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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 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. ~	SEPTEMBER 4 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	In onore alla Madonna DiLoreto/ Concezio, Francesca, Salvatore Vincent e Francesco Battaglini/Frank Bernardo/Salvatore Palmeri/Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio
NOON	Rev. August Bednartz
5:00PM	Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
MON. ~	SEPTEMBER 5 - LABOR DAY
9:00	Charles Giaimo
TUE. ~	SEPTEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Roman Krzewski
WED. ~	SEPTEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Adolf Troje
9:00	Joan Henn
THU. ~	SEPTEMBER 8 - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00	Living & deceased Religious of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses
9:00	Tina Colangeli
FRI. ~	SEPTEMBER 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER
7:00	Elize Petersen
9:00	Anna Tuttolomondo
SAT. ~	SEPTEMBER 10 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Rudolf & Franziska Stalzer/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/ Souls in purgatory/ Memorial Mass: Gloria Fellin, Teresa Marie Mugno, Florence D'Amato, Luci Wolf
11:45	
5:00PM	Christine Medrano Lim
SUN. ~	SEPTEMBER 11 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Christopher Amoroso
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Victims of the 9/11 attacks/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Giulia Caruana/Luigi, Michael e Saverio Bosco
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer
5:00PM	Marco Colalella

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

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 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, Joan Hanahoe,

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

*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 & Camille Tassa.*

ALTAR CANDLES

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

TABERNACLE LAMP

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

TODAY'S READINGS

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 996**

Wisdom 9:13-18
Psalm 90:3-17
Philemon 9-17
Luke 14:25-33

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Corinthians 5:1-8
Psalm 5:5-12
John 10:27
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: I Corinthians 6:1-11
Psalm 149:1-9
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: I Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalm 45:11-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: Micah 5:1-4
Psalm 13:6, 6
Matthew 1:1-23 or
1:18-23

Friday: I Corinthians 9:16-27
Psalm 84:3-12
John 17:17, 17
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: I Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalm 116:12-18
Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:3-19
Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Undivided Commitment”

If you're looking for an easy religion to get you into Heaven, one, perhaps that doesn't require much time or effort beyond an occasional forty-five tiresome minutes at Mass, you're not going to find it in Catholic Christianity. It's not a matter of a batch of laws, rules, and regulations, or of papal encyclicals, apostolic letters, and exhortations. Its roots are to be found in the Divine revelations of Sacred Scripture. Today's readings are part of that great deposit of Faith.

The concept of total commitment to God is found, for example, in the Great Commandment: “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength,” i.e., with everything, your entire being. That doesn't leave much room for ambiguity. It's rather serious, and costly, yet that is what not only is asked but, even more so, is demanded of us by God.

Christ takes up the message in today's Gospel passage with some rather strong, typically rabbinical, language. Even our most intimate relationships, those of blood ties to our parents and families, must not take precedence over our following Him. His listeners knew the horror of Roman crucifixion close up. It wasn't the sanitized version that we hang on the walls of our churches, classrooms, and homes. Many of them had seen the humiliating barbarity and the excruciating pain suffered by fellow countrymen. Christian discipleship no longer sees much in the way of bloody persecution (today in the form of long imprisonment, or a quick bullet, or a sword); when that does occur, it sends a shock wave through the minds of decent, “civilized” people, Christian or not. Is this really what Christ demands of us?

Please bear in mind that most commitment to the Lord is not bloody but the “white martyrdom” of witnessing to our faith by self-sacrifice, the giving of ourselves – our time, talents, and treasure – in loving service to others in the Name of Jesus Christ. In addition, this self-offering does not get accomplished solely through our own efforts; it never was, and never will be. Instead, we are to receive and cooperate with the grace of God through our relationship with Him, obtained via the wisdom that He bestows through His Holy Spirit. This wisdom, which helps us to discern the will of God for us, is developed through our prayer life, including our attentive reflection on the Word of God, and by our worship and proper reception of the Sacraments that Christ has given to His Church.

St. Paul wrote today's epistle (the shortest of his letters) to his friend and disciple Philemon, asking him to receive back Onesimus, his runaway slave, who had taken refuge with St. Paul in Rome. St. Paul challenged Philemon to receive Onesimus as a brother in Christ, not as a slave. It's a challenge against half-hearted discipleship. Onesimus' name means “useful one”; perhaps St. Paul intended to make him very useful in bringing Philemon (and us) to a deeper and more committed discipleship: Act on what you profess by faith! Love one another!

If we try to calculate something less than full dedication, we always will fall short in what we're willing to give or to give up in order to acquire eternal life. One might just as well ask a toddler what he/she would be willing to exchange for a bag of 80-carat diamonds. It's beyond comprehension. The value of Heaven is far more than a matter of precious diamonds or dollars and cents, yet, it is quite attainable because of the love that God has shown us in Christ and that He continues to lavish upon us each day, so that we might strive to love Him in return and follow Christ with undivided commitment.

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

The removal of the old boilers is done. Now two new steam-generating boilers are being installed.

The cost of the project is estimated at over \$480,000. We have received a loan from the Diocese for \$350,000, which must be repaid over the next few years. Other money will come from our Generations of Faith account and dwindling Parish reserves, but a capital campaign will be needed. More information on this will follow shortly.

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:*
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 AND SATURDAY
from 10:00am to 12:00 Noon**

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.

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. See page 2 of this bulletin for listing.

ACADEMY NEWS

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to **Ms. Victoria Richardson**, who has served our children with great love and dedication as a teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. She was instrumental in our transitioning from Parish school to freestanding academy. We wish her well as she moves on to a nearby AVP position with the NYC Board of Education.

We also take this opportunity to welcome the new Principal of St. Margaret Catholic Academy, **Ms. Sharon Swift**. She has experience as a teacher and also as a principal in Catholic schools in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. We look forward to working with her as we enter the 160th year of Catholic education at St. Margaret's.

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 Catholic meditation and prayer, saints and feasts of September, proper use of technology, Scripture, and many activities to entertain and teach children, especially as they return to school.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

We will take up a **second collection** **NEXT weekend, 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.

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.

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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

RE-OPENS SEPT. 11

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

ITALIAN APOSTOLATE NEWS

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

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREP

Are you over 17 years old and have not received Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Communion yet? Contact Sr. Bridget ASAP (718-326-1911) to register for sacramental preparation in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA).