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~ MASS BELLS ~

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 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 21 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Dorothy Daly
10:00 Michael, Saverio e Luigi Bosco
NOON Helen Butvich
5:00PM People of the Parish

MON. ~ AUGUST 22 - THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 Charles S. Suffell
9:00 Ada Bajlo

TUE. ~ AUGUST 23 - ST. ROSE OF LIMA

7:00 Anita Wunsch
9:00 Martin Wintergerst (anni.)

WED. ~ AUGUST 24 - ST. BARTHOLOMEW

7:00 John Martinkat
9:00 Colette E. Weiner

THU. ~ AUGUST 25 - STS. LOUIS AND JOSEPH CALASANZ

7:00 Harvey Karcher (anni.)
9:00 Mary D'Amico

FRI. ~ AUGUST 26 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Ann Baird
9:00 Intention of Cecelia Vaicels (birth)

SAT. ~ AUGUST 27 - ST. MONICA

9:00 **Collective:** Paul C. Dennis/
5:00PM People of the Parish

SUN. ~ AUGUST 28 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Anna Roemmelt
10:00 Filippa Scarpulla/
NOON Chester & Eleanor Kapica
5:00PM Frank Coccaro

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.



**THE QUEENSHIP
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN
MARY
AUGUST 22**

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, Paula Kammer, Peter J. Purpura, Sr., Carol Hensley.

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:

**GLORIA FELLIN, FLORENCE D'AMATO
TERESA MARIA MUGNO**

*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 Ann Caruso, at the request of
Roseanne M. Perniciaro and Camille Tassa.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Ann Caruso, at the request of
Roseanne M. Perniciaro and Camille Tassa.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Ann Caruso, at the request of
Roseanne M. Perniciaro and Camille Tassa.*

TODAY'S READINGS

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 990**

Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm 117:1,2
Hebrews 12:5-13
Luke 13:22-30

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Thessalonians 1:1-12
Psalm 96:1-2, 2-5
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: II Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17
Psalm 96:10-13
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: Revelations 21:9-14
Psalm 145:10-18
John 1:45-51

Thursday: I Corinthians 1:1-9
Psalm 145:2-7
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: I Corinthians 1:17-25
Psalm 33:1-11
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: I Corinthians 1:26-31
Psalm 33:12-21
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: Sirach 3:17-29
Psalm 68:4-11
Hebrews 12:18-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

"It's Not Just Who You Know"

The first impression that I got from today's first reading reminded me of one of the hymns on my "Do NOT Sing" list, the one with the lyrics, "All are welcome in this place." The vision of the prophet (at a time towards the end of, if not right after, the Babylonian Exile, late VI Century B.C.) envisions gentiles, people from every land, coming to worship God and to offer sacrifices to Him in Jerusalem. People who were not of the priestly tribe of Levi would present their own offerings. Although they would rejoice over the prospect of the restoration of their exiled nation, the second part of the vision cannot have made the Israelites very happy. After all, were they not the Chosen People, the ones chosen from all others from the time of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to be in a special, exclusive relationship with God by covenant? Had not they alone received the Word of God through Moses and so many prophets?

The Gospel seems to me to support the first reading, but it also goes further in the way of clarification. Again, the attitude among Christ's listeners was in keeping with the same mindset that their ancestors six centuries removed had. They were the Chosen People, the ones to whom the Messiah would be sent. Certainly, they would have the "inside track" in the matter of salvation, the chosen few, as it were. Jesus' response to the question about how many will be saved confirms that, although the invitation to redemption and salvation is universal, the actual number saved will be relatively low. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough to do so."

The reason for the relatively small number and surprising listing of attendees is not because of arbitrary exclusivity on the part of God but rather because of the lack of response among those who first received the invitation. That still stands. What held true for the people of Christ's time holds equally true for us Christians today. God invites; many do not respond properly.

The Protestant reformers of the XVI Century declared that professing belief in Jesus Christ as one's Lord, God, and Savior was enough. Some of their successors still do today. It might be a happy and convenient thought, but it ignores the Letter of James, Matthew 25:31-46, and many other passages of Sacred Scripture. Nevertheless, there is no salvation except through Jesus Christ. No one come to the Father except through Him.

Baptism is a start, not a free pass into Heaven. Many people claim to be Christians, members of the Mystical Body of Christ by Baptism, but "knowing" Him must be more than simply a matter of acknowledging facts. Christianity is a way of life. The call to holiness extends to all people, but it should be clear from Christ's answer that every invitee is expected to respond to God's invitation by repenting and turning away from sin, and living instead a life of contrition, holiness, mercy, justice, forgiveness, and compassion; i.e., not only knowing that the Word of God exists, but also taking it to heart and putting it into effect in one's daily life.

Christ calls us into a fuller life in intimate relationship with Himself. His Word and His Sacraments are tools that He has given to His Church to assist us in our response. Do we really experience Him in our lives? Is He truly at our center, the guiding force in our daily grind, or do we just "eat and drink" with Him and listen to Him teach for less than an hour a weekend when we grudgingly spare Him the time? Do we count ourselves among those who will sit at the eternal Banquet Feast of the Lamb in the company of the patriarchs and prophets and countless others (see the Book of Revelation)? Why, or why not?

Live each day, then, as a true disciple of Christ. Hear His Word, take it to heart, and act upon it. After all, in the end, it's not just Who you know that counts, but what you do.

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

Phase I is done! Electrical work for the new boilers began this past week.

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 **136 pledges** totaling \$62,747, **82.5% 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



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

We will take up a **second collection** during the weekend of **September 10-11** for the relief of the **people of eastern Kentucky**, whose lives have been devastated by heavy rains and resulting massive flooding. Please be generous without neglecting our own parish's needs.

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, September 10, 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.

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 Bible and the Virgin Mary", "Happiness at Work", the saints of August, human sexuality, Fatima, and many activities to entertain and teach children on long, hot, 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:

JUST A REMINDER . . .

All choir members are requested to attend our first rehearsal of the season on Wednesday, August 31 at 7pm in the church. We welcome all who wish to join us.

REMEMBER 9-11-01

As a community, we have gathered in Juniper Valley Park each year to remember the loss we suffered on 9-11-01 as a Nation, City, and Community. We do so, also, in support of the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who face mortal danger each and every day so that we can live in freedom.

You, the members of St. Margaret Parish, are cordially invited to attend this year's Vigil, which is scheduled for September 11 at 7:30pm, under the flagpole, in Juniper Valley Park.

We thank you for your continued support of this most important event.



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).**

Time is running out! REGISTER BY THIS 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
WILL RE-OPEN SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

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