

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER
MAY 8, 2022
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

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. ~ MAY 8 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/
MOTHER'S DAY**
8:00 Concetta and John Averna/In onore della
Madonna de Fatima/Danielle Bussa/
Rosaria, Rosario e Nunzio Taormina/
Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/
Benedetto Barretta e Famiglia/Giuseppe,
Francesca, Lina, Teresa e Mary Battaglini/
Salvatore Casabianca
NOON Mother's Day Triduum
5:00PM People of the Parish
- MON. ~ MAY 9 - EASTER WEEKDAY**
7:00 Mother's Day Triduum
9:00 Patrick O'Brien (birth)
- TUE. ~ MAY 10 - ST. DAMIEN deVEUSTER**
7:00 Velma Thornton
9:00 Mother's Day Triduum
- WED. ~ MAY 11 - EASTER WEEKDAY**
7:00 Michael Simeone
9:00 Billy Heilman
- THU. ~ MAY 12 - STS. NEREUS & ACHILLEUS/
PANCRAS**
7:00 Anna Nick and Rose Stalzer
9:00 William T. Collins and
Carolyn Collins Family
- FRI. ~ MAY 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA**
7:00 Helen Haeberle
9:00 John Carthy
- SAT. ~ MAY 14 - ST. MATTHIAS**
9:00 **Collective:** The Olvet Family/Robert
Pozarycki/
11:45 **Memorial Mass:** Madeline J. Genuardi
Robert C. Hoelle, Nancy Chimento,
Walter Franz Petschauer, Lorraine J. Klein
5:00PM People of the Parish
- SUN. ~ MAY 15 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8:00 William R. Roemmelt
10:00 Joseph T. Klonowski
NOON Rev. Joseph O'Donnell, CM (birth)
5:00PM William Schoppner (anniv)

CONGRATULATIONS!

*to our children at St. Margaret Parish who
received the Sacrament of Confirmation May 5,
and to those children who received the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion May 7.
May you feel the warmth and comfort
of the Lord's love for you every day.*

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

**Monday - Friday - 9am to Noon
and 1pm to 5pm
Saturday - 9am to 2pm
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 prattica ogni Domenica
prima della Messa Italiana.

THE YOUTH CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays
at 3pm in the Church.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 MEETINGS ARE
SUSPENDED.**

**CUB PACK #119 MEETINGS ARE
SUSPENDED.**

SENIOR CITIZENS meetings are held every
Wednesday at 12 Noon, in the Parish Center.

**ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS HAVE
RESUMED. SEE SCHEDULE.**

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, 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, 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, Jacob Zane, Joan Grippo, Hazel Scanlon, Ray and Pam Sadler, Carmen Ciulla, Pauline Vella, Dennis Roberts, Louisa Diviney, Daniel Wilson, Marie Breslin, Robert Sukup, Sam Cianciolo, Maria Fava,

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:**

LORRAINE J. KLEIN,

JOSEPHINE O'ROURKE, JOHN JOHNSON

*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

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Theodora Wurglics
at the request of the Wurglics Family.*

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

*God took the fragrance of a flower, the majesty of a tree,
the gentleness of morning dew, the calm of a quiet sea.
The beauty of the twilight hour, the soul of a starry night,
laughter of a rippling brook, the grace of a bird in flight.*



*Then God fashioned from these things,
a creation like no other, and when his
masterpiece was through, he called it
simply, MOTHER.*

Happy Mother's Day!

TODAY'S READINGS

**Fourth Sunday of Easter ,
Cycle C - Hymnal # 909**

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm 100:1-5
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4
John 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-27
John 14:1-6

Friday: Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11ab
John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 145:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

*"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!"
~ St. Jerome*

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Hear His Voice”

Last week, in a very long Gospel passage, we heard Christ tell St. Peter to feed His lambs and sheep and to tend His sheep, that is, to shepherd the early Church given into his care. In a much briefer passage today, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, we find Christ Himself as the great Shepherd of the flock given to Him by the Father. These are His disciples, who hear His voice and follow Him in this temporal life into the eternal life that He bestows upon them, upon us.

Christ's pledge of eternal life is something in which we already share by virtue of the Sacrament of Baptism by which we are joined to Him as members of His Mystical Body, the Church, and through Him, to God the Father, Who holds us tight. It is a life to be held precious yet spent freely in mission, following the example of Christ and the saints down through the ages.

The realized promise of Christ is seen in today's second reading from the vision of St. John as he recorded it in the *Book of Revelation*, aka *The Apocalypse*. Despite the persecutions that they had endured, those who heard the Shepherd's voice and followed Him faithfully have emerged triumphant in the end and participate in the heavenly victory celebration of Christ, the Lamb of God.

