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NINETEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 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. ~ 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

MON. ~ AUGUST 8 - ST. DOMINIC

7:00 Jeaneatte Tavarone
9:00 Edna Kooij

TUE. ~ AUGUST 9 - ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

7:00 Mary B. O'Shea (anniv)
9:00 Enrico Franzese

WED. ~ AUGUST 10 - ST. LAWRENCE

7:00 Florence McShea
9:00 Joseph & Valeria Rader

THU. ~ AUGUST 11 - ST. CLARE

7:00 Maria Mische
9:00 Delia & Thomas Waters

FRI. ~ AUGUST 12 - ST. JANE FRANCES deCHANTAL

7:00 Mary Parente
9:00 Raymond & Florence Maurer

SAT. ~ AUGUST 13 - STS. PONTIAN AND HIPPOLYTUS

9:00 **Collective:** Rev. Msgr. Henry P. Kunig Filippo, Leonardo & Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/
11:45 **Memorial Mass:** Mary Slowik, Joann Caruso, Veronica Schad, Joan Henn, Anna Marziliano, Eucaristica Madonia, Vincent DiLandro, Evelyn Stallone, Angie & Rick Ferzola, Gandolfo Taravella,
5:00PM Brian Roe

SUN. ~ AUGUST 14 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Margaret Roemmelt
10:00 Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Daniele Bussa
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM Anthony Santora/Nancy Gardini



SAINT
DOMINIC
AUGUST 8

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 IN 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 Dugandzic, Manuela Perez, Lisa Lanzetta, Maria Barretta,

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

Paul C. Dennis

*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 Gloria Elizabeth Casines
at the request of her daughters.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Helen Dowdle
at the request of MaryLou & Pete.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Beatrice Sellers
at the request of St. Margaret Choir.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 984*

Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 33:1-22
Hebrews 11:1-19 or
Hebrews 11:1-12
Luke 12:32-48 or
Luke 12:35-40

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c
Psalm 148:1-14
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ezekiel 2:8-3; 4
Psalm 119:14-24, 72-131
Matthew 11:29;
Matthew 18:1-14

Wednesday: II Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 112:1-9
John 12:24-26

Thursday: Ezekiel 12:1-12
Psalm 78:56-62
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ezekiel 16:1-63
Isaiah 12:2-6
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: Ezekiel 18:1-32
Psalm 51:12-19
Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday: Jeremiah 38:4-10
Psalm 40:2-18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Don't Be Surprised”

Do you like surprises? I must confess, that I am not terribly fond of them, having experienced a few too many unpleasant ones, both physical and fiscal, in the course of the last five and a half years as pastor here at St. Margaret's. Pope Francis keeps saying, “Our God is a God of surprises”. I just wish that the Lord wouldn't live up to that designation quite so often.

The children of Israel weren't entirely certain about how God was going to bring about their freedom from bondage in Egypt, but, according to today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom, they at least got a heads-up through Moses and faithfully prepared for whatever it was that the LORD God was going to do to keep His promise. The people braced themselves and followed God's instructions, He acted, and the rest, as the saying goes, is history. Surprises can be good, after all.

Abraham was surprised several times in the course of his dealings with God, from his initial encounter with three mysterious guests that we read about a few weeks ago, to the miraculous conception of his son Isaac, to the equally miraculous sparing of Isaac's life, as noted in the longer form of today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Faith, “the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen”, was at play over and over again in dealing with the surprises, enabling Abraham to persevere in following God's instructions.

The central part of today's Gospel passage also speaks to us about faith and surprises. You may be familiar with it, if you've attended a wake service recently. Only Jesus could get away with comparing Himself to a thief coming in the night. He was telling His disciples to be prepared for His return at the end of time. They were to be on guard constantly, ready to receive Him, though they knew neither the day nor the hour. He was speaking about His Second Coming, to which we refer when we profess the Creed. Although He spoke about signs that would tip off His return, almost twenty centuries have come and gone, along with generations of disciples, and we're still waiting. So, how are we supposed to be prepared?

More immediately and personally, I think He was also telling them/us to be prepared to receive Him when He should come at the end of our individual time, for which, also, we know neither the day nor the hour. We are to be prepared every moment of our lives to open to the Lord when He comes and knocks.

This doesn't mean that we seal ourselves off in our bedrooms or some dank cave, Rosary in one hand and Bible in the other, waiting for Jesus to show up. Rather it requires that we live each day faithfully according to His teachings, keeping God at the center of our lives. Every act of mercy and forgiveness, of goodness and compassion, of justice and self-sacrifice that we perform is a living out of our faith in Him Who has promised us the eternal life for which we hope.

Christianity is not simply a matter of doctrines and dogmas, rules and regulations that we choose to accept or dismiss. These, along with Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments, are given to us by God through His Church to assist us in strengthening our relationship with Christ. The good that we do, and our avoidance of sin, are not supposed to be isolated incidents in our lives but should be integral expressions of who we are as members of the Body of Christ, joined to Him and, through Him, to the Father and the Holy Spirit by the waters of Baptism.

When we live consistently in such a manner, it doesn't matter when the Lord comes to take us home. Whenever that occurs, He will not catch us off guard. One day or another, the Son of Man will come. Live, then, as He has instructed you to do, vigilantly in faith. Then don't be surprised at the result!

~ 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 **130 pledges** totaling **\$59,322**, **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!

SAVE THE DATE!

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

September 24.

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

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. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin.

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.

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 value of life; abortion, hope and healing; making pilgrimages from home; Fatima; 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.

SUMMER MASSES

Summer vacation time is here. **We will keep to our regular Mass schedule for 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

HAIL AND FAREWELL!

We welcome Fr. Felix Akamonye, who has joined 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.

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.

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



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

CLOSED IN AUGUST

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

ACADEMY NEWS

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