

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. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin for Mass intentions.



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 NEXT SUNDAY, August 15 from 9:00am until 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. YOU WILL RECEIVE A VOUCHER FOR 2 FREE METS TICKETS.** 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 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

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

~ **Welcome back hospitality** in thanksgiving for your return to Mass; free refreshments will be served after the **8, 10 and 12 Masses on Sunday, September 26.**

~ **Anniversary Celebration Dinner-dance** Saturday evening, November 6; buffet dinner, music, raffles and more.

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

Registration in our Religious Education Program is **now closed**. *Please 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 Christ, St. John Vianney, angels, daily Scripture reflections, stories for children, the virtue of love, sacred art, 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 to your heart's delight.

MISSION APPEAL

Thanks to your generosity in last week's collection for the annual mission appeal, \$1,910 will be sent to our Diocesan Office for the Propagation of the Faith.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

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