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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 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.	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 Concezia, Francesca, Salvatore e Vincent Battaglini/
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
MON.	SEPTEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY/ LABOR DAY
9:00	Roman Krzewski
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Frank Bernaudo
WED.	SEPTEMBER 8 - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00	Kay Visconti
9:00	Religious Brothers & Sisters of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre
THU.	SEPTEMBER 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER
7:00	The Conlan Family
9:00	Frony DiCenso
FRI.	SEPTEMBER 10 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Sean Gilsenan
9:00	Victims of 9-11-01
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 11 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Victims of 911 attacks/
11:45	Memorial Mass: Griselda F. Corona, Patrick Wisneski, Gloria Coppola, Anna Tarantola, Nicolo Regina, Rosemarie Zocchi, Filippa Scarpulla, Karen M. Schaefer, Rosario Bonanno, Christopher Amoroso
5:00PM	
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 12 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Elissa DeBenedictis
10:00	Giulia Caruana (anniv)/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Daniele Bussa/Luigi, Michael e Saverio Bosco/ People of the Parish
NOON	Francesca Bertucci
5:00PM	

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

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 Bryzgoria, 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 Bryzgoria, 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:

Karen M. Schaefer,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of
Anthony and Jeanette Tavarone.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer,
Patricia DiChiaro, Erwin Erker.*



TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3
Ps 62:6-7, 9
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15
Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Ps 13:6ab, 6c
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17
Ps 150:1b-2, 3-6
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17
Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a
Ps 116:1-6, 8-9
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Be Strong! Fear Not!”

The loss, no less the absence, of one of our senses is one of the more problematic things with which we might have to deal. The loss of sight, or, as in today's Gospel passage, the inability to speak or to hear makes it difficult for one to participate fully in the activities of the community, whether our family, our class, our congregation, our group of colleagues, or society in general.

While the inability to see or to speak or to hear is often a matter of the course of nature and/or age, sometimes it is self-imposed. Indifference can make us blind to the needs of those around us. Self-centeredness can make us deaf to the call to holiness and to reform our lives. Fear can keep us silent when we should speak out against injustice and wrongdoing and evil. The list goes on.

In the face of this, God tells us through the Prophet Isaiah to be strong and not to fear but rather to place our trust in Him Who would bring about a restoration of His people, the undoing of all that has gone wrong in Creation, and the revitalization of the world around us. St. James reminds us that we are to treat everyone with equal dignity and respect, regardless of their social standing. Frequently, however, we are too weak in our faith and too afraid to place our trust in God, no less to carry out the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The scene in today's Gospel is more than the healing of a deaf mute. It is the fulfillment of the Father's promises to Isaiah and the enablement of the man to join his community through Jesus' actions and command of “Ephphatha! Be opened!” The Church has used those gestures and words for centuries in the rite of Baptism as we pray that the Lord may open the candidate's ears to hear His Word and his/her mouth to proclaim His praise. What we don't dwell on at the time, though, is that both of these gifts of opening and loosening, these actions by God, require courage and cooperation in their implementation in a person's life.

I have noted many times from the pulpit and in these weekly columns that Christianity is not just a prayer group or human aid society or social club but rather that it is supposed to be a way of life, active participation in the mission of Jesus Christ to bring all of Creation into holiness and right relationship with the Father. That challenge must begin with ourselves and gradually make its way, by our acceptance of and cooperation with the grace of God, into the various circles of relationship around us, so that we, too, proclaim the wonders of God's love, not with mere words but with the evidence of our transformed lives.

In the course of meeting that challenge, we must deal with a world that is increasingly hostile, or worse, indifferent to, the teachings of Christ and His Church. Persecutions continue in different parts of the world today, and the world is deaf to the call to repent of sin and to the reformation of life. It has never been easy to be a Christian. Witness the lives of the martyrs and saints of the past or of the good people around us who suffer for their faith in Christ, perhaps even your own experiences as you try your best to follow Him. Pope Benedict XVI, about twenty years ago, spoke of a smaller but more committed Church, one whose members would be dedicated to living out their faith, regardless of any adverse consequences. That is what St. James calls us to do throughout his letter.

The prospect and promise of a restored world remain before us. God, Who could fulfill His plan with a mere thought or less, has chosen instead that humans should play a role in the process. Thus, He sent His Son, “a man like us in all things but sin”, to show us the way. Will we allow our ears to be opened that we might not only hear but also listen to His Word? Will we accept it and allow ourselves to undergo that radical change of heart to which we are called? Will we speak openly and courageously the faith that we profess in our hearts and minds?

Be strong! Fear not! The grace of God is with you!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're almost at our goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$74,996** already from just **159 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **98.7% of goal with only \$1,018 to go!** Will you help to put us over the top? *Money over goal that is collected by the end of the year will come back to the Parish for our own local needs.*

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

~ **Welcome back hospitality** in thanksgiving for your return to Mass; 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.

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, October 2.

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

GET INVOLVED!

A parish is only as vibrant as its members are willing to participate in activities, especially in the celebration of holy Mass. Please keep an eye out for coming notices about various opportunities to get involved in the life of *your* Parish.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY



is located in the Convent, 66-25 79th Place

The Pantry is open every
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
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, September 11. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin for Mass intentions.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

We just want to let you know that our adult Faith Formation Programs will resume again this year.

Our Fall program will study and reflect on the Seven Sacraments. This program, by Bishop Barron, is educational and very inspiring.

Registration for the program will take place after all the Masses on September 25/26 and October 2/3. You have a choice of three evenings and one morning.

It's been a long year and a half, locked up in the safety of our homes. Now, consider treating yourself to one hour weekly, for six weeks.

Encourage a friend to come along with you!

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 \$1,004 since July 1. Please use your monthly AC envelope.

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 painted.

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.



9-11 VIGIL COMMITTEE OF QUEENS

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

As a community, we have gathered in the park each year to remember the loss we suffered on 9-11, as a Nation, City and Community. We do so, also, in support of the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who face mortal danger each day so that we can live in freedom.

HAITI RELIEF COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the special collection for the relief of the people of Haiti! \$1,995 is being sent in the name of the Parish to help them in their suffering. 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 a video on Mother Teresa, Baptism, daily Scripture study, video stories and activities for children, 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.