# St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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# ~ MASS BELLS ~

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# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 28, 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!"

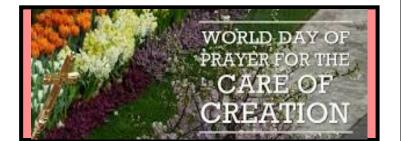
~ *Matthew 28: 19-20* 

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
SUN. ~ AUGUST 28 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  8:00
MON. ~ AUGUST 29 - THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 7:00 Anna Carosi 9:00 Maria & James Stephens
TUE. ~ AUGUST 30 - WEEKDAY 7:00 Carmine DeSiervi 9:00 Robert & Karen Schaefer
WED. ~ AUGUST 31 - WEEKDAY 7:00 Vera Krzewski/Velma Strack 9:00 Colette E. Weiner
THU. ~ SEPTEMBER 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION  7:00 Tom Cordero 9:00 Intention of Anthony Vaicels (birth)
FRI. ~ SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY 7:00 Anthony & Jeaneatte Tavarone 9:00 Frank D'Amico
SAT. ~ SEPTEMBER 3 - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
9:00 Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/Anthony & Antoinette Raso/ 9:30 Holy Hour 5:00PM Angelina & Vittorio Grillo/Giuseppina e Giacomo Gennari
SUN. ~ SEPTEMBER 4 - TWENTY-THIRD

#### SUN. ~ SEPTEMBER 4 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 In onore alla Madonna di Loreto/
Concezio, Francesca, Salvatore,
Vincent e Francesco Battaglini/Frank
Bernaudo/Salvatore Palmeri/Maria
Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio
NOON Rev. Msgr. August Bednartz

5:00PM



Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey

# **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 <u>MUST</u> 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 WILL RESUME ON WED., SEPT. 21 AT 11:30AM IN THE PARISH CENTER.

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, 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:

# Luci Wolf,

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**

# TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Anthony & Jeaneatte Tavarone.

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C - Hymnal # 993

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

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

I Corinthians 2:1-5 Monday:

> Psalm 119:97-102 Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday: I Corinthians 2:10-16

> Psalm 145:8-14 Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: I Corinthians 3:1-9

Psalm 33:12-21 Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: I Corinthians 3:18-23

> Psalm 24:1-6 Luke 5:1-11

Friday: I Corinthians 4:1-5

Psalm 37:3-6, 27-40

John 8:12 Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: I Corinthians 4:6-15

Psalm 145:17-21

Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18

> Psalm 90:3-17 Philemon 9-17 Luke 14:25-33

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

#### From the Pastor's Desk:

#### "True and False Pride and Humility"

Pride and humility often seem to be at odds with each other, as we tend to gravitate to an incorrect sense of the terms. We may be overly proud or justly proud of some accomplishment on our part; we may be embarrassed or happy were someone to point out that achievement to others. We can be rightly proud of something that we've done or falsely humble when it's called to public attention. Attitude has a good role to play in the matter.

A few weeks ago, I paraphrased my patron saint, Robert Bellarmine, in saying that it's often the use that one makes of something that affects its propriety. For instance, we might use our intellect to edify people as when we instruct the young, or we might use it to tear people down with our pseudo-sophistication. We can use our business acumen for the benefit of others by working for the common good, or use it strictly for our own advantage and the accumulation of personal fortune.

Pride and humility are not evil or good in their own right. We can take just pride in some achievement, recognizing that we were able to do what we did by the grace of God. We also might have a sense of false humility as when we shy away from owning up to an accomplishment, failing to recognize that it was not simply our own doing but rather the gift that originated in God that was at work in us.

Too often we tend toward the false in life, whether it be false pride or false humility. We fail to see the person in front of us except as a means to a goal. I remember going to a cocktail party on Long Island's "Gold Coast" when I was still in the business world a few years before I entered the seminary. I was an officer in my company then and was introduced as such. It wasn't a matter of who I was as a person, but rather of the authority that I wielded that had gotten me invited to the party. Pride and humility were both at play in my mind: I was proud of the attention but humiliated by the reason for it.

Being humble doesn't mean bowing and scraping or denying the gifts that we have received from God: our talents and treasure and the time to use them. It means recognizing their origin and reason, that, as insignificant and lowly as we might appear in others' estimation, we alone have been entrusted with those chosen gifts for achieving God's particular purpose, using them generously in service to others.

It also means doing something not because we expect reciprocity but because it is the right and just thing to do, as when we worship God ("dignum et iustum est," as we say just before the *Sanctus* at Mass), recognizing that He alone is God yet that He has chosen us as His own. Thus, we place ourselves in proper relationship to Him, recognizing that we have been given a gift that we never can repay as it has been granted to us purely out of God's perfect and immeasurable love. Nevertheless, although unable to match Him, we strive to love Him in return to the best of our limited ability. We love Him because He first has loved us.

We are called to serve others in the same frame of mind, recognizing that the gifts that we have received are for the common good, not just for our own personal gain and advantage – i.e., to do the good because it is proper that it be done. Repayment will come "at the resurrection of the righteous."

False pride might get in the way of our serving at times, but so, too, can a sense of false humility, leading us to hesitation or failure to act. True pride in God's gifts and true humility in using them produce good fruit, the fruit that He seeks of us. He has made us, and embraced us as His own, and redeemed us from our sins, and endowed us with every grace and blessing. That's a truly humbling thought in which can take true pride.

#### **BOILER PROJECT UPDATE**

Electrical work for the new boilers is being done, and the removal of the old boilers has begun; once this is completed, two new steam-generating boilers will be installed.

# 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 137 pledges totaling \$62,822, 82.6% 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:* 

annual catholic appeal. 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.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE**

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the recent Blood Drive at St. Margaret on Sunday, August 14. The drive was a HUGE SUCCESS! We collected 62 units of blood, a great testament to the dedication of the members of our community. We commend the New York Blood Center staff for a job well done!

# 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

We are in need of pasta sauce, cooking oil, canned fruit, instant coffee (no decaf) Chef Boyardee and rice (white). Supermarket gift cards or certificates are always welcomed. Place cards and certificates in the rectory office mail slot.

As always, we thank you for your generosity.

**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.

# **RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM**

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).

Early registration is now closed. Contact the Religious Education Office ASAP, if you still need to register your child/children:

stmargaretre@gmail.com

## **ITALIAN APOSTOLATE NEWS**

The Italian Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn will hold its annual Rosary Procession and Mass on Sunday, October 2, beginning at St. Pancras at 3:00 pm. Bishop DiMarzio and the priests of the Apostolate will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at 4:00 pm. All are invited to participate. *Veniamo numerosi!* 

#### **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 and spiritual growth. Recent presentations include videos on women's and life issues, the Mass, confession, 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:

#### catholic mass time.org



#### **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.



#### 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

#### 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.

#### 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.