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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 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 24 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MON. ~ JULY 25 - ST. JAMES

7:00 Joan Henn
9:00 Denise Vaicels (anniv)

TUE. ~ JULY 26 - STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 John D'Amato
9:00 Fred Basedow

WED. ~ JULY 27 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Maria Iorio
9:00 Donald Ashford

THU. ~ JULY 28 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Olga Troje
9:00 Paul Colangelo (anniv)

FRI. ~ JULY 29 - STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS

7:00 Maria Kump
9:00 Anna Tuttolomondo

SAT. ~ JULY 30 - ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

9:00 **Collective:** Eamon Blake/
5:00PM Vita Giannini

SUN. ~ JULY 31 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Billy Policke/Daniele Bussa/
NOON Robert Forte
5:00PM Andrew Andraos



SAINTS
JOACHIM
AND ANNE
PARENTS OF
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
JULY 26

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.

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, Allen McConville, Jack Marchindiondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, The Mojica Family, Matthew Zender, Anthony Pittelli, Charlie Krzewski, Helga Zender, Deacon John DeBiase, Tom Haubert, John Miller, Cathie Greulich, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Bernard Russo, John & Katie Bryzgornia, Eric Velasquez, Joseph Simon, Emma Green, Mary Policke, The Valasquez Family, 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, Cathy Wilkenson, Maria Cermeli, Frank Marlow, Stephen Crane, Sara Alvarado, Denis Mets, Samantha Cianciolo, Maria Colalella,

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:

VINCENT DiLANDRO,

*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 Joan & Joseph Henn
at the request of the St. Vincent dePaul Society.*

ALTAR CANDLES

are offered for the intention of Maria Krzewski.

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Evelyn Gillespie
at the request of Maggie's Little Theater.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 978***

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138:1-8
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1bc-2-6
Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8-13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
Psalm 59:2-18
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1b-2, 3-6ab
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5-14
John 11:19-27

Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Psalm 69:15-16, 30-34
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Psalm 90:3-17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Childlike Persistence”

In one of the reading options for the celebration of child baptisms, taken from the Gospel according to St. Mark, Jesus tells His disciples to let the little children approach Him, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. He goes on to say, rather strongly, “Unless you accept the Kingdom of God as a little child, you shall not enter into it.” I tell the families that this doesn’t mean that we whine and engage in temper tantrums until we get our way with God. Rather, just as the children presented will trust their parents to feed, clothe, house, and educate them (for the next twenty-two years or more) – i.e., that their parents want nothing but the best for them – so we are to trust that God wants nothing but the best for us and gives us everything that we could possibly need to attain a share in His own eternal life.

St. Luke, I think, presents a similar idea in today’s Gospel passage. What could be more expressive of a person’s trust in God than the often-repeated Lord’s Prayer (usually St. Matthew’s version) in which we presume upon and ask for God’s providential care and seek His pardon and protection? We usually zip through it so quickly and casually that we hardly realize what we are saying. Small wonder, perhaps, that Christ continued by presenting the two images, namely, that of the persistent neighbor and then of the wicked person who was kind enough to give good gifts to his children.

The latter is not an example of God, but rather a contrast. God knows what we need, and He is more than willing to bestow it upon us. If we have to persist in our prayers, it is not because God is reluctant but because we do not realize what we truly need, not simply for the here and now, but most especially for the long run. Yet, when was the last time (aside from Confirmation) that we actually asked God for the Gift of His Holy Spirit? Health – yes. Happiness – yes. Security – yes. A million other things – yes. But the Holy Spirit? Really? Are you serious, Father? Emphatically, Yes!

In our first reading today, Abraham, our “Father in Faith”, haggles with God over mercy to be shown to the morally corrupt and sexually perverse people of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. He bargains sort of like a tourist with a street vendor. (It’s called the fine art of *chutzpah* when applied to negotiating with God.) God patiently keeps agreeing to a reduction in “price” as Abraham persists. The rest is history: in the end the people do not repent, resulting in the destruction of both cities except for Lot and his wife and daughters. (One might wonder what would happen in our own time and society.)

We don’t haggle with God, but, in a sense, we do set a “price” on His mercy and forgiveness as we pray in the Lord’s Prayer, “Forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us.” [This is a new translation of St. Luke’s version.] Bottom line: Are we as merciful toward others as we desire our heavenly Father to be merciful toward us? It’s a two-edged sword if ever there were one: a blessing or a curse, as we choose freely by our actions.

This back-and-forth with God can be expressed in our active participation at holy Mass. First we present ourselves in our brokenness and ask for God’s healing; then we open ourselves to hearing and reflecting upon His Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit; next, we offer our prayers of petition for our and others’ needs, followed by gifts of bread and wine to be transformed by the power of the Spirit into the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ; finally, we receive these consecrated gifts, thereby uniting ourselves more deeply with Christ and, through Him, with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

How deeply do we truly desire these gifts that God is ready to pour out upon us in measure beyond our ability to fathom? Do we come before God with trusting openness, prepared to receive what He readily offers us? Do we enter eagerly into this mystery of God’s love for us, or has the whole thing become for us just an exercise of tiresome obligation that we just as well would prefer to forego?

Ask the Father for the Gift of the Holy Spirit to guide, protect, and strengthen you, and the Gift will be given to you, unseen and unrealized at the time, perhaps, but given nonetheless to enable you to be a firmer disciple of Christ and child of a loving God and Father. Ask trustingly with childlike persistence!

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATES

Removal of the old, unusable boilers is almost complete. Let's pray that the new boilers can be installed before Labor Day.

SAVE THE DATE!!

October 15, 2022

ST. MARGARET 162nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mass at 5:00pm.

Reception from 6:00pm 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 **123 pledges** totaling **\$58,630, 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.

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.

SCHOOL'S OUT

School is out for the summer. Please be careful for our children in the streets, whether on foot or on bikes, scooters, etc.

NEW VESTMENTS

Thanks to Annaliese and Michael Roemmelt for their donation of a matching red set of concelebrants' vestments in memory of our deceased parishioners. They're perfect for Pentecost, Confirmation, and other celebrations.



Summer Relaxation!!

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 Scripture study, Scott Hahn, Fr. Larry Richards and Stephen Ray, women's issues, and many activities to entertain and teach children on long summer days.

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

Maggie's Little Theater Presents



www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org
(347)286-8508 (New phone number!)

LAST 2 SHOWS

Sat. July 23 at 8pm

Sun. July 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.

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).**

Register by this Friday, July 29, to avoid having to pay late fees! Contact the Religious Ed Program at:

stmargaretre@gmail.com

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.

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.



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.