

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

JULY 17, 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. ~ JULY 17 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 John Murphy
10:00 Mary Slowik/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/
NOON Mr. & Mrs. Stephan Forte
5:00PM People of the Parish

MON. ~ JULY 18 - ST. CAMILLUS deLELLIS

7:00 Leo McMenna
9:00 Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey

TUE. ~ JULY 19 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Joseph Henn
9:00 David P. Jones (birth)

WED. ~ JULY 20 - STS. APOLLINARIS/ MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

7:00 Robert & Karen Schaefer
9:00 People of the Parish

THU. ~ JULY 21 - ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

7:00 Domenico DeSiervi
9:00 Intention of Allen McConville (birth)

FRI. ~ JULY 22 - ST. MARY MAGDALENE

7:00 Peter Bojcenjuk
9:00 Charles Droz

SAT. ~ JULY 23 - ST. BRIDGET

9:00 **Collective:** Joseph Henn/Joan Henn/
Joanna Smith/
5:00PM People of the Parish

SUN. ~ JULY 24 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Mary Hawd
10:00 Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio
NOON Anita Ann Competello
5:00PM Regina Gockley

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 JULY AND AUGUST.

ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS HAVE RESUMED. SEE SCHEDULE.



**SAINT
MARGARET
OF
ANTIOCH
JULY 20**

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, Maria Colella,

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:

*Rev. Nicholas M. Colalella
Paul Zwolak*

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:

EUCARISTICA MADONIA

*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 Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk..*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 975*

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15:2-5
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 50:5-9, 16bc-23 Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Micah 7:14-20 Psalm 85:2-8 Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10 Psalm 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jeremiah 2:1-13 Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-11 Matthew 13:1-9
Friday:	II Corinthians 5:14-17 Psalm 63:2-9 John 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Jeremiah 7:1-11 Psalm 84:3-11 Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday:	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138:1-8 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Better Part”

These last few weeks we've been looking at characteristics that Christians are supposed to have as good disciples, from commitment, to trust, perseverance, and joy a few weeks ago to mercy and compassion last week. We continue this week with two more, namely, hospitality and attentiveness to the Word of God.

The beautiful icon written by St. Andrei Rublev in early XV Century Russia wonderfully illustrates the scene presented in today's first reading, with Abraham giving hospitality to three strangers, unaware that they were really the living God. Hospitality, especially toward strangers, was and remains a strong trait in the culture of the Middle East and many other societies, as well. It goes beyond simple courtesy. Whatever one has is shared freely and generously with others. I have experienced it myself many times in visits to faith-filled friends, now “cousins” by mutual albeit informal “adoption”, in Herzegovina as they emulate the hospitality and the deep faith of Abraham and Sarah.

“Table fellowship” is important for us, too, as Catholics today. We gather around the altar of the Lord, following the pattern of Christ's Last Supper with His Apostles. It is the ultimate expression of our faith in which we share all that Christ has to give – His very self in Word and in Sacrament. Unlike the scene with Abraham, though, it is not a matter of “all are welcome” as the modern hymn would have it. First we must hold to a right and common Faith and a common practice, which enable us to share properly in the common sacrificial offering; i.e., our unity of belief and way of life is a prerequisite for true sacramental communion.

Today's Gospel presents us with yet another image of hospitality, though one that is relegated to a second place of importance. Jesus had come to the home of His friends Lazarus, Martha, and Mary as a dinner guest, a role He often enjoyed. As Martha ran around trying to prepare the meal to make sure that everything was in order, her sister Mary, contrary to the custom of the time, sat at the feet of Christ like one of His male disciples, listening to Him speak. Perhaps we've been in a similar situation, where one person is scrambling to present a meal while someone else in the family just sits around engaging in conversation. Small wonder that Martha was upset. But Christ told her that there is a “better part” that Mary had chosen, something even more important than showing hospitality, and that was to hearing and being open to the Word of God, which, in turn, should motivate the listener and provide the reason and support for living as His disciple.

St. Paul was adamant about breaking open the Word for his disciples, too, not only in the city of Colossae, but wherever he preached about Jesus. For him, of course, it was a matter of interpreting the Hebrew Scriptures, what we call the Old Testament, since the Christian Scriptures, the New, including his own letters, were still in the process of being written. Nevertheless, the proclamation of the Good News of our salvation in Christ was done in terms of the fulfillment of the ancient promises and led Paul to follow Christ, uniting himself even with His sufferings.

How attuned are we to the Word of God? How familiar are we with the Scriptures? Do we enter the Liturgy of the Word cold, or do we prep for it by reading the Scriptures before Mass or at home? Is the homily the only time that we reflect on the Word of God, or is Scripture study, including prayerful reflection, an integral part of our spiritual life? When was the last time that the family Bible was opened and read and shared with others in the family, presuming that we have a copy of the Bible at home?

The quotation from St. Jerome that appears on page 3 of the *Mass Bells* every week at the bottom of the list of daily readings is a reminder to us to ground ourselves in the Word of God, which gives us impetus and guides us to act properly in our relationships with God and those around us. It's not a matter of either/or. Rather, we are able to serve God and neighbor better because we are grounded firmly in His Word, having chosen first the “better part”.

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATES

Work continues on removing the old, unusable boilers. We hope that this phase of the project will be completed within the next week to ten days.

SAVE THE DATE!!

October 15, 2022
ST. MARGARET
162nd ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Mass at 5:00pm
Reception from 6pm until 11:00pm.
More information to come.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Thanks to those families who have gotten us off to a great start for this year's ACA campaign with **120 pledges** totaling **\$58,570**, **77.1% 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!

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

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY



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

WEDNESDAY
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. The cards and certificates can be placed in the rectory office mail slot.

CLOSED SATURDAYS UNTIL SEPT. 3.

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, August 13, 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, 7:20am 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 Kristiana Wolfe on her graduation from Adelphi University. We wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Kristiana serves as our Sunday Sacristan, helps in the rectory office, and is a member of St. Margaret choir.

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 "Happiness at Work", marriage, virtual pilgrimages, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, activities for children, and other 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 16, 23 at 8pm
Sun. July 17, 24 at 2:30pm
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

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who continue to support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult times, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings.

Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship and commit to increasing your on-going support as your means allow in 2022.

On-line giving helps to keep your donations current when you are away from the Parish. 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

CLOSED THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Margaret Catholic Academy will sponsor a gathering for the alumni of **St. Margaret School, Classes of 1960-2000**, on September 24.

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

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:

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