

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**

**IN**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 17, 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

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 17 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00	William R. Roemmelt
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Giuseppa Damico/
NOON	Msgr. Peter Zendzian (anniv)
5:00PM	Karl A. Pospisphil
<b>MON.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 18 - ST. LUKE</b>
7:00	Elizabeth Tobin
9:00	Maureen Leahy
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 19 - STS. JOHN deBREBEUF/ISAAC JOGUES</b>
7:00	David J. McConville (birth)
9:00	Arthur Woods
<b>WED.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 20 - ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS</b>
7:00	Ana Campbell
9:00	Karen M. Schaefer
<b>THU.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 21 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Marion Farrenkopf
9:00	Anthony & Antoinette Santora
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 22 - ST. JOHN PAUL II, POPE</b>
7:00	Margarete Reissig
9:00	Felisa Gako Despi/Constancio Moral Despi
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Mary & Robert Hallahan/ Maria & Calogero Ciaccio/The DePaola Family/David Fellin
5:00PM	Frank Sr. & Jennie Cerar
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>OCTOBER 24 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00	Adolph Roemmelt
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Concetta Sciulara/Vincenzo e Aurelia Laudani/ Vincenza Palmeri/Danielle Bussa/ Giuseppe Pandola/Francesca Cicio/
NOON	Mary Trzeszczkowski
5:00PM	People of the Parish



SAINT  
LUKE  
OCTOBER 18

## 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](http://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** 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 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, 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, Lorraine Colon, James Buchanan,

***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:***

***Mario Salce***

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

## MEMORIALS

### WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Gina D'Orsa  
at the request of Don & Diane Competello.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Marion Farrenkopf  
at the request of Larry & Annmary Passentino.*



**SAINT  
PAUL  
OF THE  
CROSS  
OCTOBER 20**

## TODAY'S READINGS

### *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 53:10-11  
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
Heb 4:14-16  
Mk 10:35-45 or  
10:42-45

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b  
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18  
Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19,  
20b-21  
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17  
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18  
Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8  
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6  
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a  
Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77,  
93, 94  
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11  
Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9  
Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Heb 5:1-6  
Mk 10:46-52

## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

### *"When Greatest = Least"*

Upon reading the Gospels, one might wonder why Jesus chose the twelve men He did as apostles. Case in point: He had just finished several attempts at teaching them the humble, childlike attitude that He demanded of His disciples and how, with that same attitude, He Himself was about to bring His mission to completion through His passion, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem. It didn't sink in.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, seem to have missed His point. Like people so desirous of the offices near the boss that they'll agree to do anything to get there, as if the cost were no more than playing "Truth or Dare", they proclaim that they even are willing to share in Christ's sufferings to achieve their personal goals of position, power, and prestige. This, in turn, rather reasonably ticks off the other ten, themselves perhaps regretful that they didn't get to ask Jesus first.

I suggest that Christ chose these particular twelve men because, like us, they are so human. They're not impressive superheroes (at least not yet). They don't catch on very quickly; they often don't grasp the basic points that Christ makes, even after He gives them example after example. They're simple men, and (at least eleven of them) are honest men for all their ambitions and lack of understanding.

Christ makes very clear in today's Gospel passage that the price of discipleship is very high: it is the complete giving of oneself to others in humble service, embracing even the ultimate cost of suffering and dying to self for a higher goal.

This theme is presented in the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, as well. Here we find part of one of the "Suffering Servant" songs. Did it apply to Isaiah himself, or to another prophet, or to the nation as a whole? The Church has always seen in these songs the redemptive sufferings of Christ in humble and loving obedience to the "pleasure", i.e., the will, of the Father that brought about the "ransom of many", as many as would accept His teachings and follow Him.

Christ does not give us a challenge that He knows we cannot accomplish. The second reading today plainly reminds us that, as a human being Himself, He understood very well what it is to be human with weaknesses and limitations. He is, however, the perfect human: tested but never having succumbed to the temptation to sin, i.e., to turn away from the Father in order to "do His own thing".

We forget too often that Jesus Christ is truly, fully human as well as truly, fully divine. This reminder should give us cause for hope and encouragement in our own struggles to follow Him in a hostile world that wants no part of Him, His teachings, or His Church. At the same time, we shouldn't get so comfortable that we fail to act and follow through on the costly requirements of discipleship.

We have grown rather apathetic over the years, but especially in these last twenty-plus months of the pandemic, forced into false comfort zones by situations and powers beyond our control. We see the world as we knew it going mad and falling apart. We frequently forget, though, just Who is in control and we fail to place ourselves into His loving care. Now it is time for us to awaken from our lethargy, to pick up the pieces, and to resume with courage, confidence, and determination our activities as united members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

In the coming months we will be asked to meet and to discuss the current state of the Church and to consider new ways of advancing the mission of Christ in our homes, our parish, our diocese, and, ultimately, in the universal Church. Please be ready to step forward and to participate in this process as fully as you can.

Like all things of this sort, it must begin with self-examination: How well do I know Christ and place myself in His hands? How can I come to know and love Him better? Am I open to His grace and do I put His teachings into practice in my daily life? Am I ready to be the servant of others? Am I willing to become the least in the eyes of the world so as to become the greatest in the mind of Christ?

~ *Fr. Armato*

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're **OVER THE TOP** for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign with **\$77,378** in pledges received from **170 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **101.8% 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. Almost 500 families have yet to participate. 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, 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.

**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 intension(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.**



## SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Our biggest fundraiser  
will be held as a

**November Calendar Fundraiser.**

Each day a lucky winner will be announced.

Multiple prizes on many days.

\$20 for 1 ticket

\$50 for 3 tickets

\$100 for 6 tickets

Money can be dropped off at the **school office**,  
Monday thru Friday, 8:30am until 3:00pm.

## HOLY HOUR AND MEETING

We will hold a holy hour followed by a brief meeting for all EMHCs, lectors, ushers, and members of the music ministry beginning at 7:30pm on Thursday, October 28, in the church. Please plan on participating!

## 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.

## IRREGULAR MARRIAGE?

If you and your spouse were only married civilly and not in a Catholic ceremony or Mass, you need to have your marriage convalidated in order to participate in the sacramental life of the Church. It is often a simple process, but you should call the Rectory to speak with one of the priests for guidance as soon as possible.

## 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 Street 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.



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Parish Hall on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00am 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.

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

## 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 our Lady of Fatima, St. Teresa of Avila, praying the Rosary, Scripture study, programming in Polish, sacred art, children's stories like "The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello", 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.
- ~ Church teaching does NOT prohibit vaccinations; they are encouraged.
- ~ Wearing a facemask or covering remains optional. **IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED**, but please consider those around you, especially the unvaccinated.
- ~ Receive Communion in the hand.