St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 10, 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. 8:00 10:00	OCTOBER 10 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Raymond Stein Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Antonino Catalano/
NOON 5:00PM	Marco Colalella/ People of the Parish Catalina, Allaria, Bianca, Clida, & Nicole Alberi
MON.	OCTOBER 11 - ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE/
9:00	COLUMBUS DAY Regina Gockley
TUE. 7:00 9:00	OCTOBER 12 - WEEKDAY Joan McShea (birth) Danny Ahearne
WED. 7:00 9:00	OCTOBER 13 - WEEKDAY Joan McShea (birth) Joan McShea
THU. 7:00 9:00	OCTOBER 14 - ST. CALLISTUS I Kathleen O'Hara Salatore Palmeri (anniv)
FRI. 7:00 9:00	OCTOBER 15 - ST. TERESA OF AVILA Vera Krzewski Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles
SAT.	OCTOBER 16 - STS. HEDWIG/ MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
9:00 5:00PM	Collective: James Nohilly Lt. Michael Maloney, FDNY (birth)
SUN.	OCTOBER 17 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	William R. Roemmelt

THE RECORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11
IN OBSERVANCE OF
COLUMBUS DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY

Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Giuseppa

Msgr. Peter Zendzian (anniv)

10:00

NOON

5:00PM

Damico/

Karl A. Pospisphil

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 <u>MUST</u> 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 prattica 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 Marchindiondo, 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, 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

Especially:

Rita Palmeri, James P. Duffy, Gerry Frohnhoefer

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Joan McShea at the request of Mary Ann DeAngelis & Family.



TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11

Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30

Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8

Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18

Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45 or

10:42-45

From the Pastor's Desk:

"Rosebud"

The movie "Citizen Kane", one of the great masterpieces of American cinematography, tells the story in retrospect of a man of humble beginnings who claws his way to fame, power, and immense wealth, only [spoiler alert!] to die lonely and bitter, sighing unhappily with his last breath for his childhood prized possession, which, like much of what he owned, is cast into a furnace in the end. The story is a fictionalization, based partly on the life of the magnate and publisher William Randolph Hearst, whose California mansion is now a tourist attraction.

St. Katherine (Mother) Drexel (1858-1955) is a not-too-distant saint of our own times, the heiress to a multi-million-dollar fortune who used her inheritance to found a religious order for teaching black and Native American children and began Xavier University in New Orleans for the higher education of black students.

St. Philip Neri (1515-1595) left his middle-class merchant family's business, eventually founding the Congregation of Priests of the Oratory to promote holiness in the lives of priests, improve preaching, and serve the needs of youth. He was quoted once as saying, "If I were interested in riches, I could be a wealthy man." Still, he left what the world considers wealth to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the people of Rome and beyond with a spirit of joy and immense love.

The possession of wealth in and of itself is not the problem. The problem occurs when we make it the be-all and endall of our desires and efforts, setting it up in the place of God as the driving force and goal of our lives. The wealth of the pious rich man, who could quote Scripture very well, was not the problem. That was his refusal to detach himself from it while ignoring the needs of the less fortunate.

The world is full of folks like "Charlie Kane" who grasp for all the passing wealth and power that they can accumulate, only to leave it behind them which they die. Fortunately, it is also full of people like Katherine Drexel and Philip Neri, who are generous with and detached from the material wealth that is theirs. Some of these latter are even in our midst here at St. Margaret's, unknown by most of you for their generous giving of self and wealth for their love of Christ and His Church and the promotion of the Gospel. God bless them for it!

Following the lead of St. Peter in today's Gospel, we might ask Christ, "What's in it for me, if I give up everything to follow You?" A Little Sister of the Poor told me the day of my first Mass, "God is never outdone in generosity." I have come to experience that on a very personal level, not in terms of financial wealth, but rather in terms of the blessings that I have received in serving Christ in His Church (poorly as I've done), first as a layman for over 25 years before ordination and now as a priest for as many more. Yes, there have been difficult times of struggle and opposition, and I'm sure that there will be more in the years to come. Still, I have not suffered persecution yet for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. I pray that, by the grace of God, I will weather any such storm, whenever it may come.

What we give to Christ is not a matter of quid-pro-quo dollars and cents. It is rather a matter of the attitude with which we render to Him what He has given us. Will we cling to Him or to whatever power, honor, and wealth we can accumulate? How will we use the wisdom, the time, treasure, and talents that we have received from God if not in loving and humble service to Him and His people? Are our hands, hearts, and minds so preoccupied with grasping the things of this world that we cannot reach out for the imperishable riches that God has prepared for us in the next? At the end of our days, will we look forward joyfully to seeing the Lord face to face, or will we sigh in our sad and empty loneliness for our own "Rosebud"?

Let us pray, then, for the wisdom to choose well that path of life that we will walk, that it might be the one that leads us to eternal life in the age to come.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're OVER THE TOP for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign with \$77,141 in pledges received from 168 families against this year's goal of \$76,014. That's 101.5% of goal, thanks to your generosity. How much more can we add to the total? 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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, November 6.

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

ALTAR SERVER UPDATE

Fr. Joseph Palackal is recruiting new altar servers from St. Margaret Catholic Academy and our Religious Education Program. Training for new and experienced servers will begin this month. Service at the altar is open to boys and girls, Fourth Grade and up. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Experienced altar servers are requested to report to the sacristy to serve whenever coming to Mass.

ROSARY CHALLENGE

October is the month of the Rosary. Pray at least five decades each day for the intention(s) of your choice. Free booklets on how to pray the Rosary are available in the pamphlet racks in church to assist you.

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 canned soups and fruits, jelly, cooking oil and Parmalat milk in a carton. 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, November 13.

<u>RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM</u>

Tuesday and Wednesday on-line classes for our Religious Education Program have begun. Contact the Religious Ed coordinators via email for further information: 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.

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!

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** ASAP 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.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Parish Hall on Saturday, November 20 from 9am until 3:30pm.

THE COST: \$45 per person

THE BENEFITS: 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

<u>CONTACT:</u> Sr. Bridget, **718-326-1911** for more information or to register.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

Bridge to Life has chosen to honor us with a leaf on their "Tree of Life" located in their new home in College Point.

While the St. Vincent dePaul Society sponsors the campaign (2022 will be our 11th year), it is the people of the Parish who give it success.

Therefore, our leaf will be inscribed:

"The Parishioners of St. Margaret Church"

We thank you for your generosity, and Bridge to Life for this honor.

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 prayer, faith formation. sacramental preparation, and much more. SO Recent presentations include videos on Saints Francis and Faustine, praying the Rosary, Scripture study, programming in Polish, sacred art, 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.

MASS BOOK OPENING

The **2022 Mass Book** will open on Tuesday, October 26, from 1:00 until 4:00pm *in the church*. Enter from the 80th St. ramp doors and be seated in the pews. Forms will be available.

Cash or check for your offering will be accepted.

All Announced Masses: \$15/intention

Weekly Memorials: \$25/intention for wine and hosts, sanctuary lamp, or altar candles.



"and all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be, are full of trees and changing leaves..."