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**EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

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 by 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. ~ FEBRUARY 27 - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Anita Cacioppo
10:00 Francesco DeCapite/John Browne/
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM Daniel Fitzgerald

MON. ~ FEBRUARY 28 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Philip Composto
9:00 Harry Gomez

TUE. ~ MARCH 1 - WEEKDAY

7:00 William Michels
9:00 Liam Butler

WED. ~ MARCH 2 - ASH WEDNESDAY/ FAST AND ABSTINENCE

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 People of the Parish
NOON Liturgy of the Word
3:30PM Liturgy of the Word
7:30PM People of the Parish

THU. ~ MARCH 3 - ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

7:00 Eidigioia Richie
9:00 Aurora Cermeli

FRI. ~ MARCH 4 - FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY/ ABSTINENCE

7:00 Gerard Clark (birth)
9:00 Albert & Julia Paetzig
9:30 Stations of the Cross (Eng.)

SAT. ~ MARCH 5 - SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Joseph W. Mazzola/Wieslawa Kacak/
9:30 Holy Hour
5:00PM Joan McShea

SUN. ~ MARCH 6 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 Louis Meyers
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Geraldine Ciaccio (birth)/Giulia Caruana/Joseph W. Mazzola/
NOON Jessie Galbo
5:00PM Edward H. Morrissey & Nellie Tolles



We will pray the Stations of the Cross in Italian at 9:30 am on Tuesdays and in English at 9:30 am on Fridays throughout Lent. Come and walk the Lord's Passion!

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Friday - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment only.

Sunday - closed

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4:00-4:45 PM.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mondays after the 9 AM Mass.

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY

devotion are prayed every morning in the church at 8:30 AM.

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, at 1:30 PM. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child.

WEDDINGS MUST be scheduled at least six (6) 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.

ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays 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 MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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 Bryzgoria, 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 Bryzgoria, 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, Jacob Zane, Joan Grippo, Mary Pascale, Hazel Scanlon, Ray and Pam Sadler, Carmen Ciulla, Pauline Vella,

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.

**Pray for the men from our Parish
who are serving in the defense of our country:**

*Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

especially this week:

JEAN A. ADAMO

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them!
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through Thy mercy, rest in peace! Amen!*

~ MEMORIALS THIS WEEK ~

WINE AND HOSTS

*are offered in memory of William J. Collins
and Family.*



**SAINT
KATHARINE
DREXEL
MARCH 3**

TODAY'S READINGS

***Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 951***

Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16

I Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: I Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c
Mark 10:17-27
- Tuesday: I Peter 1:10-16
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Mark 10:28:31
- Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17
II Corinthians 5:20-6:2/
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 9:22-25
- Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19
Matthew 9:14-15
- Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b
Psalm 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32
- Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13
- “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!”
~ St. Jerome

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Quotable Quotes”

My great-grandmother (my mother's, mother's mother), who lived with us during my formative years, was a woman of great wisdom. She seemed to have a saying for every situation and occasion in life, which always amazed me. It wasn't until I entered the seminary and started formal study of the Scriptures that I realized that many of “her” sayings had come from the Bible. Who would have guessed that this little old Sicilian lady wearing a black dress and a bun was a Scripture scholar? Then again, she was a woman of great faith.

Today's Mass readings present us with several sayings from the Old Testament book of Sirach, St. Paul's first letter to his disciples in Corinth, and those of Christ as recorded by St. Luke in the “Sermon on the Plain”. They aren't presented to amaze us or simply to impress us with their pithiness, but rather – as with all of Scripture – that we might reflect upon and learn from them as we try to make some sense of our lives and seek guidance in the way that we interact with others. It comes down to reasoned reflections followed by prudent actions.

This week begins the holy season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We often use these weeks to kick bad habits, to shed a few unwanted pounds, or to start new exercise regimens, as if we were making New Year's resolutions (which usually get broken by January 3). Moreover, people who haven't seen the inside of a church in a while are quite eager to get *schmutzed* with burnt palm residue as if it were the guarantee to eternal life or, at least, a year of good luck. There often is very little reflection, no less a follow-up with prudent action, involved. (For the record, yes, there are times when I certainly do have a very large wooden beam in my own eye, but this isn't one of them.)

