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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31, 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 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

MON. ~ AUGUST 1 - ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Intention of Diane Vaicels (birth)

TUE. ~ AUGUST 2 - STS. EUSEBIUS AND PETER JULIAN EYMARD

7:00 Gemma Bernaudo
9:00 Gregory Gina

WED. ~ AUGUST 3 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Augie DeSimone
9:00 Charles Fitzpatrick

THU. ~ AUGUST 4 - ST. JOHN VIANNEY

7:00 Madeline Sepe
9:00 Ralph Franzese

FRI. ~ AUGUST 5 - THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

7:00 Angie Ferzola
9:00 Alfonso & Mary Trotta

SAT. ~ AUGUST 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9:00 **Collective:** Dcd. Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/Mary & Giovanni Armato
9:30 Holy Hour
5:00PM Estelle Postel

SUN. ~ AUGUST 7 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Edith, Anna & Mary Vassallo
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Gloria Elizabeth Casines
NOON Baby Competello
5:00PM Robert Gockley



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD AUGUST 6

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, Vicki Lydecker, Vito Dugandzio,

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:

EVELYN STALLONE, GANDOLFO TARAVELLA,

*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 Donna Hanson at the
request of Phyllis Claussesn.*

ALTAR CANDLES

are offered in memory of Angie Ferzola.

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Mary & Giovanni Armato
at the request of Phyllis, Lee and Ben.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 981***

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm 90:3-17
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17
Psalm 119:29, 43, 79-80, 105
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-22
Psalm 102:16-29; 22-23
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-7
Jeremiah 31:10-13
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:12-19
Matthew 16:12-23

Friday: Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-7
Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: Daniel 7:9-14
Psalm 97:1-9
II Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Sunday: Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 33:1, 121-22
Hebrews 11:1-19
Luke 12:32-48

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Salva Che Trova”

My great-grandmother in the maternal line had a gift for wise sayings, both remembering them and sharing them with others as the situation warranted. Some were own creations; she was a sharp lady, even well into her ninety-second year. Many of them, I realized only when I got to the seminary, came from Scripture. Others were handed down from generation to generation as part of the oral tradition of our family and Sicilian culture in general.

One of her favorite sayings was, “Salva che trova,” meaning, “Save that you may find.” It covered a broad range of subjects for conservation (just about everything under the sun), but mostly applied to monetary matters. In other words, don't spend everything, or you'll wind up broke, for which she had another saying, “Rico, rico, cu senza soldi,” meaning people who made a lot of money but had squandered everything and wound up with nothing. I thought about these two sayings when reading over today's Scriptures, though I didn't apply them quite the way that Grandma Peppina originally may have meant them.

How do we use the gifts that God has given us? St. Robert Bellarmine wrote that it isn't so much a thing itself that's good or bad, but rather the way in which it is used that makes the determination. Food is necessary for our existence, but too much or too little can make us sick. Human sexuality is a gift from God, and, when used rightly, is an expression of unifying and fruit-producing love, but, when used improperly, it leads to the using and objectification of one or both of the partners. Medications can be useful in treating diseases, but their misuse can have serious, unwanted consequences. Wanting to “climb the ladder of success” to get a better-paying job with more power and authority in business helps us to attain a better life for ourselves and our descendants (isn't that why people came and continue to come to America from all over the world, seeking a new and better life?); over-focusing on the quest, though, can lead to greed, to demeaning others, and perhaps even to the disintegration of the very family that one initially sets out to benefit.

Today's first reading and Gospel passage speak to us about the unbridled accumulation of perishable wealth as the driving force of one's life when what we should be striving for is what is eternal: our principal quest should be for eternal unity with God, to “seek what is above,” as St. Paul puts it in his letter to his Colossian disciples. This requires a lot of work and self-discipline, as the Apostle goes on to describe, replacing our bad habits and practices with virtuous ones.

The task is continuous. It is the work of a lifetime, requiring us to be open to the grace that comes from God to attain the desired, favorable goal. We may stumble again and again, but God is ready to help us to stand once more. St. Frances Cabrini took as her motto a line from St. Paul's letter to his disciples in Philippi: “I can do all things through Him Who gives me strength.” That can apply to us, too.

So what are we stockpiling in our “barns”? Is it possessions and prestige and power that are here today but can perish or be stolen or vanish tomorrow? Remember: you can't take it with you in the end. Or is it the development of a holy and virtuous life that leads to good works as the fruits of our self-sacrifices and humble, loving service for the benefit of others and the glory of God?

“Salva che trova,” my great-grandmother would say. What are you asking God to help you to save, if not your very soul? Save it by following the Master, and you will find it in the Kingdom of His Father.

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATES

Phase I is done! Phase II - removal of the defunct boilers - is about to begin.

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 **128 pledges** totaling **\$59,280**, **78% 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. You can place cards and certificates 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.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a Blood Drive on Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 9:00am until 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is requested that you schedule an appointment by calling **888-933-2566** or scan the QR code on the flyers posted in the vestibule of the church. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Bring a mask; requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines. Visit:

nybc.org/coronavirus

for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.

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.

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 Search: Who Is Jesus?", St. Joseph, making virtual pilgrimages from home, the Letters of St. Paul, 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.

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.

ACADEMY NEWS

St. Margaret Catholic Academy has limited openings available in some grade levels. Contact the **Academy Offices** via email or phone (see the front cover of the *Mass Bells*) for more information.

HAIL AND FAREWELL!

We welcome **Fr. Felix Akamonye**, who will be joining us this week to serve the Parish during the month of August.

We bid farewell to and thank **Fr. Anthony Onwugbenu**, who has served us during the month of July.

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 Friday, August 26, to avoid having to pay late fees!

**Contact the Religious Ed Program:
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.



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

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.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generosity last weekend, a donation of \$1,832 is being sent to the *Office for the Propagation of the Faith* in support of the missions.