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**TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 9, 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. ~ OCTOBER 9 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Maria & Ernest DeSabato/Filippo,
Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine
Ciaccio/Vincenzo, Mariano e Salvatore
Palmeri/AntoninoCatalano/Daniele Bussa/
NOON Jim & Rita Minogue
5:00PM Mary Trzeszczkowski

MON. ~ OCTOBER 10 - COLUMBUS DAY

9:00 Antonino Catalano

TUE. ~ OCTOBER 11 - ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE

7:00 Ian Lothian
9:00 Giovanni Lechich

WED. ~ OCTOBER 12 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Anna Iorio
9:00 Christine Winter

THU. ~ OCTOBER 13 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Joan McShea
9:00 Philip Pagano
7:30PM **Holy Hour**

FRI. ~ OCTOBER 14 - ST. CALLISTUS

7:00 Josef Schkufza
9:00 Joseph T. Klonowski

SAT. ~ OCTOBER 15 - ST. TERESA OF AVILA

9:00 **Collective:** Vera Krzewski/Salvatore
Palmeri/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls
in Purgatory
5:00PM Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles

SUN. ~ OCTOBER 16 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Donna Roemmelt
10:00 Michael Gebert/Intention of John
Postel/Maria Scarpulla
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM Frony DiCenso



MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

You are invited to join Sr. Bridget in the Convent Chapel for Scripture and the recitation of the rosary during the month of October, on Tuesdays at 11:00am and on Thursdays at 7:00pm. Bring your Rosary beads with you.

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 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, Bob Bicknese,

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:

MARY FIORI

*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 & HOSTS

*are offered in memory of Jack Robert Sinnott
at the request of The Roemmelt Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Pat & Joe DiChiaro.

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 10,
IN OBSERVANCE OF
COLUMBUS DAY.
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY.**

TODAY'S READINGS

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 1011*

II Kings 5:14-17
Psalm 98:1-4
II Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Galatians 4:22-31, 5:1
Psalm 113:1-7
Psalm 95:8
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Galatians 5:1-6
Psalm 119:41-48
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Galatians 5:18-25
Psalm 1:1-6
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: Ephesians 1:1-10
Psalm 98:1-6
Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Ephesians 1:11-14
Psalm 33:1-13
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday: Ephesians 1:15-23
Psalm 8:2-7
Luke 12:8-12

Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm 121:1-8; 2
Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

"A Modicum of Gratitude"

We usually know when an expression of thanks and gratitude is warranted and when it isn't. Take last Sunday's Gospel parable for example. We might be offended by the lack of common courtesy, perhaps, but the property master (God) had no reason to thank his servants (us) for their having done nothing more than their job. Different people have different ways of expressing their gratitude, depending on the situation. It used to be that people were educated, formally or informally, in the "social graces", knowing how to behave and respond properly in a given situation. Sadly, that has gone the way of the hand-written thank-you note.

Still, people may express their thanks in different ways. Some may choose to reciprocate the kindness in a similar way as was received, a sort of quid-pro-quo. Others may offer a token act or gift of thanks. Sometimes, the expression is genuine; sometimes, it's offered with a reluctant sense of obligation.

The first reading and Gospel passage this week speak to us of expressions of gratitude. In the first, the pagan general Naaman refused initially to heed the instructions of the prophet Elisha, but, convinced by his servants, he was healed of his leprosy, a disease that would have made him a social outcast. His response was to bring soil back home to Syria so that he could worship the God of Israel on holy ground. His thanks were expressed in terms of ritual. We aren't told about his life after the cure. Maybe there was a change, maybe not. We don't know, except that he was ecstatically grateful to God.

In the Gospel, ten men with leprosy (thereby also social outcasts) approach Jesus, begging Him for relief. Faithful to the Law of Moses, Jesus sends them off to the Temple priests for ritual certification of their cure and ability to rejoin society. Cured along the way, nine keep their thanksgiving to a matter of ritual. Just one, a Samaritan (outcast twice over, as leper and heretic) returns to thank Christ in person, offering Him an act of worship appropriate only for God. Jesus notes that it is the man's faith that has saved him (an idea repeated in two other miracles in Luke's narrative) and sends him on his way. Again, we don't know what becomes of him, though other healed people tend to follow the Lord as a sign of their radical conversion of heart.

