

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUGUST 15, 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 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
MON.	AUGUST 16 - ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY
7:00	Miczyslaw Stroczan
9:00	Kathy Kiernan
TUE.	AUGUST 17 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Rosemarie Sparacio
9:00	Gerald Welch
WED.	AUGUST 18 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Jeanette Tavarone
9:00	Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles
THU.	AUGUST 19 - ST. JOHN EUDES
7:00	Sr. Anne Werner, D.W.
9:00	Kathleen Kiernan
FRI.	AUGUST 20 - ST. BERNARD
7:00	Bernie Helderfer
9:00	Theresa & John Rice
SAT.	AUGUST 21 - ST. PIUS X
9:00	collective: Deceased Priests of the Dioceses of Brooklyn & Rockville Centre/
1:00PM	WEDDING: Matthew Koziolk and Andrea Papp
5:00PM	People of the Parish
SUN.	AUGUST 22 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Anna Roemmelt
10:00	Domenico Laudani/Ada Bajlo/Daniele Bussa/Charles L. Suffel/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Michael, Saverio e Luigi/ San Domenico/
NOON	Anthony Palma
5:00PM	Edward Burke



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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 will meet this 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, 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:

Gloria Coppola,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit for Reverend Nicholas M. Colalella
with lots of love and God's blessings.*

Fr. Colalella

*Fr. Nicholas Colalella will be entering the Jesuit
novitiate in the fall.*

*We're sorry to lose him as a priest of the Diocese of
Brooklyn, but are equally certain that he will
continue to use his gifts in the service of the Church
to "the greater glory of God."*

Our prayers go with you, Fr. Nick!

TODAY'S READINGS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab

Ps 45:10,11, 12, 16

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19
Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a
Ps 85:9, 11-14
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15
Ps 21:2-7
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a
Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a,
9bc-10
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ps 34:2-3, 16-23
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Jn 6:60-69

From the Pastor's Desk:

“We Interrupt This Discourse....”

The Gospel readings for the last few weeks have come from the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, aka the “Bread of Life Discourse”. Today we interrupt that continuity, skipping a very important passage (see below), as we commemorate the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is the ancient and constant belief of the Church that Mary was given the singular grace and distinction of not undergoing decay when her lifetime on earth had come to an end, but was brought, body and soul, into the fullness of eternal life through her participation in the merits of the salvific action of her divine Son.

That’s enough to cause the head of any scholarly theologian to spin. So, I defer to Venerable Pope Pius XII and quote two excerpts from his 1950 Apostolic Constitution, “Munificentissimus Deus”:

“In their homilies and sermons on this feast the holy Fathers and great Doctors spoke of the assumption of the Mother of God as something already familiar and accepted by the faithful. They gave it greater clarity in their preaching and used more profound arguments in setting out its nature and meaning. Above all, they brought out more clearly the fact that what is commemorated in this feast is not simply the total absence of corruption from the dead body of the Blessed Virgin Mary but also her triumph over death and her glorification in Heaven, after the pattern of her only Son, Jesus Christ.”

“Hence, the august Mother of God, mysteriously united from all eternity with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, immaculate in her conception, a virgin inviolate in her divine motherhood, the whole-hearted companion of the divine Redeemer Who won complete victory over sin and its consequences, gained at last the supreme crown of her privileges: to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb, and, like her Son, when death had been conquered, to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of Heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the ages.”

In short, Mary, who had shared in the mission of her Son from His conception in her heart and in her womb to His glorious ascension into Heaven, share, by His merits and the favor of the Father, in the fullness of life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

As she has followed her Son, so we hope one day to follow her. May we imitate the loving and humble obedience to the will of the Father of this first and best disciple of Christ and so come to share with her in the eternal life that He has won!

~ Fr. Armato

It will help us to understand next week’s Gospel, if we read and reflect upon the passage that would have been proclaimed today, beginning with the last verse from last week (John 51-58):

“[Jesus said to the crowd] ‘I am the living bread which came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever, for the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.’ The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the Last Day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks my blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I have life because of the Father, so he who eats of Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from Heaven, not such as your fathers ate and died nonetheless; he who eats this bread will live for ever.’”

Now, THAT should make YOUR head spin. Reflect on how YOU react to these words, and then come back next week to find out how His audience reacted.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're almost at our goal for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign. We've received pledges for \$70,355 already from just 156 families against this year's goal of \$76,014. That's 92.6% of goal with \$5,659 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.

Please note: NO money received through this campaign is used in the settlement of ANY lawsuits.

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.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held on Sunday, August 29. The truck will be on 79th Place, near the parking lot, from 8am until 12:30pm for your items.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS AT THE RECTORY OR CONVENT DOOR



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, September 11.

SAVE THE DATES!

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

~ **Anniversary Celebration Dinner-dance**, on Saturday evening, November 6; buffet dinner, music, raffles, and more. We could use help in forming a committee; contact the Rectory to volunteer.

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

Registration in our Religious Education Program is now closed. *Please do NOT contact the Rectory or Academy offices.*

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.

Thanks to your generosity, a second AC unit for the church and Center was repaired this summer, making both a bit more comfortable. In addition, the interior and foundation wall of the Parish Hall were painted.

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.

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

We have put out 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

St. Margaret Choir will resume rehearsals on Wed., August 25, at 7:00pm in Church. We hope to see existing members return, and look forward to having new members, especially tenors and basses.

We are planning great things for the fall and Advent season, and welcome our parishioners back to Church.

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 and our Lady, daily Scripture reflections, stories for children, the 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.

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 remains 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.