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**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
MAY 22, 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 22 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MON. ~ MAY 23 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Mary Russell
9:00 Antonino Catalano

TUE. ~ MAY 24 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Mary Russell
9:00 Anthony Fahey

WED. ~ MAY 25 - STS. BEDE/ GREGORY VII/ MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI

7:00 Philomena Karcher (birth)
9:00 Kathleen Lenihan Kiernan
7:30PM Guido & Anna Carosi

THU. ~ MAY 26 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7:00 Dcd. of the Beck & Wiesner Families
9:00 People of the Parish
7:30PM Angelo & Marguerite Scaturro

FRI. ~ MAY 27 - ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

7:00 Robert Hoelle
9:00 John McMahan

SAT. ~ MAY 28 - EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Gaspare Valente
5:00PM Alois Kropf

SUN. ~ MAY 29 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 Gerald McDonald (anniv)
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Grazia
Scandariato/Carmelo Caruana
NOON Anna and Andrew Jenner
5:00PM Peter Trinche



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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, Jeremiah Harris, Maria Polce,

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:

***GREGORIO LORINO,
PALMIRA (POLLY) CIMINO***

*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 Mary Russell
at the request of Jeanne Perry & Hank Banker.*

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY, MAY 26 IN OBSERVANCE
OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.
MASSES ARE AT 7 & 9AM AND 7:30PM**

TODAY'S READINGS

***Sixth Sunday of Easter ,
Cycle C - Hymnal # 915***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15
Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-6a, 9b
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18-1
Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14
John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4
John 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28, 47:2-3, 8-10
John 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23 or
Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Peace that the World cannot give”

Last week, as the Gospel passage of Jesus telling His disciples to love one another was being proclaimed at vigil Masses, the first reports were coming in of a hate-filled young man murdering ten innocent people at a grocery store in Buffalo, NY. His motivation for this warped hatred was that they were black, and he would have gone on to murder still more when, thankfully, he was stopped. Since then, there have been reports of other attacks on groups and individuals. The list of the dead include children as well as elders, men and women of various backgrounds who were just going about their business when they were killed. It's nothing new; we've seen it too many times.

Politicians on all levels, never wanting to waste an opportunity, have been quick to make the most of these latest tragedies, calling for limitations on certain types of weaponry and stiff penalties for those who use, manufacture, or sell them. We might just as well outlaw anything else that can be misused as weapons. The fine art of violence has been part of mankind's sad history of hate ever since Cain struck Abel.

Enter today's Scripture readings. Our liturgical attention turns this week to the promise and effects of the Holy Spirit Whom Christ would bestow from the Father upon His disciples. The same Spirit Who unites Father and Son in the bond of eternal love would do the same for the disciples and lead them (us) into a relationship of peace and harmony such as the world and all its congresses, parliaments, governments, and organizations cannot achieve.

Thus, the Holy Spirit brought about a healing compromise in the early Church, which had been torn by religious factionalism between Gentile and Jewish Christians. The points of dispute may seem strange and inconsequential to us today, but they carried much weight back then. Nevertheless, there was no compromising on the basics. To paraphrase St. Augustine of Hippo (+ 430), “In essential matters, unity; in non-essentials, diversity; in all things, charity.”

Similarly today, discussions and occasional compromises take place on matters that affect our lives both as secular citizens and as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, oftentimes to the point where it seems that nothing gets accomplished, but at least people are talking to each other, hopefully civilly.

Hatred and madness continue in our world, seemingly unabated these days. Open warfare is raging in Europe between nominally Christian nations and also in other parts of the world; the threat of nuclear war(s) is higher than at any other time since the end of the Cold War; violence is rampant in local neighborhoods worldwide; demonstrations in favor of the murder of innocent children still in their mothers' wombs have clogged our city streets, with the support of politicians, even “Catholic” politicians, who claim to represent the people; racial and religious prejudices abound. Meanwhile, those who try to proclaim the Gospel message of reformation of life and repentance for sin, as well as the teachings of the Church on the sacred dignity of every human being, the nature of human sexuality, and the indissolubility of sacramental marriage, are derided and defamed, and our churches are desecrated.

The response to all of this is not to be found in legislation, executive orders, edicts or the bombasts of self-serving political rhetoric or even in papal exhortations. It falls back on the command that we received last week from the Master Himself: “Love one another as I have loved you.”

Like the generations of Christians before us, we await a new Heaven and a new earth, for the Heavenly Kingdom to come to full fruition in God's own time. Until then, like them, we struggle to live the life of a child of God each day, aided by His grace, for we already possess the promised Gift of His Holy Spirit by virtue of our baptism into the Body of Christ and the unity of the Most Holy Trinity, bound together by love and dwelling in the eternal peace that the world cannot give.

May the day dawn soon when hatred and violence will give way to love and lasting peace!

~ *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 **99 pledges** totaling **\$58,910, 77.5% 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!

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Michael R. Roemmelt, St. Margaret Graduate, Class of 2009, on achieving the Degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Tufts University, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

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!

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to our Councilman, Robert Holden for securing a monetary grant from the City Council for the St. Margaret Food Pantry. These funds enabled us to supply each of our pantry families with a nice Easter dinner, turkey breast and all the trimmings, plus chocolate bunnies and dessert.

Thanks also to our wonderful, generous parishioners who supply the pantry with food and supermarket gift cards on a weekly basis.

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.

CHOIR NEWS



We are trying to form a small choir for the Sunday evening Mass at 5:00pm.

Please see Don Competello, our Director of Music Ministry, after any Mass, if you're interested in trying out.

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 our Lady, St. Joseph, the Sacraments, priesthood, Catholic living, children's interests and much more.

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. Please 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 - III

Thomas Kulesza and Bianca Rosario