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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 19, 2022

THE GREAT COMMISSION

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age!”

~ Matthew 28: 19-20

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN. ~ JUNE 19 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST/ FATHERS DAY

8:00 Linda Castagna
10:00 Daniele Bussa/Rosaria, Rosario e
Nunzio Taormina/Salvatore e Rocco
Fazzolari/Concezio e Vincent Battaglini
The DePaola Family/
NOON Fathers Day Triduum
5:00PM Anthony Santora

MON. ~ JUNE 20 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Fathers Day Triduum
9:00 Tony Liotta

TUE. ~ JUNE 21 - ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

7:00 Antoinette Composto
9:00 Fathers Day Triduum

WED. ~ JUNE 22 - STS. PAULINUS OF NOLA/ JOHN FISHER/THOMAS MORE

7:00 Francesco DeCapite
9:00 Lottie Andrzejewski (anniv)

THU. ~ JUNE 23 - THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

7:00 Mary Bertolas
9:00 Theodora Wurglics

FRI. ~ JUNE 24 - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:00 Intention of Karen DeRose
9:00 Cesar Chamochumbi
9:30 Holy Hour

SAT. ~ JUNE 25 - THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 **Collective:** Salvatore Fischetti/Peter
Radske (birth)/
5:00PM People of the Parish

SUN. ~ JUNE 26 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Angelo Martino
NOON Deceased of the Jaklitsch Family
5:00PM Joseph R. Borgia



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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
SUSPENDED FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST.**

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

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 of prayer and by
deepening our understanding of the Scriptures. We strive
to reach out and respond to the changing needs of our
community.*

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 Marchindiondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoll, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, 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, Danis Mets, Cathy Wilkenson, Maria Cermeli, Frank Marlow, Stephen Crane, Sara Alvarado, Beatrice Sellers, Samantha Cianciolo,

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:***

Rev. Msgr. Leonard Badia

*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 Lottie Andrzejewski
at the request of her daughter, Linda.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Thaddeus Lubanski
at the request of the Lubanski Family.*



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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

TODAY'S READINGS

***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Cycle C - Hymnal # 927***

Genesis 14:18-20
Psalm 110:1-4
I Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11b-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Kings 17:5-8, 13-18
Psalm 60:3-5, 12-13
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday: II Kings 19:9b-11, 14-36
Psalm 48:2-4, 10-11
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: II Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3
Psalm 119:33-40
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday: Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-15
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Ezekiel 34:11-16
Psalm 23:1-6
Romans 5:5b-11
Luke 15:3-7

Saturday: Lamentations 2:2, 10-19
Psalm 74:1b-7, 20-21
Luke 2:41-51

Sunday: I Kings 19:16b-21
Psalm 16:1-11
Galatians 5:1-18
Luke 9:51-62

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

"Reality and Real Presence"

Today Catholics in the USA celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, aka Corpus Christi. It is a relatively ancient feast, going back to the mid-1200s, introduced at a time when many people had drifted away from reception of the Blessed Sacrament or even had stopped believing in its sacred reality. Some of the most familiar hymns still used by the Church – like “Tantum Ergo”, “Pange Lingua”, and “O Salutaris Hostia” – were written for the feast by no less a theologian than St. Thomas Aquinas.

Almost eight centuries later, we find ourselves in a similar situation. Mass attendance is down considerably from pre-pandemic levels. Many people who might come back for a special celebration like First Communion or weddings or funerals treat reception of Holy Communion with nonchalance, totally detached from their regular lack of practice, as if it were an empty gesture in which to join the rest of the crowd. The fault lies, at least in part, with the poor catechesis and poorer preaching that our people have received from the clergy for the last two or three generations, abetting a lack of reinforcement of teaching and practice in the home. We've become so focused on social issues that we've neglected to attend to things of a much higher order: the salvation of souls.

Another part of the problem is that it became general practice during the pandemic lockdowns to urge people to be content with watching Mass on TV or some other device and to make an act of spiritual communion, as if that were the same as participating at Mass and receiving the sacred Host. While there is grace to be found in every truly devout and pious religious act and experience, there is a world of difference between watching a Mass on some device and receiving Jesus Christ present *par excellence* in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Some public figures (you know their names) continue to generate scandals by proclaiming to be a “good, practicing Catholic” while obstinately holding to and promoting teachings and practices that are entirely contrary to the Church's positions on the integrity of human life from the moment of conception and the nature and proper use of our male or female sexuality. To add insult to injury, most of our bishops have decided to sit out the argument of defending the Church's teachings on the proper reception of the Sacrament and what it means to be “in communion with the Church”: we are to be *in communion*, i.e., living according to the teachings of the Church, before we can *receive Communion*.

