

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 31, 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.	OCTOBER 31 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Linda Castagna
10:00	Rita Graffeo/Gerry Frohnhoefer/
NOON	Alice & Helen Meagher
5:00PM	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
MON.	NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS
7:00	Giovanni Paollini
9:00	Karen M. Schaefer
	NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
TUE.	NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SOULS' DAY
7:00	All Souls' Triduum
9:00	Ida Lento/Maria & Rosaria Falsetta
7:30PM	Vincent Ciuffo
WED.	NOVEMBER 3 - ST. MARTIN dePOORES
7:00	Filippa Scarpulla
9:00	All Souls' Triduum
THU.	NOVEMBER 4 - ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
7:00	All Souls' Triduum
9:00	Leonardo Curatolo
FRI.	NOVEMBER 5 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Edward Loftus
9:00	Toni Biel
SAT.	NOVEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Mary Narky/Catherine, Michael, Tom & Rosalean Reilly/Souls in Purgatory/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00PM	Robert & Karen Schaefer
SUN.	NOVEMBER 7 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Salvatore Montalbano/Domenica e Pietro Martorana/Maria e Francesco Viruso/ Pellegrino e Giuseppa Benfari/Maria Scarpulla/
NOON	Antoinetta Carneglia
5:00PM	Aida Baker



ALL
SAINTS
DAY
NOVEMBER 1

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 **BEFORE YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE CATERING HALL.** 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 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, 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, Joseph Guecia,

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:

Judith Mercantante

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of

Vincent S. Pellettiere, Sr

at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.



TODAY'S READINGS

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6
Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Heb 7:23-28
Mk 12:28b-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10
Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12
Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14
Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The ABC’s of the Law”

Imagine asking an adult American what the first three letters of the English alphabet are. Hopefully, the normal response is “A, B, C.” That (along with mastery of the rest of the alphabet, of course) forms the very basics of reading.

The scribe in today’s Gospel asks Jesus to wade through not just 26 letters but an accumulation of 613 laws that governed Jewish life in those days and still does so among observant Jews in our own time. The accretion of all these laws might look like an onion, with each ring protecting the one inside it and, ultimately, the very center. The idea was/is, if you don’t break any of the outer laws, you can’t get to break any in the center, i.e., the Ten Commandments.

Jesus’ response sums up all of these into two major parts, bringing two Scripture passages together: to love God and to love one’s neighbor. They don’t repeal all the others, but form a condensation. The first, taken from Deuteronomy, is the “Shema”, the daily prayer of every devout Jew; the scribe knew this well. The second, taken from Leviticus, reminds us, as St. John says in one of his letters, that one cannot love the God Whom we cannot see if we do not love the people around us whom we do see. Prayers and sacrifices are without effect, if love is not present as their underlying reason and binding force.

Love doesn’t just happen. We learn and are moved to love because our parents, family members, and friends love us. Similarly, we learn that God loves us by the example of Jesus Christ and experiences of God’s love in our own lives; we intuit His love through reflective prayer, which draws us ever closer to Him. We’re made for sharing in God’s love and for the giving of ourselves as gift to the other and for receiving the gift of the other in return. We love because we are loved.

Note that there are no explicit directions for going about this, and it is not a matter of “quid pro quo” or “I’ll love you, if you’ll love me,” though St. Paul gives us a pretty good idea about what Christian love is all about in his first Letter to the Corinthians (13: 1-13). When, where, how, and whom we love (purely, chastely, morally, completely, and fruitfully) depends on the varied situations and conditions of our individual lives, but it always is to be the bond and governing principle for proper human relationships.

The expression of the full love between husband and wife is different from that between a parent and child, which is expressed differently from that between friends, which will vary from how we interact with those in wider relationships. All of this, and more, however, must bring us back to our primary duty to love God, expressed in the way that we carry out His commandments.

Today, the idea of love has been misunderstood, warped, distorted, degraded, and/or taken out of context, often reduced to temporary sexual intimacy, with whomever one pleases. Christ and His Church bring us back on course with a proper understanding of what true love entails. “No greater love has anyone than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends,” Christ told His disciples at the Last Supper. That is to be the manner, the essence of self-sacrificial Christian love, following the example of Christ Himself.

What are the ABCs of God’s Law? Christ kept it simple, yet He made it perfectly clear: “As the Father loves Me, so I have loved you. Live in My love; you will live in My love, if you do as I command you: love one another as I have loved you.”

May God grant us the grace to open our hearts Him and to one another, that we may fulfill the ABCs of His Law with joy and generosity of spirit!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're ***OVER THE TOP*** for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign with **\$78,022 in pledges** received from **172 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **102.6% 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 this Saturday, November 6.

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

PRAYING THE ROSARY

As October, the month of the Rosary, comes to a close, remember that every day of every month is a good time to pray the Rosary. Pray at least five decades each day for the intentions(s) of your choice. Free booklets on how to pray the Rosary are available in the pamphlet racks in church.

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.

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!

The price of everything has increased, especially over the last year. The prices of a dozen eggs, a quart of milk, a loaf of bread, a gallon of gasoline, your utilities, etc., all are up. What's true for your household is also true for the Parish operations.

A donation of just \$2 or \$3 a week doesn't go as far as it did thirty years ago. A week of the Daily News costs over \$21; a pack of cigarettes costs about \$14. What does a latte cost? If you can afford these, can you give as much to the Church every week?

Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship and be prepared to commit to increasing your on-going support of your Parish at Mass on the weekend of November 13-14, at which time we also will try to update our records of active parishioners.

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.



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.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held on Sunday, November 14. The truck will be on 79th Place, near the parking lot, from 8am until 12:30pm for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS
AT THE RECTORY OR CONVENT DOOR**

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 the saints of October, "The Road to Knock", praying the Rosary, Scripture study, programming in Polish, teaching toddlers numbers and the alphabet, other 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.