

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY**

**IN**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 26, 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 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

### MON. ~ JUNE 27 - ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

7:00 Augie DeSimone  
9:00 Intention of Gloria & Dick Suppiger and Family

### TUE. ~ JUNE 28 - ST. IRENAEUS

7:00 Intention of Edward Lenihan  
9:00 Mary Bertolas

### WED. ~ JUNE 29 - STS. PETER AND PAUL

7:00 Evelyn Gillespie  
9:00 Joan Meyers

### THU. ~ JUNE 30 - THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

7:00 Intention of Virginia Vocaturo  
9:00 Renate Haufmann

### FRI. ~ JULY 1 - ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

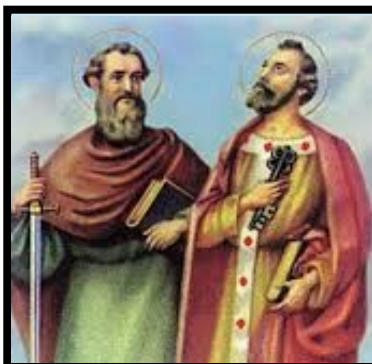
7:00 Casimir Krzewski  
9:00 Raymond Maurer, Sr.

### SAT. ~ JULY 2 - WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/  
Anne Zanichelli/  
9:30 Holy Hour  
5:00PM Anna & John Rice

### SUN. ~ JULY 3 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 John Masi  
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Antonina Mauceri/  
NOON Agusta D. Weiner  
5:00PM William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz



SAINTS  
PETER  
AND  
PAUL  
JUNE 29

## 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](http://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, Denis Mets, Cathy Wilkenson, Maria Cermeli, Frank Marlow, Stephen Crane, Sara Alvarado, 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:*

***DONNA KOROTKI, BEATRICE SELLERS,  
CHARLES SCALA***

*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 Gerald Collins & Family.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Evelyn Gillespie  
at the request of Mary Pascale.*

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MON., JULY 4, IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
MASS IS AT 9:00AM, ONLY**

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle C - Hymnal # 966*

I Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Psalm 16:1-11

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Luke 9:51-62

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Amos 2:6-16

Psalm 50:16bc-23

Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday:

Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12

Psalm 5:4b-6a, 6b-8

Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Acts 12:1-11

Psalm 34:2-9

Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

Thursday:

Amos 7:10-17

Psalm 19:8-11

Matthew 9:1-8

Friday:

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12

Psalm 119:2, 10-40, 131

Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday:

Amos 9:11-15

Psalm 85:9ab and 10-14

Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday:

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-17 or Luke 10:1-9

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Commitment Is a Dirty Word”***

A couple of weeks ago, Bishop Brennan ordained three men to the priesthood for the Diocese of Brooklyn; last weekend, Bishop Barres ordained three others for Rockville Centre, our “daughter diocese” with which we share Long Island. Six new priests sounds pretty good – that is, until we consider that more than several times that number will retire or die this year and that there are about three hundred parishes with a total of over three million nominal Catholics on LI alone.

In one of the hallways at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, where many of us studied, there hang the photographs of each year’s priestly ordination class going back to the 1930s, what we priests reverently (or not so reverently, at times) refer to as “the Days of the Giants”. Most of the early classes had over three-dozen men ordained from a much smaller population base, while most of the later classes, including my own, have had only a handful or less. So, what has happened? I wish that there were a simple explanation, but there isn’t. Nevertheless, I would offer a thought or two on the matter.

The Catholic population of our area, at least nominally speaking, is several times what it was ninety years ago, and the proportional number of young men in the general population hasn’t changed very much. Surely, God hasn’t stopped calling men to serve His Church in the priesthood, for we are a sacramental Church, and all but two Sacraments require a priest (or bishop) in order to be celebrated validly for the spiritual wellbeing of the People of God. The need for the Sacraments and, hence, for the priesthood remains strong.

Still, the number of Church (and even civil) weddings is down, as are baptisms; the number of children enrolled in Catholic schools is down, as is the number in religious education (“CCD”) programs; Mass attendance is down dramatically. Divorce and temporary co-habitation are up. It isn’t the pandemic. All of these situations existed well before Covid hit.

Take a look at today’s Scripture readings, and I think we’ll find a clue as to the root of the problem. In each of them is the idea of commitment, whether it is to following a religious leader (Elijah or Jesus) or to living in accord with the promptings of the Spirit. Elijah is a bit more lenient with Elisha, but note the reaction of Christ to the hesitation of the potential disciples who place conditions on following Him. He demands total commitment from them – and from us.

Commitment seems to be a dirty word these days, and not just for those who are called to serve the Church in the priesthood, consecrated religious life, or marriage. While the Parish was once the center of neighborhood life, people don’t seem to want to get involved today. The problem is not local, confined to one parish or neighborhood; it’s endemic in secular society as well as in religion. The elderly, with good reason, are tired of “carrying the ball”, and there are many other opportunities for the younger members to use their time, or not use it at all, outside the opportunities and needs of the Church.

St. Paul urged his disciples in Galatia to use their God-given freedom in humble, loving service to one another. That hasn’t changed. Discipleship costs, and freedom does not mean license to do whatever we please. It requires that we “live in the Spirit”, readily placing ourselves at the disposal of God and of those around us. We attune ourselves to knowing the will of God through prayerful discernment, and we act upon it as Catholic Christians through the grace that He provides through the Sacraments.

We’ve been fairly successful up until recently in sacramentalizing people, but less so in making true disciples who are willing to commit their lives to following Jesus Christ, especially if that means joining Him on the road to Jerusalem to offer ourselves to God at our own Calvary. Each of us must decide how we will follow Christ and use the freedom that He has won for us.

So, pray for your priests and for those who will come after us, but also be an active disciple yourself here in your own parish and family. Don’t let commitment be a dirty word.

~ *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 very soon. 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 **113 pledges** totaling **\$52,850, 69.5% 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](http://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!

## TAKE NOTE ...

The adult choir has flourished this year! Many thanks to all who have encouraged and complimented us, it is much appreciated.

We sing all summer, at the 12 noon Mass, with people who love and practice their ministry.

Please remember, the choir is open and welcomes new members.

Come and make a joyful noise!



## 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, 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.**

## 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, July 9, 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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

St. Margaret Catholic Academy will sponsor a gathering for the alumni of **St. Margaret School, Classes of 1960-2000**, 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 the Eucharist, *The Search* series, the Holy Land, Scripture studies, conversion stories, 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](http://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

## 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 are being taken for our Religious Education Program. Sessions will be held **IN-CLASS on Tuesdays: 3:30-4:45 (Grades 1-4) and 5:15-6:30 (Grades 5-8).**

To register or for more information, please contact the Religious Ed Program at:

**[stmargaretre@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretre@gmail.com)**



## 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](mailto:StMargGiftShop@yahoo.com)**

## SUMMER MASSES

Summer vacation time is here. We will keep to our **regular Mass schedule for July and August.** Whether you're going to be home or away, there's always a Catholic church nearby for you to fulfill your Mass obligation. Check this website for the closest one, if you're traveling in the USA:

**[catholicmasstime.org](http://catholicmasstime.org)**