While the Eucharist is a “spiritual medicine” for the forgiveness of venial sins, most people today also seem to have forgotten that the reception of the Sacrament requires the communicant to be free of and absolved from all mortal sin. Yet the confession lines remain disturbingly short, while the Communion lines remain noticeably long, as just about everyone who still attends Mass comes up to receive. Either the commission of sacrilege is rampant, or sin has been eliminated from the world. The smart money is betting on the former.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ given to His disciples at the Last Supper and sealed by His Cross and Resurrection. Sadly, this is a point that most Catholics, even among those who still participate at Mass regularly, no longer accept as a matter of faith. For most, it is only a symbol, a reminder of an event of 2,000 years ago. Yet, it is NOT “just a symbol” but the very Person of Jesus Christ, present in a way unlike any other: really, truly, and substantially present under the appearance of bread and wine that have been blessed, offered, and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In ages past, Christians would defy oppressive authorities and celebrate the Eucharist, even to the point of dying in the attempt. Priests would risk their lives to offer the sacrifice of the Mass in homes, catacombs, and fields, on hillside Mass rocks, and even on Jeep hoods. Today, we have become complacent and cowardly in the face of evil and the abuse of the great gift that Christ has given to His disciples in order feed us and to be with us and we with Him always. The time to return to what the Church has held and taught and suffered for is long overdue.

As the Eucharist is a binding and sustaining force in the Church as a whole, so also it gives strength and support to husbands and wives and their families, the very building blocks of society and the body politic. Without the Eucharist, the essence of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ ceases to exist. This, too, is the Mystery and Reality of the Real Presence.

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATES

The bills for the temporary boiler having been paid, the special second collections have ended. The need for your regular support remains, though, as 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, July 2.

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 **112 pledges** totaling **\$52,750, 69.4% 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

STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea. The patience of eternity, the depth of a family need. Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so, He called it DAD.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!



THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY

is located in the Convent
66-25 79th Place, and is open



**WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10:00am to 12:00Noon**

Most needed are supermarket gift cards or certificates which we will use to buy fresh fruits and perishables such as eggs, cheese, butter and bread. Please place the cards and certificates in the rectory office mail slot.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

**The pantry will be CLOSED on SATURDAYS
beginning on July 2 and reopening on Sept. 3.**

The hours will be 10am until 12noon.

All clients are welcome.

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, 7:20am 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!



to our Academy Class of 2022
and to all our little ones
who are "stepping up"
into the next grade level.

We wish you all much success.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Margaret Catholic Academy will sponsor a gathering for the alumni of **St. Margaret School, Classes of 1960-1999**, on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Save the date! More information will follow in the coming weeks.

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, *The Search* series, spiritual growth, discernment, videos by Chris Stefanick and Scott Hahn, 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

SERVICE WELL DONE

Our thanks and best wishes to our young people who have helped to staff the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry for some time and now are moving on to college:

Andrew Franzese (5yrs.), Claire Garbowski (4 yrs.), and Giovanna Doria (18 months).

May God be with you in your studies!



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

Open Sunday, 9AM TO 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

had their Annual Race for Education.

Our students, parents, teachers and donors worked very hard and had an enjoyable day.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

*Duffy Floor Services, Maspeth Federal,
Amazing Floor Services, Cross County Bank,
Fitzsimons and Hagan Dentistry, Village Saloon,
Raytone & Varuzzi Plumbing, Unishippers,
Graf-X Media, AM Building and Restoration,
Dynamix Scaffold, Steve's Deli,
Turbo Lighting, Ridgewood Savings Bank.*

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

New and renewal registrations in our Religious Education Program will begin shortly. Sessions will be held **in-class on Tuesdays: 3:30-4:45 (Grades 1-4) and 5:15-6:30 (Grades 5-8)**. Keep an eye out for further news.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

This Sunday, June 19, is the solemnity of Corpus Christi. We will have a brief period of Eucharistic adoration followed by a procession with the Sacrament inside the church and concluding with benediction, immediately following the 12:00 noon Mass. All are encouraged to participate.