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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 29, 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 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
MON.	AUGUST 30 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Frank J. Tassielli
9:00	Anna Regina Carosi
TUE.	AUGUST 31 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Anita Wunsch
9:00	Vera Krzewski/Velma Strack
WED.	SEPTEMBER 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
7:00	Thomas Huller
9:00	Tom Cordero
THU.	SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Liz Talfer
9:00	Anthony & Jeanette Tavarone
FRI.	SEPTEMBER 3 - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT/FIRST FRIDAY
7:00	Maureen Leahy
9:00	Kathleen Kiernan
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 4 - WEEKDAY/ FIRST SATURDAY
9:00	collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Antoinette & Anthony Raso/Mary Narky/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory/ Holy Hour
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00PM	Joan McShea
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 5 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Robert Hawd
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Salvatore Palmeri/ Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/In onore alla Madonna di Loreto e per Concezio, Francesca, Salvatore e Vincent Battaglini/
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey



World Day
of Prayer

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

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 MEETING will take place on Wednesday, October 6, 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:

Nicolo Regina, Rosemarie Zocchi,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Kathleen Kiernan.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Anna Regina Carosi.

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
IN OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18
Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-13
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8
Ps 52:10, 11
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14
Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23
Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Law; Chains or Freedom?”

We rejoin the Gospel according to St. Mark today after a few weeks with St. John's narration of the “Bread of Life Discourse”. Today's readings focus on internal and external applications of the law, specifically religious law as an integral part of one's way of life.

Laws are necessary for the proper functioning of any society. They establish rights and obligations among its members, not constricting but freeing us for right relationships. Without laws to guide, relationships can become meaningless and chaos ensues. Some laws are abusive, however. One has only to look to the Nuremburg purity laws of Nazi Germany or the Shariah law that is about to be enforced in Afghanistan that bind the human spirit in oppressive chains. These are but two examples.

The law that is presented to us in today's readings is the Divine Law, by which God bound the Israelites to Himself during the Exodus. It was an expression of the Covenant that would establish proper relationships, both among the people themselves and also between them collectively and God. If they followed His Law, His commandments, they would receive His favor and protection and live in harmony and peace, a positive model, moreover, for international relations.

We know from reading the Scriptures that the people's obedience in living out their part of the Covenant wasn't always faithful. Hence, the prophets and, ultimately, the Son of God Himself were sent over time to bring the people back to faithfulness and right living. Along the way, the Law had been clouded and complicated with layer upon layer of lesser laws until it became more a matter of mechanics than loving motivation that governed their execution, of gestures replacing sincerity of heart.

Imagine, though, not the absence of laws but faithful compliance with them, i.e., with the Law of God. What a wonderful world it could be! To live in the freedom of the children of God is to do not whatever we want, be it for wale or woe, but to do what is good, what is right, and what is holy in His eyes. It is a liberating experience insofar as it frees us from the chains of sin and a way of life that demeans the humanity of others and lessens our own as well. It would be a world in which generosity replaces greed and theft, humility replaces arrogance, purity and fidelity replace unchastity, adultery, and licentiousness, and reverence for God replaces blasphemy and sin. All of these come from within a person, but the good conform to the Law “written on our hearts” while the bad contradict it.

What is in our hearts, though, must be expressed by what we say and do, or, as respects the negative, what we refrain from saying or doing. Enter here the admonition of St. James: “Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.” Our faith must find expression in the way that we live each day in proper relationship with God and with one another.

We very often reduce the Law to two parts - love of God and love of neighbor - and figure that, just as long as we haven't cursed God or killed any one in the past week, we must be doing okay. Look again at what lies within you.

We have spent the last four weeks studying the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the Bread come down from Heaven, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ that nourishes and sustains us as His disciples and strengthens us to carry out His mission. How can we dare to approach Him in the Blessed Sacrament week after week, if we do not live according to His teachings? To ALL of His teachings? The Scribes and the Pharisees didn't corner the market on hypocrisy.

How do you view the Law: chins or freedom? Let us live, in faithfulness to the teachings of Christ, putting them into effect in our lives, and removing from within us all that separates us from being His good and faithful disciples. May the grace of God be with us all!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're almost at our goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$71,306** already from **158 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **93.8%** of goal with **\$4,708 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 Next Saturday, September 4.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord! Let us pray for our nation.

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, 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.

AIR CONDITIONING

The church has been fairly comfortable this summer as the result of our ability to get the second of three AC units working again, at a cost of \$5,500. So far, we've received total donations of \$842 since July 1. Please use your monthly AC envelope.

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 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.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The special second collection this weekend is for the relief of the people of Haiti who are suffering from a major earthquake and several tropical storms.

Please keep them in your prayers, too.

MASS BOOK OPEN

Masses and memorials for 2021 are still available. Come to the Rectory to make arrangements for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

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, whenever 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.

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 *right after Labor Day* 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.

THE 9-11 VIGIL COMMITTEE OF QUEENS

Please attend this year's 9-11 Vigil, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, at 7:00pm under the flagpole in Juniper Valley Park.

As a community, we have gathered in Juniper Valley Park each year to remember the loss we suffered on 9-11. We do so, also, to support the men and women of our Armed Forces who face danger every day, so that we can live in freedom.



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 about St. Augustine and St. Monica, daily Scripture study, video stories and activities 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.