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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

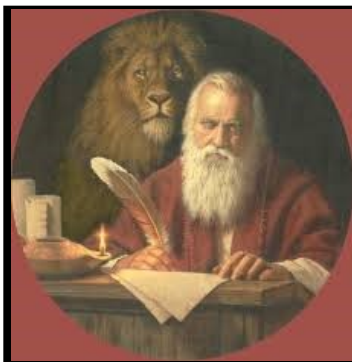
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 19 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	George Cacioppo
10:00	Salvatore Palmeri/Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Nicolo Mancino/ Salvatore Montalbano/Domenica e Pietro Matorana/Salvatore Randazzo/
NOON	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
5:00PM	People of the Parish
MON.	SEPTEMBER 20 - STS. ANDREW KIM TAEGON/PAUL CHUNG HA-SANG
7:00	Filippa Scarpulla
9:00	Theodore Mundy, Sr. (anniv)
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 21 - ST. MATTHEW
7:00	Catherine P. Obong
9:00	Kathleen Lenihan Kiernan
WED.	SEPTEMBER 22 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Rudy Kropf
9:00	Thomas O'Brien
THU.	SEPTEMBER 23 - ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA
7:00	Anita Wunsch (anni)
9:00	Kathleen Lenihan Kiernan
FRI.	SEPTEMBER 24 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Ann Baird
9:00	John Finn
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 25 - WEEKDAY
9:00	collective: Joseph Kresse (anni)/
2:00PM	WEDDING: Eric Maurer and Michelle Mazzero
5:00PM	People of the Parish
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 26 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	John Masi
10:00	Filippo & Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio Henry Czyz/Francesca Cicio/ Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
NOON	Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM	Joe & Maria Hellmann



SAINT
MATTHEW
SEPTEMBER 21

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 and Danny 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:

Pedro Castillejo,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

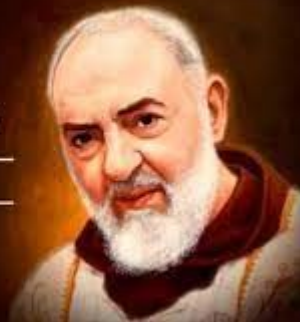
MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Angie Ferzola.

PADRE PIO

September 23rd



TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 54:3-8

Jas 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6
Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd,3, 4-6
Lc 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9
Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8
Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b
Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9
Ps 43:1-4
Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29
Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Who's on First?”

There's a song that was made popular by the Oak Ridge Boys about 30 or so years ago. Some of the lyrics are, “Nobody wants to play rhythm guitar behind Jesus; everybody wants to be the lead singer in the band. It seems it's hard to get a bead on what we find, when everybody's pushing for the head of the line. I don't think it's working out at all the way He planned.” This sentiment is rather in line with today's second reading and Gospel passages, which continue the presentation on the required attitude of discipleship.

We live in a world in which the achievement of wealth, power, honor, and prestige is deemed to be the principal object of life, and our society expects a person to do whatever it takes to acquire them. Those who possess these attributes are admired, while those who do not possess them are ignored, relegated to the trash heap of humanity. How disconnected with the Scriptures can one get?

The answer to that question, perhaps, lies with the person whom Jesus holds up as an example for His disciples to follow. Rather than have them consider Himself directly, He presents a child for their consideration. Unlike children in our times, children in His time were considered to be little more than the property of their parents. They had few, if any, rights such as we would accord children today, and people wouldn't give them a second thought of being esteemed.

In our own time and even then, however, children generally are humble, trusting, innocent, and open to others. They have to be taught to grasp at and fight for what the world dangles in front of them; otherwise, their purity of disposition continues unsullied and unstained. Such is to be the attitude of Christ's disciples, because it is also the attitude of Christ Himself, Who “humbled Himself and took the form of a slave.”

St. Mark tells us that Jesus and His disciples were traveling through Galilee. It was not a pleasure trip or just another part of the proclamation of repentance for salvation. We have come to center of St. Mark's Gospel, and now there is a slow but steady trek towards Jerusalem, where Christ will fulfill the Father's plan in humble and loving obedience by His passion, death, and resurrection. This is the second time, according to St. Mark, that He spoke about it to His disciples, but they still are in “worldly mode”, concerned about their relative positions and focusing on the prize while ignoring the necessary cost that it will take to win it.

We can get like that at times, too. We strive to be the best, to succeed, to live well, to be without wants or needs, to be honored, respected, and esteemed by all around us. It's not bad for us to do so, as long as we keep things in proper perspective. Still, it can become very easy for us, with our minds and hearts set on these goals, to forget that our principal goal in life is supposed to be attaining our eternal salvation, which has been won for us by Christ at the price of His Cross. We live, for now, in this world, but are to have our eyes fixed on Heaven.

It also requires our paying the personal price of cooperating with the grace of God in order for us to live a life ordered toward Him: to do what is good, righteous, just, true, and holy, serving God by serving others with the humility and compassion of Christ. The first reading makes it very clear, however, that this will bring us into full-blown conflict with the world, just as it did Christ.

St. James contrasts the effects of proper and improper conduct of Christian disciples, pointing out that the troubles that occur develop from deep within us. They are, in a sense, creatures of our own devising and making. Not the least part of the problem is that we ask but do not receive, because we ask wrongly to spend, to waste, God's blessings on our own passions and self-interests.

What will you ask of God this week? Are you willing to “play rhythm guitar behind Jesus”, or are you busy “pushing for the head of the line”? Will you take the time to deepen your relationship with God in prayer so as to know His will and then seek His grace to accomplish it? In your way of thinking, who's on first?

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're almost at our goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$75,938** from **162 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **99.9% of goal with \$76 to go!** Will you help to put us over to top? ***Money over goal that is collected by the end of the year will come back to the Parish for our own local needs.***

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. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge this year.*** Forms and envelopes are available in church.

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, October 2.

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

DANCE UPDATE

~ **Anniversary Celebration Dinner-dance**
IS ON HOLD at this time because of Covid-19 concerns; more information will be provided shortly.



WELCOME BACK WE MISSED YOU!

***Join us NEXT Sunday, September 26
after the 8, 10 and 12 Masses in
the Parish Hall for light
refreshments in thanksgiving
for your return to Mass.***

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!

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!

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

Registration for classes in our Parish Religious Education Program is open again, but only via e-mail.

Out of concern for the safety of all of our children in view of the increasing threat from Covid-19 in the City and our inability to monitor adequately the situation in the public schools, classes for our **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** will be conducted only on-line through the end of December.

We apologize for any inconvenience to your families and will review the situation again in December. The safety of our children is of paramount concern. We desire to share the Faith as prudently as possible.

PARISH FINANCES

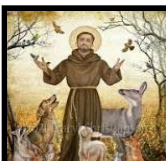
Thanks to all of you who are responding to the stewardship initiative and continue to support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult times, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings!

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** *after September 23* 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.



BLESSING OF PETS

Fr. Armato will bless pets in the schoolyard on Saturday, October 2 at 11:30am in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring yours, whether on a leash, or in a cage, or in a bowl!

SMCA NEWS

Classes have resumed with regular length days. A limited number of seats are still available 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.

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.

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 drawing strength from our Lady, St. Joseph, the Sacrament of Confirmation, daily Scripture study, programming in Polish, sacramental prep and 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 early, and/or stay afterwards to pray, and bring someone to Mass with you!

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.