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**THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 30, 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 30 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Catherine Hanover
10:00		Jerry Frohnhoefer/Francesco, Maria e Mimma Virruso/Pellegrino e Giuseppa Benfari/Ann McManus/Henryk Mergo/Bojonowski Fam./Gizegorczuk Fam.
NOON		Eugeniusz Latka, Kazimierz Libera
5:00PM		Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
MON.	~	OCTOBER 31 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Sean Boyle
9:00		John Hegener
7:30PM		Michael Gebert
TUE.	~	NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS
7:00		Anna Nick
9:00		People of the Parish
7:30PM		Marguerite Scaturro
		<u>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</u>
WED.	~	NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SOULS' DAY
7:00		All Souls Triduum
9:00		All Souls Triduum
NOON		All Souls Triduum
THU.	~	NOVEMBER 3 - ST. MARTIN dePORRES
7:00		Leonardo Curatolo
9:00		Deceased of the Schug and Martinkat Families
FRI.	~	NOVEMBER 4 - ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO
7:00		Leonardo Curatolo
9:00		Dominick Galbo
SAT.	~	NOVEMBER 5 - WEEKDAY
9:00		Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory/Michael Gebert
9:30		Holy Hour
5:00PM		Mary & Michael Zalepa
SUN.	~	NOVEMBER 6 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/William H. Becker/ Faro Bartolotta/Giuseppe Scandariato/ Marcellino Troia
NOON		Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM		Aida Baker

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, Lisa Lanzetta, Maria Barretta, Paula Kammer, Carol Hensley, Joan Hanahoe, Grace Sorrentino, Jacqueline Gregorat, Bob Bicknese, Jerry Feldman, Kathleen Mercado,

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:

CONSTANCE ELKNER,

*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 Olivia & Giuseppe
Silvestri, at the request of Louisa.*



ALL SOULS DAY - NOVEMBER 2

TODAY'S READINGS

***Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Hymnal # 1020***

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Psalm 145:1-14

II Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Philippians 2:1-4

Psalm 131:1-3

Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Revelation 7:2-14

Psalm 24:1-6

I John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Wednesday:

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 23:1-6

Romans 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

Thursday:

Philippians 3:3-8

Psalm 105:2-7

Luke 15:1-10

Friday:

Philippians 3:17-4:

Psalm 122:1-5

Luke 16:1-8

Saturday:

Philippians 4:10-19

Psalm 112:1-9

Luke 16:9-15

Sunday:

II Maccabees 7:1-14

Psalm 17:1, 5-15

II Thessalonians 2:16-35

Luke 20:27-38 or

Luke 20-38

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!”

~ *St. Jerome*

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Come on Down!”

Can you imagine being the wealthiest person in town and yet everyone looks down on you? It may be more common for the wealthy to look down their noses at their social inferiors (aka the rest of us). The people in Jericho, however, did look disparagingly upon Zacchaeus, and not out of jealousy or because he was short.

We find several stories about tax *collectors* in the Gospels. They were hated by the *taxpayers* for having collaborated with the occupying Romans and the fact that they profited by charging an extra amount for their own pockets. Making even a subsistence living in First Century Palestine must have been difficult, and Zacchaeus had grown wealthy by squeezing money from his hard-pressed neighbors. Yet, this is the man whom Jesus called down to stand before a grumbling crowd and with whom He invited Himself to have supper: a recognized outcast and sinner. The astonished Zacchaeus responded immediately to the call, proposing to atone for his past to make things right. Seemingly ignoring his proposal, though, Jesus spoke about an even better atonement, for salvation had come to Zacchaeus in the Person of Jesus Himself.

The first reading today tells us that God lovingly extends His mercy to all people: cutting sinners some slack so that they might repent, rebuking as necessary, and warning and reminding them of their sins in order that they might turn to Him in faith and reform their lives. Salvation is extended because God loves all that He has created, and He is willing to go to great lengths to reclaim sinners and unite them with Himself.

To what great length, brothers and sisters, the Father has gone for us, not only in giving us a share in His own divine life but also in reclaiming us from our sins through the Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ! Christ, for His part, calls us by name and tells us that He desires to share with us the intimacy of a meal, and far more than a meal: the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist – His very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity – through which we are nurtured and bonded more tightly to Him.

Unfortunately, today, most people ignore, reject, and even deny Christ's call and the intimate relationship that He lovingly offers. We'd rather stay up in the tree, as uncomfortable and unstable as it might be for a while, than come down to face Him and risk having to change the course of our lives. We think, “He won't hang around waiting for us forever, after all, and once He moves on we can come down and go back to our business-as-usual way of life.”

Fortunately for us, God is patient; time is of no account for Him. Furthermore, the Father constantly is prepared to grant us the grace of conversion of heart, so as to make us “worthy of His calling,” as St. Paul says in today's epistle, bringing “to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, [so] that the Name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in” us.

No matter how short in stature we seem to be in our own eyes or in the eyes of the people around us because of our sins, we are giants in the eyes of a merciful God and Father, for He has created us in love and, by the power of His Holy Spirit, has made us His own beloved children by adoption in Christ Jesus, His Son.

So, come on down! Christ means to stay at the house of your soul today!

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

The heat finally is on in the main building! *One* new boiler has been installed and is operating in the main building; the second is still 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 via a capital campaign. The balance to pay the outstanding bills will come from our *Generations of Faith* account and dwindling Parish reserves.

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, November 5.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Thanks to all who have pledged toward this year's ACA campaign! We're at **\$66,477, 87.5% of the way toward our goal of \$76,014 with \$9,537 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!



**DON'T FORGET TO
FALL BACK ON
SATURDAY NIGHT
NOVEMBER 5**

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!

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERISHABLE
ITEMS IN THE BIN IN THE VESTIBULE
OF THE CHURCH!**

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, November 12.**

NEW READERS INSTALLED

Congratulations to Aioibhe Gallagher, Madeline Mauceri, and Joseph Morelli - recent graduates of St. Margaret Catholic Academy and Religious Ed Program - who have been installed as readers for proclaiming the Scriptures at Mass!

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the recent request for much needed blood donations.

The Blood Drive at St. Margaret on Sunday, October 23, was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** We are happy to report that **60 units of blood were collected**, a great testament to the dedication of the members of our community. We commend the New York Blood Center staff for a job well done!

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 Sacraments; Season 1 of "The Chosen", an excellent new presentation of the Gospels; St. Jude; dealing with fear; the Church's teachings on life and abortion; videos for children; many more interesting topics.

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: stmmvcalendar@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCES

Times are tough for all of us, and the slow recovery from the pandemic isn't helping. Although Mass attendance is up, our regular and special collections are down, seriously compromising our ability to meet our basic financial obligations.

Please prayerfully consider your level of stewardship in the next few weeks in order to commit to increasing your 2023 offerings 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.

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

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

Please use the All Souls Day envelopes to pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of your beloved dead in the special Masses to be celebrated at 7am, 9am and 12Noon this Wednesday, November 2.

GET INVOLVED!

Our life as members of community is not over at the end of Mass. Support *your* Parish by getting involved in the social, apostolic, and spiritual activities that we offer!

WE'RE BACK!!!

2022 LUAU BLITZ



WHEN: Friday, November 18
WHERE: Parish Center, opens at 7pm
COST: \$15 - Tickets on sale **NOW**
CALL: Margaret - 917-578-8237



We are in need of empty baskets, donations or gift certificates.

