

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

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

***~ MASS BELLS ~***

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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY**

**IN**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 7, 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>NOVEMBER 7 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Salvatore Montalbano/Domenica e Pietro Martorana/Maria e Francesco Virruso/ Pellegrino e Giuseppa Benfari/Maria Scarpulla/ Antoinette Carneglia
NOON	
5:00PM	Aida Baker
<b>MON.</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 8 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo
9:00	Francesco DeSiervi
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 9 - THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>
7:00	Intention of Lar Walsh
9:00	Frank & Mary Parente
<b>WED.</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 10 - ST. LEO THE GREAT</b>
7:00	Pat & Grace Esposito
9:00	Kathleen Duffy /Rita D'Ambrosio
<b>THU.</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 11 - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS/ VETERANS DAY</b>
9:00	Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT</b>
7:00	Dawn Petronella
9:00	Mark Wiesner
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI</b>
9:00	<b>collective:</b> Angie Ferzola/John Bohan/
11:45	<b>Memorial Mass:</b> Rita Palmeri, James P. Duffy, Gerard A. Frohnhoefer, Mario Salce Rosaria Gianoli, Maria Scarpulla, Judith Mercantante/Giuseppe Scibilia, Charles & Jennie Pirtz
5:00PM	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 14 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00	Thomas Mazza
10:00	Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Salvatore Fazzolari/Margherita Varvaro/
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Joan McShea



**THE RECTORY  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
VETERANS DAY  
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

## **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](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, 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:***

***Irene F. Bogert, Rose Tantillo,  
Anna McManus***

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

## MEMORIALS

### **WINE & HOST THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of John Bohan  
at the request of Margaret & Maurice Bohan.*

### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit for our Veterans, living and deceased.*

*"Therefore, stay awake,  
for you know neither the day  
nor the hour."*



## TODAY'S READINGS

***Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle B - Hymnal Number 1022***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7  
Ps 139:1b-3, 4-10  
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11  
Ps 82:3-4, 6-7  
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1  
Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130,  
135, 175  
Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9  
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab  
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9  
Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43  
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3  
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11  
Heb 10:11-14, 18  
Mk 13:24-32

## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

### ***“Putting in Our Two Cents”***

“Let me put in my two cents.” This is an American expression, derived from a translation of today’s Gospel story about the widow’s mite. It usually is followed by someone figuratively dumping several dollars worth of their opinion into the conversation. So, allow me to put in my two cents about today’s readings.

The point that Jesus is making is that the widow has given fully of herself without holding back anything from God. Having given everything to God, she also places herself into His hands, trusting in His loving care for her. She becomes a model for His disciples to give of themselves in service to God and the Church.

Similarly, the widow of Zarephath trusts in the words of Elijah, the prophet of God, and places herself squarely in the hands of God by using up what she thought to be the last of her food supplies in humble hospitality to the stranger ahead of her own needs and those of her son. Humility and hospitality also are marks of Christian discipleship.

More of a model than these women, though, is Christ Himself, Who gave Himself entirely to the Father in humble obedience to fulfill the divine plan of reconciliation and atonement for the sins of the world. Today’s second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Christ has appeared at the proper time in human history to “take away sin by His sacrifice”. His sacrifice is unique, unrepeatable, and not requiring repetition, as did the ancient sacrifices. Every Mass that we offer is not a new sacrifice, but rather a participation in the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross for our salvation and that of all the world.

We usually do not emulate fully either of the two women, and certainly not Christ, though we each are called to be generous, to share what we have received from God, Who is never outdone in generosity. It may be a sharing of our time in visiting the sick, or spending it in teaching a child or helping a neighbor, or in some ministry to the Church. It may be a using of our talents, whatever they may be, for helping to build up the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

Certainly each of us is called to support the mission of the Church financially to the extent that we can after our own basic needs have been met. We are to be a sacrificial people who place our trust in God’s providence and offer back to Him in some relatively small measure what He has given us. Each of us must consider how best to make a return to the Lord for all the good that He has shown us.

Please think about your response in the coming days, and be prepared next week to commit yourself to the financial support of your Parish. In the meanwhile, participate in the meeting this Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall on how the Church’s mission can be presented more effectively today.

May the Holy Spirit guide you, Christ strengthen you, and God the Father bless you as you put in your two cents!

***~ Fr. Armato***

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Guide questions for this Tuesday’s meeting on the life and mission of the Church:

*Who do we understand the Church to be? What is the Church?*

*How do we share our faith in and out of our parish community?*

*Do we feel that the leaders of the Church hear us?*

*Do we need to listen better to the Word of God as people of Faith?*

*Do we feel comfortable in communicating our feelings with those who are most involved in the Church?*

*Do Catholics feel uncomfortable about speaking about the Faith outside of the Church? Why/why not?*

*How can we be more inviting to those who do not celebrate Mass with us?*

*How could we foster unity within the Church and among people of different backgrounds, ethnic groups, religious denominations, etc.?*

Come to the meeting and share your thoughts with us!



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're ***OVER THE TOP*** for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign with **\$78,900 in pledges** received from **175 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **103.2% 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.***

## 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, Dec. 4.**

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

## PARISH MEETING

The Holy Father has asked all dioceses for input into the 2023 "Bishops Synod on Synodality" to respond better to the life and ministry needs of the People of God.

We will hold a grassroots **meeting in the Parish Hall this Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 7:30 to 9:00pm**, to which *all parishioners are invited* to participate by sharing their ideas. See the **focus questions on p. 4** of this week's *Mass Bells* to help you prepare your thoughts before attending.

## 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. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin for Mass intentions.**



## 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 for YOUR Parish at Mass next weekend, 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.

## **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 art and culture, the Sacraments, spirituality, Scripture study, programming in Polish, teaching toddlers numbers and the alphabet, saints and heroes 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



## **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.

## **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.

## **THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP**

will be held on **Sunday, November 21**. 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**