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**SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
MAY 29, 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 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

MON. ~ MAY 30 - EASTER WEEKDAY MEMORIAL DAY

9:00 Deceased Members of the U.S.
Armed Forces

TUE. ~ MAY 31 - THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 Intention of Bridie McHale
9:00 Conail Friel

WED. ~ JUNE 1 - SAINT JUSTIN

7:00 Mary B. O'Shea (anniv)
9:00 Andrew Jenner

THU. ~ JUNE 2 - STS. MARCELLINUS & PETER

7:00 Velma Begy
9:00 Maria Curatolo (birth)

FRI. ~ JUNE 3 - ST. CHARLES LWANGA

7:00 Rev. Salvatore F. D'Anna
9:00 Joseph and Elizabeth Sustar

SAT. ~ JUNE 4 - EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Deceased Priests of the
Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/
Rebecca & Aloysius David/George
Christian (anniv)
9:30 **Holy Hour**
5:00PM Lottie Andrzejewski (birth)

SUN. ~ JUNE 5 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 Adeline Mancuso
10:00 Madeline Sepe
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz

MEMORIAL DAY

This Monday, May 30, is Memorial Day. Before you start with the bargain hunting, BBQ's, and pool parties, please take some time to pray for the souls of the brave men and women who have given their lives from 1775 to today for the creation, preservation, and defense of our nation.



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 Marchiondo, 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, Cathy Wilkenson, Maria Cermeli, Frank Marlow, Stephen Crane, Sara Alvarado,

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:***

MARY S. ROCCUZZO, MARY SCAROLA,

*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 THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Rev. Salvatore F. D'Anna at
the request of Ben Armato.*

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 30, IN OBSERVANCE
OF MEMORIAL DAY.
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

TODAY'S READINGS

***Seventh Sunday of Easter ,
Cycle C - Hymnal # 916***

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 97:1-9
Revelation 22:12-20
John 17:20-26

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36
John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2a, 5-11
John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Psalm 11:4, 5, 7
John 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-34
I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Romans 8:8-17
John 20:19-23

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Our Unity in Christ”

These last few weeks we've been taking our Gospel texts from Christ's final instructions to His disciples just before His arrest on the night of the Last Supper, as presented by the Gospel according to St. John. Today, we read His “High Priestly Prayer” for His followers – not just for the Eleven but for all of us disciples for all time. It is a very personal prayer to the Father for our unity in the bond of love that unites the Father and the Son, by which we might experience the presence of the living God. This unity should be the goal of every Christian, and our attempt to achieve it, the mission of our lifetime by which we bear as faithful witness to Him as did St. Stephen.

The world in which we live is full of divisions, from opposing international alliances to rival political parties, all the way down to fractured families and personal turmoil. How odd Christ's prayer for unity might seem to us! How unrealistic! How unachievable! Nevertheless, this is what He has commanded us to accomplish, and He never demands that we do anything that is beyond our abilities, for He always gives us the means to fulfill His commands: the Gift of His Holy Spirit. We are to be one as Christ is one with the Father through the bond of Their Spirit, Who is the very love that the Father and Son exchange for all eternity and through Whom alone we find our own unity and peace.

We are liturgically between two great feasts of the Church. Easter is six weeks behind us, and Pentecost – the “birthday of the Church” and end of the Easter Season – is just a week away. All too often we observe the landmarks of faith and festivals but fail to recognize the continuum that they present. The Creed that we proclaim every Sunday, for instance, is not a mere list of isolated events but rather is an account of God's constant presence in our lives. The Father's love for us is expressed through His Gift of His Son for our salvation and of us to His Son, along with the further Gift of His Spirit for our sanctification and union with Him now and forever.

Equally too often, we close the door on the Father's many gifts of grace and turn away from Him in sin. When we do that, evil finds its way into the world, and divisions arise. Sin may be personally small or immensely consequential. Sometimes it expresses itself in hateful acts of violence such as we have seen all too frequently of late. We might chalk it up to mental illnesses (to one “-osis” or another), or bitter contests for political power. Furthermore, we might argue about enacting this or that law to curb, if not end, the problem, but the root of the matter lies in the human heart and the devastating effects of every personal sin. If hearts are not changed, the sad realities of our world will not change.

Christ prays in today's Gospel for unity: *unity*, not uniformity. We are not “Stepford children” but children of God, created in His image with the capacity to reason AND to love. Our striving to understand the world around us should lead us to recognize the presence of God, which, in turn, should lead us to grasp His love for us and to love Him in return. Christ's mission was not simply to restore humanity and all Creation to the way that they were before the Fall of Adam and Eve, but, by uniting our humanity to His divinity and offering Himself to the Father in obedient and humble love, to go infinitely further by making us children of God, very sharers in His love and in His eternal life, to be one just as He and the Father are one in the Holy Spirit.

As we approach the solemnity of Pentecost this year, let our prayer be for unity and peace in our homes, our parish and neighborhood, our country, and throughout the world. *Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful; enkindle in us the fire of Thy love!*

~ ***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.

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 **104 pledges totaling \$63,100, 83% 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!

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.



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.

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!

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 Catholic approach to politics, love and marriage, daily reflections, Scripture studies, 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 NOW ON SALE

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 be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE NEXT 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; 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 in 2022.

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 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