

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

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY**

**IN**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 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 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
- MON. ~ SEPTEMBER 26 - STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN**  
7:00 Stanislawa Magnowski  
9:00 St. Michael
- TUE. ~ SEPTEMBER 27 - ST. VINCENT dePAUL**  
7:00 Edward Loftus  
9:00 John Hegener
- WED. ~ SEPTEMBER 28 - STS. WENCESLAUS AND LAWRENCE RUIZ**  
7:00 Joseph Simon  
9:00 Joseph & Florence Dalton
- THU. ~ SEPTEMBER 29 - STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**  
7:00 Cathy Joyce  
9:00 Anthony Lopresti
- FRI. ~ SEPTEMBER 30 - ST. JEROME**  
7:00 Harvey & Philomina Karcher  
9:00 St. Jude
- SAT. ~ OCTOBER 1 - ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD OF JESUS**  
9:00 **Collective:** Dcd. Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/  
Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory  
11:30 Blessing of Pets  
5:00PM People of the Parish
- SUN. ~ OCTOBER 2 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 Margaret Roemmelt  
10:00 Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/  
Luci Wolf  
NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst  
5:00PM Carl Dokter



### BLESSING OF PETS

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

## 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 are held 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, 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***

***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 Iole & Davide Colalella.*



**SAINTS  
MICHAEL,  
GABRIEL AND  
RAPHAEL  
SEPTEMBER 29**

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle C - Hymnal # 1005***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Job 1:6-22  
Psalm 17:1-7  
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Job 3:1-23  
Psalm 88:2-8  
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Job 9:1-16  
Psalm 88:10-15  
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Daniel 7:9-14  
Psalm 138:1-5  
John 1:47-51

Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5  
Psalm 139:1-14  
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Job 42:1-17  
Psalm 119:66-130  
Luke 10:17-24

Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-4  
Psalm 95:1-9  
II Timothy 1:6-14  
Luke 17:5-10

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Our World Turned Upside-down”***

Tradition holds that, as the British troops marched onto the surrender field after losing the siege at Yorktown, Virginia, one of the last battles of the American Revolution, their regimental bands played a children's nursery song: “The World Turned Upside-down.” It was their way of expressing their shock and confusion at having been defeated by the Colonials and their French allies.

The prophet Amos in today's first reading would like to have turned things upside-down as he railed against the abuses of the upper class of his time. The wealthy weren't violent about it, just “complacent”, enjoying the pleasures of life while ignoring the other people around them as if they didn't exist. Amos declared that they would pay the price for their self-centered attitude, and it would be high.

Today's Gospel passage presents a similar situation, though enacted between just two characters, one poor and the other wealthy, with the Patriarch Abraham standing in for Amos. Although we know the poor man as Lazarus, the wealthy man isn't even worthy of a name; tradition simply calls him “Dives” (pronounced DEE-vehs), which means “rich one” in Latin. His wealth, however, is not the problem. The difficulty lies in Dives' self-centeredness and self-righteousness, and his misuse of what he has been given, ignoring poor, hungry, suffering Lazarus, whom he just about has to trip over in order to go in and out of his house.

Parables, by their nature, turn things upside-down, as the conclusion is not what one would expect. Such holds true for today's story. Wealth was seen as a sign of God's favor, while suffering was deemed to be a sign of His displeasure with an individual. By that line of thinking, therefore, Dives should have been the one who was carried to the bosom of Abraham (an image for Heaven), while Lazarus should have been the one being roasted alive in the flames of the netherworld (aka, Hell). But Dives had ignored the way of life demanded by the Torah, the Law of Moses, which calls for mercy, justice, and compassion in dealing with others (teachings that Jesus' Pharisee listeners knew very well). Now it was time for him to pay the price for his comfort while ignoring the needy. The final line of the parable is a prediction that the Pharisees wouldn't change their self-centeredness even if someone (Jesus) were to rise from the dead.

Dives stands in contrast to the type of man that St. Paul wanted his disciple, St. Timothy, to be: a man of “righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” Those are qualities demanded of every disciple of Christ, including you and me. The size of our bank account or our house, the type of car we drive, the finery of our wardrobe, or the richness of the delicacies on our table, etc., do not mean a thing if we live only for ourselves while ignoring those around us: the needy and the poor, the lonely and the abandoned, the sick and the abused, the little ones and the elderly, and so many others. We need not go very far to find someone who could use our help, as little or as great as it might be.

Towards the end of the play “Inherit the Wind”, one of the characters remarks that the purpose of religion is to “comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.” Jesus' parables did just that as they caused people to reflect on their lives and how they stacked up to God's expectations and demands for right living. His parables often do the same thing to us today. They do to me, anyway.

Our prayer life and study of Scripture are supposed to help us to see more clearly how God calls us to live, and the grace that we receive from the Sacraments properly celebrated and received is to help us to fulfill that calling. When we do this correctly, we will find our world turned upside-down – for the better.

~ *Fr. Armato*

## BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

One new gas-fueled, steam-generating boiler has been installed in the main building, and a second is on the way as 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We hold a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, scriptural reading, and time for quiet, personal prayer from 9:30 until 10:30 am on the first Saturday of each month.

**The next holy hour is Saturday, October 1.**

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!



## PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Thanks to all who have pledged toward this year's ACA campaign! We're at **\$64,577, 85%** of the way toward our goal of **\$76,014 with \$11,437 to go!** 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)**

*Good St. Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness. St. Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over my pet and keep my companion safe and healthy. Amen.*

## 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.

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, 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.

## 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 this week.

**REGISTRATION IS CLOSED  
FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS.**

## 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 Eucharist, Scripture study, St. Joseph and other saints, King Jan Sobieski at the Siege of Vienna, and many videos to entertain and teach children.

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.



## 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.

## 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 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).



## **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.**