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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 26 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 John Masi 10:00 Filippo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio Henry Czyz/Francesca Cicio/ NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst 5:00PM Joe & Maria Hellmann
MON.	SEPTEMBER 27 - ST. VINCENT dePAUL 7:00 Filippa Scarpulla 9:00 John Hegener
TUE.	SEPTEMBER 28 - STS. WENCESLAUS/LAWRENCE RUIZ 7:00 Anthony Lopresti (birth) 9:00 Jeanette Fattorusso
WED.	SEPTEMBER 29 - STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS 7:00 Catherine P. Obong 9:00 Joseph & Florence Dalton
THU.	SEPTEMBER 30 - ST. JEROME 7:00 Harvey & Philomina Karcher 9:00 Dorothy Fitzsimmons
FRI.	OCTOBER 1 - ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS/FIRST FRIDAY 7:00 Frony DiCenso 9:00 Kunzinger, Scaturro, Tamburino and Calio Families
SAT.	OCTOBER 2 - THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS/FIRST SATURDAY 9:00 collective: Deceased Priests of Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/Mary Narky/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory/ Alyssa Letitia Kenn/Donna Connors/ 9:30 Holy Hour 5:00PM Breege Reilly
SUN.	OCTOBER 3 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 People of the Parish 10:00 Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Frances Illuzzi/Salvatore Randazzo/ NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer 5:00PM Carl Dokter



**SAINTS
MICHAEL,
GABRIEL & RAPHAEL,
ARCHANGELS
SEPTEMBER 29**

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, Christine Arundel, Jamie Allison, Eileen Hagan, Regina Caridi, Lenny Masone,

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***

***May they rest
in Christ's Peace!***

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

***is lit in thanksgiving to the Parishioners
of St. Margaret Parish.***



**THE
HOLY
GUARDIAN
ANGELS
OCTOBER 2**

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8
Ps 102:16-18,19-21, 29, 22-23
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-7
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Ps 19:8-11
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22
Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Ps 69:33-35, 36-37
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24
Ps 128:1-6
Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Way of the Spirit”

Today's readings are a bit complex, covering a large range of thought, touching at some points and separating at others. Such, I suppose, is the way of the Spirit.

The first reading, set in the time of Moses and the Exodus, and the first part of the Gospel give us to understand that no one should be prevented from proclaiming the good news of God's love for us, just as long as what they proclaim is in line with His truth. The Holy Spirit doesn't hand out ministry licenses; rather, He freely distributes His wisdom, understanding, insights, and all other good gifts that are needed in order to accomplish the work of God in the world.

All people of good will, whether or not numbered among the Chosen People or the members of the Church, clergy or laity, can engage in doing the works of mercy, both corporal (physical) and spiritual. All can defend the intrinsic dignity of all human life and to fight for what is right and just and against oppression and indifference. No one who carries out the will of God is to be excluded, for to exclude such people would be to stifle the action of God.

St. James and the second part of the Gospel also hold common ground, clearly presenting us with the prospect of chastisements both for our failures to do what God expects of us and for the wrongs that we actually do. Once again, St. James calls us out for being self-centered and blind to the needs of those around us. Jesus condemns us for misleading the innocent not only by what we say or teach but also by the way that we live our lives and give free rein to our passions and selfish desires.

Both St. James and Jesus challenge us to rid ourselves of all that holds us back from a proper relationship with God and neighbor. Jesus tells us to treat severely those who mislead or cause others to sin and is equally severe with what we are to do when we find ourselves given over to sin. It all appears to be rather drastic for us who are more accustomed to the nice, warm, cuddly Jesus from the “Church of Nice” with Whom we would rather be acquainted, the Jesus Who would meet and accept us where we are and be content to leave us there. Although we may have become very comfortable with this notion of a soft Christ, this is not the Christ of the Gospel, Whose opening proclamation was for repentance for the forgiveness of sins, Who called a spade a spade, Who cleared wrongdoers from the Temple area with a whip, Who condemned sinful behavior regardless of one's social standing, and Who challenged people to carry their crosses with Him and to reform their lives, if they truly were to follow Him.

What kind of Spirit have we received? What manner of Christ will we follow? Will we spend ourselves in the service of God or for our own passions and pleasures? Will we live boldly and openly according to the Law of God and the teachings of Christ and His Church, or will we cower in fear of public opinion and a lack of courage and conviction? Will we draw people to God, or mislead them by being false to Christ?

Each person, regardless of his/her position in the Church or in society in general, is called and empowered by God to proclaim His desire that all people be reconciled to Him and thus be saved. Doing so is not likely to win us many friends, for we live in a world that is intolerant of what we believe and profess. We are to stand up for what is right, to defend what is true, and to act with justice and compassion. It may not be easy to cooperate with the grace of God, but it is the way of the Spirit and it is the only way that leads into the fullness of life.

May God the Father grant us the power of His Spirit to strengthen us, so that we might live as His loving children and fearless disciples of His Son!

~ *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** already 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.

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, October 9.



**WELCOME BACK
WE MISSED YOU!**

Join us **TODAY, 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!

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

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

stmargaretre@gmail.com

As a precaution 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.

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 is taking place after all the Masses this weekend, and next weekend. 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!

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 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!

ITALIAN APOSTOLATE

The Italian Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn invites you to participate in a Rosary Procession beginning at 2pm at Mother Cabrini Park (41 President St., Brooklyn) on Sunday, October 3. Mass in honor of Mother Cabrini will follow at 3pm at Sacred Heart-St. Stephen Church (125 Summit St., Brooklyn). All are welcome.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE

Plans for our delayed anniversary dinner-dance are on hold again, due to an upsurge in Covid cases in the City. Pray for all who are sick with the virus!

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Please make good on your pledges for the *Generations of Faith Campaign*, if you haven't done so already. If you can't finalize your pledge, please make an installment payment as best as you can.

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 St. Joseph, Padre Pio, Confirmation, 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.