

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**

**IN**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 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 11 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Christopher Amoroso  
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Victims of 9/11 attacks/Giulia Caruana/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Luigi, Michael e Salvatore Bosco/Marco Colalella  
NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer  
5:00PM Marco Colalella

### MON. ~ SEPTEMBER 12 - THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

7:00 Nancy Grasso  
9:00 Anna Marziliano

### TUE. ~ SEPTEMBER 13 - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

7:00 Mary Miller (anniv)  
9:00 Patrick O'Brien

### WED. ~ SEPTEMBER 14 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:00 Anthony Verdisco, Jr.  
9:00 Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo, Geraldine Ciaccio

### THU. ~ SEPTEMBER 15 - OUR LADY OF SORROWS

7:00 Mathias Gramer  
9:00 Giuseppa e Ignazio Pandolfo

### FRI. ~ SEPTEMBER 16 - STS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN

7:00 Luci Wolf  
9:00 Fred Basedow (birth)

### SAT. ~ SEPTEMBER 17 - ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

9:00 **Collective:** Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/  
Souls in Purgatory/  
5:00PM Aldo Cermeli

### SUN. ~ SEPTEMBER 18 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 William R. Roemmelt  
10:00 Salvatore Palmeri/Maria Curatolo/  
Geraldine Ciaccio/Daniele Bussa/  
Giovanni D'Paola  
NOON Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey  
5:00PM People of the Parish

## 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](http://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 BEGIN 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 Bryzgoria, 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, Grace Sorrentino,

**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:***

***ANN ALLOGGIAMENTO,  
ALPHONSE CAMERA,  
JACK ROBERT SINNOTT***

*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

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer,  
Pat DiChiaro, Erwin Erker, Marco Colalella.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Ignazio e Giuseppa Pandolfo at  
the request of Ben Armato.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle C - Hymnal # 999***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Corinthians 11:17-33  
Psalm 40:7-17  
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: I Corinthians 12:12-31  
Psalm 100:1-5  
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 78:1-38  
Ph 1:2:6-11  
John 3:13-17

Thursday: I Corinthians 15:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-28  
Luke 2:33-35

Friday: I Corinthians 15:12-20  
Psalm 17:1-15  
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: I Corinthians 15:35-49  
Psalm 56:10-14  
Luke 8:4-15

Sunday: Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113:1-8  
Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

*“A God Who Seeks and Saves”*

It isn't often that we get not just one or two, but three parables from Christ as He tries to make a point. Today's Gospel passage presents Him in the presence of a mixed crowd: recognized traitors and sinners on the one hand and righteous (or rather, self-righteous) people on the other. The common, sharp point that he drives home is directed toward the former as a sign of hope and toward the latter as a reminder of the merciful love of God that exceeds His justice.

Oddly enough, the setting of the first parable seems to be irrational. Who in their right mind would leave ninety-nine sheep alone in the wilderness and set off in search of one wayward sheep? Let it go; stay to protect the ninety-nine! Yet, the shepherd (God) is willing to go out of his way in order to reclaim the lost one. What might appear to be madness to us is the measure to which God is willing to go not only to get sinners (i.e., you and me) back to safety but also to do so tenderly and without chastisement. *Game* for the Kingdom!

The second parable makes little more sense than the first. How many times have we misplaced something and simply chalked it up as being lost? It's often no big deal and no great loss; it won't be missed all that much. Yet, God does make a big deal about figuratively turning His house upside down until He finds what was lost (again, you and me). We are not of negligible value in the eyes of God. In His mind and heart, we are very much worth seeking out and rejoicing over when we are found, even if it means going out of His way. *Set* for the Kingdom!

Finally, we have the much-loved parable of “The Prodigal Son”. “Prodigal” means *exceedingly wasteful*. The younger son wasted whatever inheritance he had demanded of and received from his father. One might think that he also had wasted his father's good will and patience and love, but not so. For the father himself was rather loose (one might say prodigal), showering his patience and his love on the wayward son to the point of not simply waiting for the young man to return home and to his senses, hat in hand, but even anxiously looking out for the son's return and then restoring him to full rank and privilege. That, too, is our God, Who does not write us off as lost before going about His business elsewhere, but Who anxiously looks for us and reclaims us as His own beloved children with all the rights and privileges pertinent thereto. He gives us what we ourselves are too often embarrassed to ask for – His pardon and His forgiveness – and the means to acquire it in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Match* for the Kingdom!

