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**SOLEMNITY
OF
OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 21, 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 21 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
8:00	Anne McGinnis
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Alessio Atria/ Sanfrancisco DiPaola/SanFilippo, Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonio, Vito, Antonio/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Vincent Battaglini/Pitassi Family/ Cercone Family/Battaglini Family
NOON	Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM	Carl Dokter/Louise Moeller
MON.	NOVEMBER 22 - ST. CECILIA
7:00	Joseph & Lena Mazzola
9:00	Richard Garczynski
TUE.	NOVEMBER 23 - STS. CLEMENT. COLUMBAN, BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN
7:00	Marion Farrenkopf
9:00	Joan McShea
WED.	NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC
7:00	Joan McShea
9:00	Robert Fornito
THU.	NOVEMBER 25 - ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA/THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00	Steven Dominic Belviso (anniv)
FRI.	NOVEMBER 26 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Dr. Cesar B. Pimentel, Jr.
2:30PM	WEDDING: Aidan Fahey and Brittni Trapani
SAT.	NOVEMBER 27 - WEEKDAY
9:00	collective: Louis & Jane Normandia/ Patricia Green/Julia Dunignan
5:00PM	
SUN.	NOVEMBER 28 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00	Donna Roemmelt
10:00	Mario Salce/Andrea Alfieri/ Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	
5:00PM	People of the Parish



**THE RECTORY WILL BE
CLOSED ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 25
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY
AND ON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
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.

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:

Rose Mary Bonocore, Ronald Conacchio,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of James P. Duffy
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Anthony Tavarone.



**SAINT
CECILIA
NOVEMBER 22**

TODAY'S READINGS

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Cycle B - Hymnal number 1028***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,
23-28
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thes 3:12-4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The King's Good Servants”

Americans remain fascinated by royalty, even though we shook off the rule of the last king of the thirteen seaboard British colonies over 240 years ago. Look at all the fuss we even make over Harry and Megan, who simply want to be “just plain folks”. Still, there's something about being ruled by a king that doesn't sit right with us. (We also are not exactly crazy about executive orders and most politicians, but those are other stories for other times and places.) Today's celebration, instituted relatively recently by Church standards, of the solemnity of “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe” is one that might puzzle or disturb us. We like Jesus, but all that king stuff is bothersome, foreign, and confusing.

This is the last major feast on the Church's liturgical calendar each year. Next week we will begin a new year with the First Sunday of Advent. As it has approached, we've followed Jesus closer and closer toward the fulfillment of His mission through His passion, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem. We also have reflected during the last couple of weeks on the end of our lives, culminating with our own inevitable death and judgment and the prospects of Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory, with some fearsome scenes having been presented for our consideration along the way.

Today's feast reminds us that Christ's victory was prophesied centuries earlier, that He was in total command of the situation even as He stood before Pilate who would order His execution, and that Christ has conquered sin and death by His own death and resurrection and now rules from Heaven in the glory of God the Father. “Death no longer has power over Him,” St. Paul reminded the Christians of the City of Rome. Similarly, we must die to sin and live for God.

There is nothing that the world could throw against Christ that might unseat or defeat Him. That should be a comfort to us who follow Him and acknowledge Him as the Lord and Master of our lives by the way that we put His teachings into effect each day in ways great and small. Christ is not limited by time and space, but He is the focal point of all of human history. We do not follow someone who is here today and gone tomorrow, or who makes promises that he cannot deliver, or some despot who stands aloof while issuing harsh commands to slaves. We are to serve with love the One Who has loved us first and loved us in the extreme. Serving for disciples of Christ is to be life giving, not carried out as a hardship or burden, but done in humble and loving response to the loving initiative of God.

We are united to Christ by Baptism in a bond of divine love that cannot be undone and have become members of His Mystical Body. He has conquered even sin and death and reigns now in Heaven. We share in His victory. God invites us to receive His grace and mercy and the forgiveness of our sins and so come to the fullness of life that He has prepared for us. With that in mind, we join in the ranks of countless disciples.

Let us be the King's good servants, and thereby beloved children of God, Who has placed all things under Christ's feet, giving Him and us the final victory. If we live in Him, we shall reign with Him.

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're **OVER THE TOP** for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign with **\$79,450 in pledges** received from **180 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **104.5% 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 and should give something. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge this year.** Forms and envelopes are still available on the radiators 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**". You are asked to donate 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 until 12 Noon.

QUESTIONS: Call Terry, 718-326-0188.

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.

PARISH LIFE

Life and mission in the Parish are strong: the **Senior Citizens** have resumed meeting, the **CYO** is up and running again, **adult study groups** are gathering each week, **altar servers** are back, our **Adult Choir** is growing and rehearsing for **Lessons and Carols**, the **Maggie's Little Theatre** troupe is working on a show for February, the **St. Vincent dePaul Society** is busy caring for our neighbors who are in need, and our **Gift Shop** is reopening for business with items for Advent and Christmas.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held **today**, 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 YOUR Parish.

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 commit to increasing your on-going support.

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.



LESSONS & CAROLS

*You are cordially invited to attend
Lessons & Carols on Sunday,
December 12 at 3:00pm. in the church.
This year's afternoon will be dedicated
to the anniversaries of the
Clergy and Religious of our parish.
We welcome you back to church and
are grateful for your support of our
music ministry.*

*Please join the choir, and the children of
St. Margaret Catholic Academy for a
prayerful and spiritual afternoon.*

WELCOME BACK GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open every **Sunday, from 9am until 1pm**. We have a selection of religious goods: Rosaries - Medals - Gifts Crucifixes - Statues - Bibles, and a wide selection of **Christmas gifts**.

The shop is located in the rectory. Please use the red side door in the parking lot. If the door is closed, please knock.

Contact us: StMargGiftShop@yahoo.com



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. Joseph, "The Search", daily reflections, prayer, marriage, Scripture study, programs in Spanish and Polish as well as English, 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
- 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.
- ~ 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.