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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 6, 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. ~	NOVEMBER 6 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 10:00	People of the Parish Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Faro Bartolotta/ William H. Becker/Giuseppe Scandariato/Marcellino Troia
NOON 5:00PM	Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst Aida Baker
MON. ~ 7:00 9:00	NOVEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY Purgatorial Society Antoinette Carneglia
TUE. ~ 7:00 9:00	NOVEMBER 8 - WEEKDAY Leonardo Curatolo Catherine, Michael, Tom and Rosaleen Reilly
WED. ~	NOVEMBER 9 - THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
7:00 9:00	Dorothy DeRosa Kathleen Duffy, Rita D'Ambrosio
THU. ~ 7:00 9:00 7:30PM	NOVEMBER 10 - ST. LEO THE GREAT Margaret Rooney Mark Wiesner, Sr. (anni) Holy Hour
FRI. ~ 7:00 9:00	NOVEMBER 11 - VETERANS DAY ~ NO MASS ~ Veterans of US Armed Forces
SAT. ~ 9:00	NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT Collective: Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/
11:45	Souls in Purgatory/ Memorial Mass: Patricia G. Lucas, Giuseppe Scandariato, Mary Fiori, Lucia Uglialoro, Robert Canale, Constance Elkner, Genaro Corzo,
5:00PM	Charles & Jennie Pirtz
SUN. ~	NOVEMBER 13 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 10:00	Anne McGinnis John Bohan (anni)/Daniele Bussa/ Salvatore Fazzolari (birth)/ Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Margurite
NOON	Peggy Rompulla

People of the Parish

Intention of Erwin Hiris (birth)



NOON

5:00PM

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY

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 <u>MUST</u> 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 Bryzgornia, 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, Bob Bicknese, Jerry Feldman, Kathleen Mercado, Janice McManus-Genevrino,

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:

Kerri Ann Nijhawan

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 Robert J. Podlovits at the request of The Podlovits Family.

ALTAR CANDLES

are offered in memory of Robert J. Podlovits at the request of The Podlovits Family.

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Robert J. Podlovits at the request of The Podlovits Family.

TODAY'S READINGS

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C - Hymnal # 1023

> II Maccabees 7:1-14 Psalm 17:1, 5-15

II Thessalonians 2:16-3-5

Luke 20:27-38 or Luke 20:27-38

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Timothy 1:1-9

Psalm 24 1-6 Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday: Timothy 2:1-14

Psalm 37:3-29 Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Psalm 46:2-9; 1 I Corinthians 3:9-17

John 2:13-22

Thursday: Philemon 7-20

Psalm 146:7-10 Luke 17:20-25

II John 4-9

Psalm 119:1-18

Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: III John 5-8

Friday:

Psalm 112:1-6

Luke 18:1-8

Sunday: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 98:5-9

II Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

"The Life of the World to Come"

In case you haven't noticed, we're coming to the end of the Church's liturgical year. We have just two more Sundays after this one before we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent on Nov. 27 (while we're still trying to digest our Thanksgiving dinners). As always, holy Mother Church focuses our attention on the "four last things": Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. It's hardly the way, perhaps, that we'd like to enter a festive "holiday season", but it is part and parcel of the reality that all of us will have to face some day.

Today's Scripture readings, while serious and somber, give us a glimmer of hope that should overcome any fatalism and finality. The first reading, written in the century before Christ about events from a century earlier still, remind us of the persecution of the Jewish people by an arrogant and evil pagan king. Worship of the God of Israel was forbidden and outlawed under penalty of death, yet so many people remained faithful despite cruel punishment. Such is the story of the seven brothers and their mother, all of whom eventually suffered death rather than renounce their faith in God. They were able to do this because of their belief in life after death, a concept just entering into Jewish theological thought at that time.

Many Jews by Jesus' time accepted this idea, but not the Sadducees, who only believed what they found in the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, which they believed had been written by Moses himself. Hence, they present Jesus with a case of the absurd in order to try to trip Him up. His response, also drawing from Moses and the Torah, though, gives them to understand that the life of Heaven is radically different from this temporal life. In Heaven, all relationships are united directly to God; therefore, mere human relationships are inconsequential, and there is no need for any offspring to carry one's name into the future, since every person is a child of God and is eternal, like the angels.

St. Paul, in today's epistle, prays for his disciples of the city of Thessaloniki in northern Greece, encouraging them to hold fast to their faith in Jesus Christ and to continue by word and deed to live according to the teachings that they had received through him. He reassures them that the Father will give them the grace to do so.

So what about us, almost twenty-two centuries removed from the days of the Maccabees and twenty from Jesus and St. Paul?

We do not live under the rule of an evil king, but these times are trying for us as well, as evil itself repeatedly and violently rears its ugly head. We are told, whether directly or indirectly, to renounce our faith in Christ, in the reality and efficacy of His presence in the Sacraments, and in the teachings of His Church, especially of the sanctity and dignity of all human life, born or yet in the womb. We are told that our antiquated religious beliefs are irrelevant or a matter to be kept to ourselves and not to be brought into the public forum, that we should live for the here and now, forget about spiritual realities and instead to get the most enjoyment and pleasure out of material things, we should focus only on our own wants and desires, and ignore the reality of sin and its consequences.

It is time, though, for Christians and all people of good will to stand firm with the courage of the Maccabees and the conviction of the early disciples, placing our trust in the living God Who wishes to bring us into the fullness of His eternal life and gives us the grace to adhere to Him. One day, every one of us will have to stand before the judgment seat of the King of kings to give answer for the conduct of our lives here on earth during the relatively short time that is accorded to us.

Let us strive, then, to live as people of faith, hope, and charity, according to the moral teachings that we, too, have received (better for us to obey God than men) and following the example of so many who have gone before us into the fullness of the life of the world to come!

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Thanks to all who have pledged toward this year's ACA campaign! We're at \$66,627, 87.7% of the way toward our goal of \$76,014 with \$9,387 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

ATTENTION, YOUNG ADULTS

The next *holy hour for young adults (18-30-something)* will take place **this** Thursday, November 10, from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the church. 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!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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

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).

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.

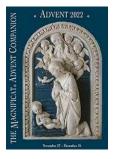
Families who wish to have an annual or "month's mind" Mass offered for a loved one can join in the monthly celebration. Contact the Rectory, 718-326-1911, to make the arrangements.

The next memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 12. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin.

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, 7:30am to 6:00pm. Come and spend some quality time with the Lord before or after Mass or during the day.

Please use common sense for your safety and that of others.



THE MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION

will be on sale after all Masses beginning the weekend of November 19/20, for a donation of \$2.00 per copy.

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 dying; Purgatory; praying for the dead; the Resurrection; new episodes of "The Chosen"; and many activities for 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.



WE'RE BACK!!! 2022 LUAU BLITZ

WHEN: Friday, November 18

WHERE: Parish Center, open at 7pm

COST: \$15 - tickets on sale NOW

CALL: Margaret - 917-578-8237

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





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

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday, November 13, at 10:00am.



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!