Salvation history is marked over and over and over again by people who have tried God's patience, rejected His love, ignored His Commandments, and threatened His Covenant. Yet, over and over and over again, God has sought out and restored these very same people to proper relationship with Himself. A notable example is St. Paul, who is rather open and direct in today's epistle, admitting his failures and rejoicing in the mercy that was shown him by God through Christ.

The Scriptures have been given to us by God as a record of the ups and downs of human relationships with Him and of His repeated acts of love and mercy that exceed His justice. How well do we see ourselves in the stories presented to us in today's readings? Perhaps we need to look a bit more closely and carefully, for we all are there, you and I, brothers and sisters, whether we are among the unfaithful Israelites, or the lost sheep/coin, or the wasteful son, or the indignant son, or the recognized sinners, or the self-righteous listeners, or the sinful persecutor-turned-apostle. We are all there.

Fortunately for us, God doesn't give up on us but goes out of His way to redeem us, to the point of sending His only-begotten Son to suffer and die for our sins and to raise us to new life. For, indeed, we have a God Who seeks and saves what is lost.

~ *Fr. Armato*



## BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

Two new gas-fueled, steam-generating boilers have been installed in the main building, the final phase of the project.

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.

## **ST. MARGARET CHURCH 162nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**Liturgy at 5:00pm**

**Dinner/Dance from 6:00pm until 11:00pm.**

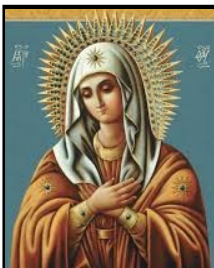
**The cost is \$75 per person and includes  
buffet dinner, wine and beer and a DJ  
for your dancing pleasure!**

**Tickets will be on sale after all Sunday Masses  
beginning the weekend of Sept. 17-18.**

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Thanks to those families who have gotten us off to a great start for this year's ACA campaign with *139 pledges* totaling **\$64,027, 84.2% 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](http://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**, on Saturday, September 24. Light refreshments in the Hall will follow the 5pm Mass. Come and renew acquaintances!

## 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 12:00Noon**

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.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

## 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, October 8, 11:45am.**



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Catholic Academy Library on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9am until 3:30pm.

**THE COST:** \$45 per person

**THE BENEFITS:** 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

**CONTACT:** Sr. Bridget at **718-326-1911** for more information or to register.

## RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

Sessions will be held in-class on Tuesdays; 3:30-4:45 (Grades 1-4) and 5:15-6:30 (Grades 5-8).

**Contact the Religious Ed Office ASAP, if you still need to register your child/children:**  
**[stmargaretre@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretre@gmail.com)**

## 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 overcoming difficulties in prayer, saints and feasts of September, the letters of St. Paul, following Christ in an adverse culture, marriage, 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.

## 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, **718-326-1911** ASAP to register for sacramental preparation in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA).

*You are cordially invited to attend this year's Vigil, TONIGHT, September 11, at 7:30 pm, under the flagpole, in Juniper Valley Park. We thank you for your support.*



## ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP IS OPEN Sunday, 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**

## UPK-4 SEATS AVAILABLE

St. Margaret Catholic Academy still has limited openings available for **Universal Pre-K-4**. Contact the **Academy Offices** via email or phone (see front cover of *Mass Bells*) for more information or to register your child.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

The **second collection this weekend** is 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.

## "THAT DAY"

*It is a day in history we'll never forget,  
and a day that we'll cry for, on that you can bet.*

*And it is a day that we lost thousands of lives,  
our family and friends, and husbands and wives.*

*And it is a day we will honor those brave who had dared  
to go into those towers, because they had cared.*

*And it is a day we will fight to the very end,  
to make sure that it never happens again.*

*And it is a day we will pray  
for the loved ones who perished,  
who we so dearly loved, and always have cherished.*

*And it is a day we'll request if it's not too much,  
that, that spot at ground zero*

*"Never Be Touched"*