St. Luke, remembering the experiences of St. Paul and St. Barnabas, tells us that things did not always go smoothly for them. They met with great opposition at times, great frustrations, and even great threats to life and limb over and over again. Today's first reading is but one of many such instances, as they meet with limited success in the city of Antioch in Pisidia, an area of now western mainland Turkey. Their efforts were not entirely in vain, though, for some 250 years later, a young woman, a descendant of those who did accept Paul's proclamation of salvation in Christ, would give her life in witness to her faith in Him as Lord, God, and Savior. Her name was Margaret, the patroness of our Parish.

Where does that leave us? Christ also has called you and me by name to follow Him and to proclaim our faith in Him with our very lives. We find that call in devout prayer. There are so many noises and distractions in our lives, though, that it often is difficult to hear what Christ has to say, no less to take His teachings and commands to heart and to put them into effect in the varied events of life.

There also are the persecutions that we encounter, whether physical harm and violent opposition or simply indifference. That is when we need all the more to turn to Christ in prayer and in proper reception of the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist, that He has given us as a means of strengthening the bonds that unite us to Himself and to one another. There is nothing magical about the grace of God. It requires work and cooperation on our part. The ultimate success beyond the trials and tribulations is guaranteed for those who remain faithful. Although the battles may continue, Christ has won the war for us.

Priests, as shepherds who re-present the Person of Christ, Head of the Church, are called to take up the mission of St. Peter to nurture and to guide the flock, the people, given into our pastoral keeping. Sadly, we do not always do that. Sometimes we are silent when we should speak out on matters of morals and the Natural Law as well as on the Church's Faith. We should challenge, but fall into playing the numbers game all too easily and are hesitant, if not afraid, to ruffle the wrong feathers. Even worse, some consciously mislead people by their false teachings and/or misdeeds.

Pray for all priests, that we may be faithful in carrying out the mission given to us through ordination: the salvation of souls in Christ. May we receive the Word of God honestly with open hearts and minds, truly believe what we read, boldly proclaim and teach what we believe, and lovingly practice what we teach!

May Christ grant us all the grace to hear His voice and to follow Him!

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATES

Thank you for your on-going generosity in the second collection, which has helped to offset the expenses of renting and operating the temporary boiler at over \$5,000/week. The unit has been removed, since the weather warmed up sufficiently; the second collection will continue for a few more weeks to offset the backlog of bills.

Estimates for removing and replacing the old boilers are running in excess of \$450,000. Substantial financing and fundraising will be required.

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

The next holy hour is Saturday, June 4.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

We're off to a good start for this year's ACA campaign with 77 pledges totaling \$41,195 toward our goal of \$76,014. A fair-share donation is just \$150 from each family, but, as always, whatever your means allow is most appreciated. Pledges can be paid out in lump sum or in monthly installments until the end of the year.

Envelopes are available for you to make a pledge beginning this weekend. You also can **pledge on-line at:**

annualcatholicappeal.org

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

The **relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** will be venerated at **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** church **this Thursday, May 12**, during a holy hour of Eucharistic adoration and Benediction **beginning at 7:30pm**. All are welcome!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace, intercede for her children!

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.

The next memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sat., May 14 at 11:45am. See page 2 for listing.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open for private prayer: Monday-Friday, 6:30am to 12:00 Noon; Saturday, 8:30am to 6:00pm; Sunday, 7:30am to 6:00pm. Come and spend some quality time with the Lord before or after Mass or during the day.

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.

~ 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 the Resurrection, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, women's interests, the Rosary, Easter art, 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.

WELCOME BACK TO LIVE THEATER!

Maggie's Little Theater Presents



www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org
(347)286-8508 (New phone number!)

SHOW DATES

Sat. July 9, 16-23 at 8pm - Sun. July 10,
17, 24 at 2:30pm - Fri. July 15 at 8pm
Adults \$20 - Seniors (65+) \$18 -
Children (11 and under) \$18

We value your safety: All patrons will be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination at the door, and wear a mask when not actively eating or drinking.

SMCA NEWS

Ms. Richardson, our Principal, received some wonderful news this past week: St. Margaret Catholic Academy has been granted five-year accreditation by the COGNIA Global Commission (which replaced Middle States Association) for our educational excellence.

Congratulations to our Administration, staff, students, parents, and Board of Directors for this achievement!

If you're looking to give your child a solid education based on Catholic values, contact the Academy offices at 718-326-0922 for more information or to register.

We also will have Universal Pre-K 3 and 4 beginning this September.

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 boiler 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.



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE - I

Thomas Kulesza

and

Bianca Rosario

