

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 18, 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 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

MON. ~ SEPTEMBER 19 - ST. JANUARIUS
7:00 Jack Robert Sinnott
9:00 Theodore T. Mundy (anni)

TUE. ~ SEPTEMBER 20 - STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON/PAUL CHONG HA-SANG
7:00 Anna Carosi
9:00 Chris Donatov

WED. ~ SEPTEMBER 21 - ST. MATTHEW
7:00 Vincent Ciurleo
9:00 Eric Kropf

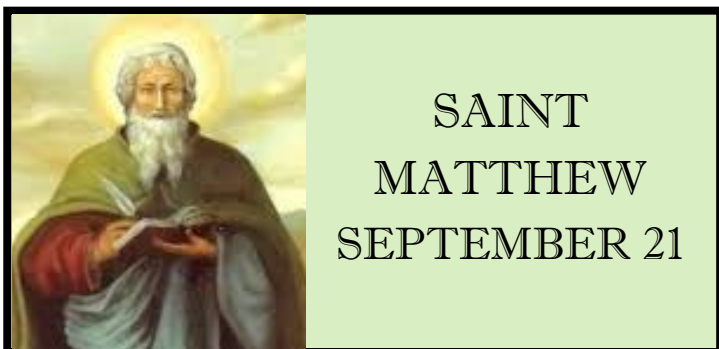
THU. ~ SEPTEMBER 22 - WEEKDAY
7:00 Rudy Kropf
9:00 Bill & Lee DiGiovanna

FRI. ~ SEPTEMBER 23 - ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA
7:00 Ignazio & Giuseppa Pandolfo
9:00 + Luci Wolf

SAT. ~ SEPTEMBER 24 - WEEKDAY
9:00 **Collective:** Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/
Souls in Purgatory
5:00PM Mimi Costanzo

SUN. ~ SEPTEMBER 25 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 George Cacioppo
10:00 Joseph Kresse (anni)/Josephine Morreale/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM Frony DiCenso

+ Bi-lingual (Italian/English)



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 meet every Wednesday 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, Jacqueline Gregorat,

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:***

***JOSEPH BARTOLOTTA,
MICHAEL GEBERT,***

*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 Anna Carosi.



BLESSING OF PETS

Deacon DeBiase will bless pets in the
schoolyard on Saturday, October 1 at
11:30am, in honor of St. Francis of
Assisi. Bring yours, whether on a
leash, in a cage, or in a bowl!

TODAY'S READINGS

***Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 1002***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34
Psalm 15:2-5
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-13
Psalm 119:1,27,30,33,35,44
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ephesians 4:1-13
Psalm 19:2-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Psalm 90:3-17
John 14:6
Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Psalm 144:1-4
Mark 10:45
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9-128
Psalm 90:3-17
II Timothy 1:10
Luke 9:43-45

Sunday: Amos 6:1-7
Psalm 146:7-10
I Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“What Would You Give?”

Sometimes I think, “How wonderful it would be if all that I had to do to get into Heaven was to immerse myself in prayer!” No administrative hassles or worries; no cares. Prayer should do it. After all, it is communication with God. What could be sweeter, more profitable or more effective, since it encompasses so many needs and emotional states? St. Paul commanded his disciple, St. Timothy, to offer prayer for everyone and all needs. That should take care of everything – a piece of cake! Besides, I’m already a priest, which should give me a head start, no? No.

Our prayer life is supposed to sustain us and enable us to get through the ups and downs of life, recognizing the presence of God. Even more, though, it is supposed to keep us on the right path to eternal life, trusting in His providential care for us. Still, prayer is not a slam-dunk all on its own. It is part of our living the life of our calling as children of God in the light of His Commandments and the teachings of Jesus Christ and requires that we act with justice and righteousness.

The Commandments and teachings do not operate in a divine vacuum. They are meant to guide us in our daily interactions with other people as well as in our constantly developing relationship with God. Decisions have to be made as to how we will respond to the needs of others in concert with our own needs and to our duties toward God as His children. We can’t buy our way into Heaven, but clinging to what we have or our improper use of it can block the path severely.

There always has been a social justice element to living the Christian lifestyle. We can see this in the actions of the early Church taking care of her needy members, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (though their experiment in ancient socialism collapsed in short order). We also are taught about a proper, modern Christian approach to social justice through many papal encyclicals, from Pope Leo XIII in 1891 to today.

Last week, we observed the memorial of St. John Chrysostom, one-time Patriarch of Constantinople, who died in exile in 407 for having called out the extravagances and abuses of the imperial court and the neglect of the poor by the nobility and wealthy. Like St. Basil the Great before him, St. John taught that, “if you have two cloaks, one belongs to him who has none; if you have two pairs of shoes, one pair belongs to him who has none,” and so forth.

That Christian concept of sharing one’s possessions with the needy stands in great contrast to the situation in today’s first reading, in which cheating merchants took immoral advantage of needy people and defrauded them, thereby earning the former the promise of God’s wrath. (Their impatience with waiting for the Sabbath obligations to pass didn’t help their situation either – perhaps it’s a gentle admonition for us to get through 45 minutes at Mass more devoutly and reverently.)

The conniving steward in today’s Gospel parable cut out the commission that he was to receive from his master’s debtors in order to find a welcome from them once he was discharged from his employment for mismanagement. We are called to cut out whatever holds us back from living a more Christ-centered life in order to be received by Him at the end of our earthly life. Thus, we put ourselves with our talents and treasures to good use, not for gaining our own temporary wealth and security, but for building up the Kingdom of God. “You can’t take it with you” is more than a wise saying or the title of a zany but great movie from the 1930s. Serve God or serve material wealth; you can’t have it both ways.

It shouldn’t take Lent for us to examine our lives to see how we put other people and things into perspective. Where is our focus? If it is not on attaining eternal life, then we are wasting our time and efforts, as well as God’s patience. Again, we cannot buy our way into Heaven. Christ paid the great price in a way that we never could; it remains for us to respond to the Gift by living as we have been taught and commanded. Besides, what could you possibly give? What would you give, if not your life?

~ *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 of \$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 PARISH
162nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 15, 2022
Liturgy at 5:00pm
Dinner/dance from 6:00 until 11:00pm.
The cost is \$75 per person and includes
buffet dinner, wine and beer and
a DJ for your dancing pleasure!
Tickets are on sale after all Sunday Masses
and at the Rectory, during business hours,
beginning **this weekend, 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 **140 pledges** totaling **\$64,427, 84.8% 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

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Margaret Catholic Academy will sponsor a gathering for the alumni of **St. Margaret School, classes of 1960-2000, next Saturday, September 24,** following the 5:00pm Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. Please call the Academy Office (1-718-326-0922), if you intend to come, so that we can finalize plans.

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!

The Saturday pantry is in need of a driver to shop for essentials. If interested, call Rosemarie, 718-894-1707

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, at 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.



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace intercede for her children!

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 personal spiritual growth. Recent presentations include videos on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, Scripture study, discipleship, role models for Catholic men and women, renewing a culture of life, and many videos to entertain and teach children 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.

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), beginning September 27.

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!*



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

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

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE



will be given in St. Margaret
Parish Hall on Saturday, Oct. 8,
from 9:00am 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thanks for your generosity in the second collection last weekend for the relief of the people of eastern Kentucky, whose lives were devastated by heavy rains and resulting massive flooding! A check for \$1,200 has been forwarded in your name.

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).