

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

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY**  
**IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 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. NOVEMBER 14 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 Thomas Mazza  
10:00 Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Salvatore Faccolari/Margherita Varvaro/

NOON People of the Parish  
5:00PM Joan McShea

**MON. NOVEMBER 15 - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT**

7:00 Intention of Sheila Walsh  
9:00 Intention of Tilda DeSiervi

**TUE. NOVEMBER 16 - STS. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND AND GERTRUDE**

7:00 Edward Loftus  
9:00 Anthony & Vita Sparacio

**WED. NOVEMBER 17 - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**

7:00 Jerry Frohnhoefer  
9:00 Frank & Mary Damico

**THU. NOVEMBER 18 - DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS. PETER AND PAUL ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE**

7:00 Denise Vaicels  
9:00 Fred Basedow

**FRI. NOVEMBER 19 - WEEKDAY**

7:00 Walter W. & Katherine E. Weiner Family  
9:00 Fred Basedow

**SAT. NOVEMBER 20 - WEEKDAY**

9:00 **collective:** Mary Narky/Therese Michels/  
5:00PM Robert & Karen Schaefer

**SUN. NOVEMBER 21 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

8:00 Anne McGinnis  
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Alessio Atria/  
Sanfrancesco DiPaola/SanFilippo, Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonio, Vito, Antonio/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/  
Antonino Catalano/Vincent Battaglini/The Pitassi Fam./The Cercone Fam./The Battaglini Fam./

NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst  
5:00PM Carl Dokter/Louise Moeller



SAINT  
ELIZABETH  
OF HUNGARY  
NOVEMBER 17

## 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:***

*Nunzio Fontana, Vita Giannini,  
Michele Vassallo*

*May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

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

*are offered in memory of Gerard Frohnhoefer  
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

### **ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Joseph & Lena Mazzola  
at the request of Ben Armato.*



## TODAY'S READINGS

***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle B - Hymnal number 1025***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57,  
62-63  
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155,  
158  
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31  
Ps 3:2-7  
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31  
Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15  
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29  
Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15  
Lk 19:41-44  
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6  
Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc4:36-37, 52-59  
1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc,  
11d-12a, 12bcd  
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 61-13  
Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19  
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14  
Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5  
Rv 1:5-8  
Jn 18:33b-37

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

***"If You Died Tonight, ...."***

The other day, as I was stopped for a light by the park, I noticed a bumper sticker on the vehicle in front of me. It read, "If you died tonight, would you be in Heaven or in Hell?" The car must have belonged to a Protestant, for, as Catholics, we believe that there is a third "place" to wind up, at least temporarily, namely, Purgatory, which is a state of being in which our souls are purified from the remaining effects of any sins that we commit in the course of our lives and for which we have received sacramental absolution. Thus, we pray for our beloved dead, especially during this month of November, asking God that they may pass quickly from Purgatory into the eternal joys and peace of Heaven.

The pictures that are presented to us in today's first reading and Gospel are not pretty. Rather, they should shake us up, perhaps even terrify us, but in a good way. They are not like scary stories of fictional monsters that we might tell children to keep them from going to a particular place where they might get hurt. Yet, in a sense, they should have relatively the same effect on us, for they both tell us that we must straighten out our lives and live virtuously or suffer terrible consequences.

Perhaps we have become too accustomed by a false sense of security to think that a good and merciful God would never have created Hell no less condemn anyone to spend eternity in it. Certainly, good old Jesus would never do that to us. Why, then, did the Father have to send His Son to call us to repentance and to suffer and die for our sins so that we might be brought to eternal life?

Heaven is not a slam-dunk just because we have been baptized or haven't killed anyone lately. Neither is it anything that we could merit or deserve simply because of our own actions. All that we can do is to respond to God's initiative, which invites us to live, even now, in His love and to share more fully in His divine life by how we act, and what we say, and the personal sacrifices that we offer Him in thanksgiving for all that He has given us, including the very gift of life itself.

Jesus tells us to be prepared to receive Him when He comes "again in glory to judge the living and the dead," as we profess each Sunday in the Creed. Like His first disciples, however, we know neither the day nor the hour of His return. So how are we to be prepared to receive Him?

We prepare by living each day as His good and faithful disciples, accepting the grace of His Spirit in order to live according to His teachings. The good that we do, the suffering that we endure, the sacrifices that we make, the prayers that we offer, the acts of mercy and forgiveness that we extend to others by His grace, all contribute to our daily preparedness in a way of life centered upon Christ.

Let us walk, then, according to His light, calling upon His strength and love as we strive for Heaven and pray for the souls of those in Purgatory. If you died tonight, where would you be? There are three possibilities. Live for Heaven!

***~ Fr. Armato***

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***Questions from last Tuesday's meeting on the life and mission of the Church:***

- 1) Who do we understand the Church to be? What is the Church?***
- 2) How do we share our faith in and out of our parish community?***
- 3) Do we feel that the leaders of Church hear us?***
- 4) Do we need to listen better to the Word of God as people of Faith?***
- 5) Do we feel comfortable in communicating our feelings with those who are most involved in the Church?***
- 6) Do Catholics feel uncomfortable about speaking about the Faith outside of the Church? Why/why not?***
- 7) How can we be more inviting to those who do not celebrate Mass with us?***
- 8) How could we foster unity within the Church and among people of different backgrounds, ethnic groups, religious denominations, etc.?***

***In case you missed the meeting, feel free to write to me with your ideas. ~ RJA***

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're **OVER THE TOP** for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign with **\$78,900 in pledges** received from **177 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **103.8% 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. 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, December 4.**

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



The St. Vincent dePaul Society will be sponsoring its Annual Christmas **"GIVING TREE"**. We appreciate your donation of a children's toy or game and/or a clothing item for a child ages infant to 12 years.

**WHEN:** November 21 to December 8.

**WHERE:** The black bin in the vestibule of the church or to St. Margaret convent, (66-25 79th Pl.), on Wednesday or Saturday, 10am to 12 Noon.

**QUESTIONS:** Call Terry, 718-326-188.

Thank you for your generosity and may you have a blessed Christmas!

## 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 Holiday foods. Ground coffee (no decaf), stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, jams, gravy and canned fruit. 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, December 11.**



## SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Our biggest fundraiser  
is being 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

## THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held next 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**

## 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?

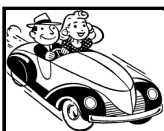
*Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship and be prepared to commit to increasing your on-going support for YOUR Parish at Mass this weekend, at which time we also will try to update our records of active parishioners.*

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](http://faithdirect.net) and enter our parish code, **NY299**. You can change your decision later on, as you wish.

## OUT OF DARKNESS

Thanks to all who participated in this past week's meeting and gave input on the life and mission of the Church!

Life and mission continue here, as well, with your support: the Senior Citizens have resumed meeting, the CYO is up and running again, adult study groups are gathering each week, and our St. Vincent dePaul Society is busy caring for our neighbors who are in need.



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Parish Hall  
this 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.

~ While 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.

## 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. Frances Cabrini, "The Search", daily reflections, the Divine Mercy devotion, 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](http://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](http://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.