There is much to reflect upon personally in this week's readings that can and should be used in the next few days as our preparation to enter into Lent so that it serves us well in our spiritual development and formation as disciples of Christ. In a similar way, there will be many opportunities to enter into spiritual exercises with both private and communal prayer, participation in the celebration of liturgies, and attempts at abstinence and bodily mortification in the weeks ahead. Our reasoned reflection also should lead us, however, to such prudent actions as performing the corporal and/or spiritual acts of mercy, as well as recognizing our own need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Lent is supposed to be for us a time of radical transformation, to put away the old person and to take on the new person in Christ. We should be different on Holy Saturday night from the person that we are on Ash Wednesday morning. It isn't likely to be a matter of waking up one day and finding ourselves to have been changed but rather one of gradual development with its ups and downs, advances and setbacks. Do not be discouraged if you do not seem to make steady progress or quickly radiate the glow of sanctity. Persist in your determination to grow in your love for Christ and in your openness to receiving and working with His grace.

In the words of St. Paul from today's second reading, “be firm, steadfast, always devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” May this Lent be a time in which we put behind us the old life of sin and strive to take on the new life of grace! May God, Who begins the good work in you, bring it to completion in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ!

~ *Fr. Armato*

~ BOILER PROJECT UPDATES ~

Expenses for the temporary boiler have passed \$23,000 and are continuing at almost \$4,000/week between equipment rental and fuel oil. The second collections so far total \$4,631* (two weeks) and will need to continue for the foreseeable future. Meanwhile, contractors are appraising the situation to give us replacement estimates.

Please be as generous as you can — *and pray for an early spring!*

EUCHARISTIC 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 10:30 AM on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, March 5.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord! Let us pray for a spiritually fruitful Lent.

~ LENTEN SERIES ~

As part of our Lenten preparation for Easter, we will have weekly, small-group sessions, using presentations by Bp. Robert Barron on six people from the Bible whose lives changed by their response to God's call: Bartimaeus, the Rich Young Man, St. Matthew, Jonah, the Woman at the Well, and the Magi.

Copies of the Program schedule are available on the radiators and in the vestibule of the church, and at the Rectory. Please take one and read the indicated Scripture passages in preparation for each of the sessions. We hope that you will join us! Contact Sr. Bridget to register.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Parish Hall on **SATURDAY, MARCH 12**, from 9:00am to 3:30pm.

THE COST: \$45.00 per person

THE BENEFITS: 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

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

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 cooking oil, mayo, catsup, ground coffee (no decaf), bottled juice and tuna. 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.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church is open for private prayer until 12 Noon on weekdays, 8:30 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays, and between Masses on Sundays.

Come early and/or stay afterwards to pray. Also, bring someone to Mass with you! The church has proven to be a safe place throughout this pandemic, thank God!

Please observe these common sense rules for your safety and that of others:

- ~ Do NOT enter the church, if you are feeling sick.
- ~ The Church's teachings do NOT prohibit getting inoculated; instead, it is encouraged.
- ~ Facemasks are no longer required; wear one, if you're more at ease in doing so.
- ~ Receive Communion in the hand.
- ~ Do NOT leave anything (*The Tablet*, bulletins, water bottles, etc.) behind you when you depart from the church after Mass.

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 marriage, preparation for Lent, daily Scripture reflections, spirituality, St. Joseph, presentations by Dr. Scott Hahn, Chris Stefanick, and Edward Sri, activities for children, and many other interesting 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.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

is conducting their 11th Annual Campaign for "Bridge to Life" which assists women with difficult pregnancies to avoid abortion. It also takes care of them and their children. Please make this your sacrifice for Lent.

WHEN: Ash Wednesday, March 2nd until Good Friday, April 15th

WHAT: *Cash or checks*, payable to "Bridge to Life". You may use your own envelope or those provided on the radiators in the Church. Please put them in the collection baskets or Rectory mailbox. *New or gently used* clothing, (size infant to size 8) is also appreciated and can be placed in the bin in the vestibule or delivered to the convent, (66-25 79th Place), on Wednesday or Saturday, 10am until 12 Noon.



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP IS OPEN

Sunday, from 9AM until 1PM

We have a selection of religious goods:

Rosaries - Medals - Gifts -
Crucifixes - Statues - Bibles - Books
AND MORE!

If we don't have it, we'll try to get it for you.
The Gift Shop is located in the rectory.
Please use the red side door in the parking lot.
If the door is closed, please knock.

Contact: StMargGiftShop@ yahoo.com

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Our faculty and staff are committed to developing faith-filled Christians and aspire to teach as Jesus did, focusing on His message throughout daily living by being truly kind and gentle to everyone. SMCA recognizes the unique talents of every student, our mission, therefore, is to help all students attain their full potential through an integrated curriculum rooted in Gospel values and Catholic teaching.

For information on registration and tours, please contact our office at 1-718-326-0922 or via email:

st.margaretprincipal@gmail.com

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, and for your generosity in the second collection! ***Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship and commit to increasing your on-going support as your means allow.***

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.