

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

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY**  
**IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 22, 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 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/Maria Angela  
Pipitone/  
NOON Anthony Palma  
5:00PM Edward Burke

**MON. AUGUST 23 - ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

7:00 Rosemarie Sparacio  
9:00 Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst

**TUE. AUGUST 24 - ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

7:00 Anna Varisco  
9:00 Kathleen Kiernan

**WED. AUGUST 25 - STS. LOUIS/JOSEPH  
CALASANZ**

7:00 Harvey Karcher (anniv)  
9:00 Colette E. Weiner

**THU. AUGUST 26 - WEEKDAY**

7:00 In honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
9:00 Andrew Jenner

**FRI. AUGUST 27 - ST. MONICA**

7:00 Joe & Pat DiChiaro  
9:00 Judy Bedenik

**SAT. AUGUST 28 - ST. AUGUSTINE**

9:00 **Collective:** Anna Carosi/  
5:00PM Maria & James Stephens

**SUN. AUGUST 29 - TWENTY-SECOND  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 People of the Parish  
10:00 Frank Coccaro/Vincenzo Consiglio/  
NOON Joe & Marie Hellmann  
5:00PM Claria Stellaclatale

## 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, 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:***

*Anna Tarantola,  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

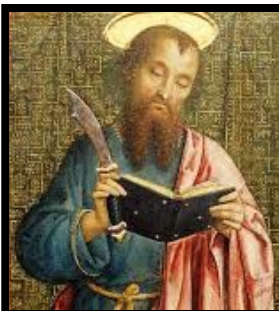
## MEMORIALS

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are lit for the Cerar Family.*

**TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit in memory of Anna Regina Carosi.*



**SAINT  
BARTHOLOMEW  
AUGUST 24**

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14  
Ps 145:10-13, 17-18  
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13  
Ps 139:7-12ab  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13  
Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17  
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8  
Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10-12  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11  
Ps 98:1, 7-9  
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8  
Ps 15:1-3, 3-4, 4-5  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

### *“To Whom Shall We Go?”*

This Sunday we conclude the “Bread of Life Discourse”, Jesus’ proclamation about Himself as the Bread come down from Heaven that brings the one who receives Him to everlasting life. St. John honestly records that this caused no little dissention among His followers, many (not just some) of whom rejected Him and returned to their former way of life. This brings up a couple of interesting points.

First, we need to remember that the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ is not a social club or a human aid society or a prayer circle. It is a participation in a way of life by which her members put the teachings of Christ into practice in the course of everyday events. We are not merely individuals but rather are joined to one another and to Christ by virtue of our common baptism and share the common goal of eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Secondly, in order to assist us in living out this life and attaining this goal, Christ has given us the Sacraments, His means of remaining with His Church. In particular, He has given us His very self in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, “the Bread come down from Heaven,” as He put it.

Third, His teachings are not easy to accept, no less to put into practice. They require faith, and faith is a gift from the Father that He gives freely but must be accepted equally freely by the recipient and allowed to take effect in each life. Faith is the underlying principle, if you will, for all that we do as Christ’s disciples. Why would we follow Him, if we don’t believe in Him or what He says in the first place? This is the problem that those who turned away had.

Each person in each generation is called to make a decision about allowing the grace of God into his/her life. We see it in the first reading today in which Joshua demanded that the people declare one way or the other whether they would serve God or some pagan deity. His declaration to the people is one of the most powerful and beautiful in all of Scripture: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” It turned into a rallying cry for the people, who followed suit.

Jesus asks His apostles in today’s Gospel, “Do you also want to leave?” to which St. Peter makes his very bold and confident confession of faith: “Master, to whom [else] shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe, and are convinced, that You are the Holy One of God.”

Christ asks us the same question today. Sadly, the second largest religious denomination in the USA today is that of former Catholics. I should like to think that their falling away is the result of their disappointment with the Church as an institution, but there are many among them, and many others who remain in the Church today and receive Communion, who do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is a pity, for their denial is a denial of the very words of Christ: “I am the Bread that came down from heaven . . . [so that] whoever eats this bread will live forever.” “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you.” “Take and eat, for this is My body.” “Take and drink, for this is My blood.” What a terrible trick He has played on us, on all humanity, if the only ones to receive His body and blood, and thereby gain eternal life, were the Apostles who sat and ate at the Last Supper.

The Gift that we celebrate and share is no mere symbol or remembering of an incident of twenty centuries ago. It is the living Real Presence of Christ Himself in the Church throughout the ages. We need to remember that every time that we present ourselves to receive Him at holy Mass and not be so nonchalant about it.

May we answer Christ by living our lives in agreement with the words of Saint Peter and Joshua! And may we receive Him reverently and properly in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist that He gives to His faithful disciples, a share even now in the eternal Banquet Feast of Heaven!

~ *Fr. Armato*

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're almost at our goal for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign. We've received pledges for **\$70,955** already from just **157 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **93.3% of goal with only \$5,059 to go**. Will you help to put us over the top?

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 **NEXT** 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 July and 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** 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; buffet dinner, music, raffles and more. We could use help in forming a committee; contact the Rectory to volunteer.

## BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

**MANY, MANY THANKS** from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the request for much needed blood donations. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to adhere to additional safety protocols, the Blood Drive at St. Margaret on August 15 was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** We are happy to report that **64 units of blood were collected**, a great testament to the dedication of the members of our community in supporting our Blood Drives.

We commend the New York Blood Center staff for a job well done!

## 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 repainted.

### SMCA NEWS

A limited number of seats are available in Grades Nursery, 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8 at Saint Margaret Catholic Academy. Contact the Academy Office (718-326-0922) ASAP to make an appointment to visit and register your child for the best in Catholic education.



### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

St. Margaret Choir will resume rehearsals on **THIS** 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. We welcome our parishioners back to Church.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

We will take up a special second collection at all of the Masses next weekend towards the relief of the people of Haiti who are suffering from the effects of a major earthquake and several tropical storms. Please keep them in your prayers, too.

## 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 the acclaimed video "Mary of Nazareth", daily Scripture study, video stories and activities for children, the Sacraments, and 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.