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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
MAY 15, 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. ~ MAY 15 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 William R. Roemmelt
10:00 Joseph T. Klonowski/Vincenza e
Mariano Palmeri/Salvatore e Rita
Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Maria
Curatolo
NOON Rev. Joseph O'Donnell, CM (anniv)
5:00PM William Schoppner (anniv)

MON. ~ MAY 16 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Giovanna Lechich
9:00 John Hegener

TUE. ~ MAY 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Bianca DiLorenzo (anniv)
9:00 Augusta Munday (anniv)

WED. ~ MAY 18 - ST. JOHN I, POPE

7:00 Mary Russell
9:00 Jim Scully

THU. ~ MAY 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Ruth O'Hehir
9:00 Maria Silvestri

FRI. ~ MAY 20 - ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

7:00 Priest Ordination class of 1995
9:00 Theodore T. Mundy (birth)

SAT. ~ MAY 21 - ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES

9:00 **Collective:** Patricia and Allen Gill
5:00PM Margaret Maloney (birth)

SUN. ~ MAY 22 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Antonino Catalano/Antonino, Giuseppe
e Antonina Catalano/Joseph & Frieda
Petsche/
NOON Rita and Jim Minogue
5:00PM Kenneth W. Smith



TIME FLIES!

This Friday, May 20, is the 162nd anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in our Parish. Come and give thanks at one of our regular Masses.

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!

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

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

*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 & HOST

*are offered in memory of Theodora Wurglics
at the request of the Jagde & Wolfe Families.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of
Augusta & Theodore Mundy
at the request of Barbara Mundy.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Fifth Sunday of Easter ,
Cycle C - Hymnal # 912***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16
John 14:27-31a

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-13ab, 21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
John 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31
Psalm 57:8-10, 12
John 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:1b-3, 5
John 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm 67:2-8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!"

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Have You Tried It Yet?”

This morning (Tuesday), I had the pleasure of celebrating Mass with the First Communion class from our Academy who had come to offer their thanksgiving and also to help crown a statue of our Lady. I asked them if they were still excited about having received the Eucharist last Saturday. To a child, their faces lit up with big smiles as they nodded “Yes”. Turning to the adults in the congregation, I remarked as to how that should be our response every time we receive the Lord. It isn't easy. We don't always embrace the Kingdom of God as a little child. The novelty does wear off after a while, and more's the pity for that.

Similarly, our desire to follow Christ's commandment to “love one another” as He has loved us also seems to falter rather easily. The British author G.K. Chesterton, one of the greatest writers of the last century and a convert to Catholicism, commented to the effect that “Christianity hasn't been tried and found wanting; it just hasn't been tried,” by which I suspect he meant that we disciples really haven't given ourselves over entirely to the Master's great commandment. There are so many obstacles to our doing so, many of our own choosing or device. Besides, loving other people would be a lot easier if it weren't for other people.

The counsel to persevere in the practice of the Faith that St. Paul gave his congregation in today's first reading applies equally to us. At times, following his itinerary can be like playing “Where's Waldo?” We might imagine that Paul and Barnabas met with one success after another, but a good reading of the Acts of the Apostles would enlighten us as to the reality of their ups and downs. Two towns before the opening of today's reading, for instance, found Paul and Barnabas at the point of death, having been stoned – with real stones – for having preached openly and without apology or mincing of words that Jesus was the promised Messiah.

Our standing up for the teachings of Christ and His Church probably won't result in someone chucking a rock at us (though one can never tell these days), but we Christians, especially Catholics who are such in more than name only, will run into great opposition. “It is necessary for us,” too, “to undergo many hardships in order to enter the Kingdom of God.” Just open a newspaper or turn on the evening news. Some of our opponents seem to be evil personified, especially those who grasp for political power all too eager to stand on the corpses of millions of murdered children. What really drives the opposition nuts, though, is not our responding in kind with violence and mockery and scornful diatribes and bombast, but our responding in the way that we have been taught by Christ, namely, “love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”

St. John the Beloved Disciple saw in his vision a new Heaven and a new earth, the new Jerusalem descending from Heaven as the presence of the living God among His people after they had suffered many trials and tribulations for their faithfulness. That certainly will happen at the end of time, but it also can be part of our experience even now as we try to take to heart and practice the teachings of Christ and His Church, following the instructions and examples of the honored saints as well as of the good people whom we ourselves have known.

There is great joy and newness of life to be found when we do enter into the love of God and share it with others. It shouldn't take an “I'm a Christian” T-shirt or bumper sticker for people to recognize us as Christ's disciples. Instead, let us persevere in our love for one another. Have you tried it yet? Have I?

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATES

Thank you for your generosity in the second collection, which has helped to offset the expenses of renting and operating the temporary boiler at over \$5,000/week. Although the unit has been removed, we need to continue the second collection for a few more weeks to offset the open billings.

Estimates for removing and replacing the old boilers are running in excess of \$450,000. We hope to begin work once the school year has ended. 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

Thanks to those families who have gotten us off to a *great* start for this year's ACA campaign with **93 pledges** totaling **\$57,650, 75.8% of the way 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 installments until the end of the year.

Envelopes are available on the radiators for you to make a pledge. You also can *pledge on-line at:*

annualcatholicappeal.org



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 Saturday, June 11, at 11:45am.

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, is available without charge to parishioners. You just need Internet access and an e-mail account to visit the website.

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 Sacraments, true rest vs. laziness, prayer, Bible studies, Catholic customs, women's issues, 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.

TICKETS ON SALE MAY 23!!!

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

There is an **URGENT NEED** for blood donations and the New York Blood Center is asking again, for our help.

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a **BLOOD DRIVE on Sunday, June 5 from 9am until 3pm** in the Parish Hall. Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is requested that you schedule an appointment by calling **800-933-2566**. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Bring a mask; requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.

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 - II

Thomas Kulesza and Bianca Rosario