What becomes of us, brothers and sisters, when we receive some grace or blessing from God? It may not be on the same scale as the miraculous cures, but certainly our very life in this world, not to mention in the next, is a gift from God that we can never repay. Do we live our lives any differently because of God's goodness and constant presence in our lives? Do we even acknowledge Him?

When we fail to pray each day, it's as if we're telling God that we don't need His help and can manage quite well on our own. Our failure to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist on the Lord's Day (the word, "Eucharist", means "thanksgiving") is an insult to God and cuts us off from the community of the Church. When we fail to live our lives as we have been taught by the Church and Sacred Scripture – especially though the words and life of Christ – we're telling God that we know better how to live by following our own wants and desires, regardless of whether or not they may lead us to sinful rejection of His love.

Psalm 16 (vv.12-13) says, "How can I repay the LORD for all the goodness that He has shown me? The chalice of salvation I shall raise, and I shall invoke the Name of the LORD." Last week I wrote that our faith and our works go hand-in-hand. So, too, do our prayers and actions, especially our participation in holy Mass and our humble acts of charity and mercy. These are warranted expressions of our thanks to the Lord. A modicum of gratitude is always appropriate.

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATES

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. *We are waiting for the work to be inspected before being able to turn the heat on for the school and church.*

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Thanks to all who have pledged toward this year's ACA campaign! We're at **\$65,927, 86.7%** of the way toward our goal of **\$76,014** with **\$10,087 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



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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

2023 MASS BOOK OPENING

will take place **THIS Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 1-4pm in the church.** Enter from the 80th Street ramp doors and register as you enter the vestibule before sitting in the pews.

Please bring with you **PRINTED** information for each of your intentions: name of intention, date and time requested, your name and phone number. We will try to accommodate your request as much as possible.

Cash or check for your offering will be accepted.

All Announced Masses: \$15/intention.

Weekly Memorials: \$25/intention for *wine and hosts, tabernacle lamp, or altar candles.*

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**

Most needed are supermarket gift cards or certificates which **we will use** to buy fresh fruits, eggs, cheese, butter and bread. You can 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.

ATTENTION, YOUNG ADULTS

There will be a special *holy hour for young adults (18 to 30-something)* in the church this Thursday, October 13, from 7:30 to 8:30pm. It will include Adoration and Benediction of the blessed Sacrament, Scripture reflection, Rosary, and time for both private and communal prayer. Bring a friend and spend some quality time together with the Lord!

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who continue to support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult time, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings!

Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship and commit to increasing your on-going support as your means will allow.

On-line giving helps to keep your donations current when you are away from the Parish. To use **Faith Direct** for e-giving, go to the icon on our website and follow the instructions to sign up; or you can go straight to

faithdirect.net

and enter our parish code, **NY299**. You can change your decision later on, as you wish.

HS OPEN HOUSES

A schedule of Catholic high school open houses has been distributed to our Academy and Religious Education Program 8th Grade students. Copies are available in the church vestibule, as well.

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 saints and feasts of October, Catholic beliefs, St. Faustina, season 2 of "The Chosen", marriage, and many videos for children and family life.

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

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE



There is an **URGENT NEED** for blood donations and the New York Blood Center is asking, again, for our help.

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a Blood Drive on **Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 9am until 3pm** in the Parish Hall. Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is requested that you schedule an appointment by calling: **888-933-2566**

Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Bring a mask; requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines.

ST. MARGARET CYO VOLLEYBALL

The sports association is holding online Girls Volleyball Registration on our website.

Google "St. Margaret Dragons" or **stmsports.org**. the website is run by league lineup. Click on 2023 Volleyball registration on the right.

Registration is for girls in 4th thru 9th grades who are St. Margaret Parish residents and/or St. Margaret Catholic Academy students.

For more information see our website.



ST. MARGARET PARISH

**162nd ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

OCTOBER 15, 2022

Liturgy at 5:00pm

Dinner/dance from 6 until 11pm

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.**

ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICKUP

will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23. The truck will be on 79th Place, near the parking lot from 8:30am until 12:30pm for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS AT
THE RECTORY OR CONVENT DOORS.**