

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

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST,  
KING  
OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 20, 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

<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 20 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>
8:00		Thomas Mazza
10:00		Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Vincent Battaglini/Pitassi Family/Cercone Family/Battaglini Family/Sanfrancesco DiPaola/Alessio Atria/Sanfilippo, Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonino, Vito, Antonino/Int. Sebastiano Gerage/Vincenzo, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Lena & Joseph Mazzola
NOON		Joe VanSchaick (anniv)
3:00PM		<b>Wedding:</b> Joseph Torre and Josephine Phillips
5:00PM		Giovanni Paolilli
<b>MON.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 21 - PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
7:00		Antonino Catalano
9:00		Intention of Peter Vaicels (birth)
<b>TUE.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 22 - ST. CECILIA</b>
7:00		John Martinkat
9:00		Richard Garczynski
<b>WED.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 23 - STS. CLEMENT / COLUMBAN / BLESSED MIGUEL AUGUSTIN PRO</b>
7:00		Costanza Villani
9:00		John Hegener
<b>THU.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC / THANKSGIVING DAY</b>
9:00		People of the Parish
<b>FRI.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 25 - ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA</b>
9:00		Steven Dominic Berlviso (anniv)
<b>SAT.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 26 - WEEKDAY</b>
9:00		<b>Collective:</b> Louis & Jane Normandia/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory
5:00PM		Patricia Green/Julia Duignan
<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
8:00		Robert Hawd
10:00		Tilde DeSiervi/Michael Gebert/Vincenzo Scotto/Michele Scotto/Andrea, Grazia, Giuseppe, Laura, Saverio e Salvatore Consiglio/Concetta e MassimilianoBoiardi
NOON		Andrea e Giovanna Bozzo
5:00PM		Kunegunda Kala People of the Parish

## 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 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, 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, Rita Heilman,

**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 Frohnofer  
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici  
Alexander Gockley, Pz2*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be*



## **WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

***especially this week:***

***SALVATORE LIGGIERI, ALBINA PUGLIESE***  
*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 John Martinkat  
at the request of His Family.*

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Joe VanSchaick  
at the request of St. Margaret Choir.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Lena & Joseph Mazzola  
at the request of Ben Armato.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
Cycle C - Hymnal # 1029***

II Samuel 5:1-3  
Psalm 122:1-5  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Revelation 14:1-5  
Psalm 24:1-6  
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Revelation 14:14-19  
Psalm 96:10-13  
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Revelation 15:1-4  
Psalm 98:1-9  
Luke 21:5-11

Thursday: Revelation 18:1-23  
Psalm 19:1-9  
Psalm 100:1-5  
Luke 21:20-28

Friday: Revelation 20:1-11, 21:2  
Psalm 84:3-8  
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Revelation 22:1-7  
Psalm 95:1-7  
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122:1-9  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Christ, Our King”***

By the time that you read this, the ballot count for the mid-term elections should be over (except, perhaps, in those districts that still use an abacus). As always happens, some people will be very happy with the results, others will be quite disappointed, and still others, it seems, couldn't care less, as their lack of participation in the electoral process might indicate. However the elections may have panned out for you, not much should have changed for us as Christians, since the Name of the one Who calls us to follow Him was not on any formal ballot. Moreover, it was He Who chose us before we ever decided to choose Him. Now as before and ever more, we are to acclaim as our only Head Jesus Christ, crucified for us and risen from the dead.

Today, on this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. One might think from such a grandiose title, and in light of the first reading, that Christ should be depicted with great pomp and majesty like the emperors and kings of by-gone ages, but one would be wrong. Instead, we honor the One Who fulfilled the ancient prophecies as the promised Messiah, descended from the House of David, yet not as people imagined He would be. Instead, He is enthroned before our eyes on the wood of the Cross, the instrument by which He has made our peace with God.

The crown that He wears is not made of gold and silver set with pearls and precious gems but is woven from thorn branches. Instead of imperial robes dyed with royal purple, He is clothed with barely enough as would placate the ancient Jewish sense of minimal decency, dyed scarlet by His blood.

The decree of His kingship mounted above His head is both a matter of derision and a warning to anyone even considering contesting the authority of Rome: This could be you! While our Catholic crucifixes bear above His head the letters “INRI” for the inscription in Latin for “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews”, Orthodox crucifixes proclaim Him as the “King of Glory”, and rightly so, for it should not be a matter of merely recalling the legalistic charge for which He was crucified, but rather the title by which He is to be honored by all who recognize Him as their Lord, God, and Savior, following Him through this life into life eternal.

Such is Jesus Christ, Whom we follow, the eternal One through Whom the universe came into being and Who has shown us the full measure of the Father's love for us in bringing about our redemption and reconciliation – the forgiveness of our sins, as St. Paul reminded his Colossian disciples – through His blood shed on the Cross.

I said above that His Name appears on no formal ballots. Rather, it should be printed, engraved on the “ballot” of every human heart. Given free will, while He has chosen us, it remains for us to choose Him in return. If we give living testimony to our faith in Him and in the promise He makes to all who follow Him, we will receive the same reward that He swore to the “good thief” in today's Gospel passage: “You will be with Me in Paradise!”

We are to obey our country's civil laws, provided that they are just. Even more, though, should we respect and live according to justice itself: the Law of God. We do not live or die for any secular elected official, regardless of how much we may support or admire him/her, but let us live as faithful children and servants of God in the truth of His love for us and rally around the banner of the Son of David, the beloved and only-begotten Son of the Father, Christ our King!

~ *Fr. Armato*



## BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

The heat finally is on in the main building; the *second* new boiler has been installed and should be up and running soon.

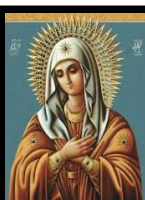
The cost of the project is estimated at over \$480,000. We have received a **loan** from the Diocese of \$350,000, which must be repaid over the next few years via a capital campaign. The balance to pay the outstanding bills will come from our *Generations of Faith account* and dwindling Parish reserves, 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, December 3.**

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 **\$72,423, 95.3% of the way toward our goal of \$76,014 with just \$3,591 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)**



## THE MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION

Celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas the Catholic way with the *Magnificat Advent Companion*, on sale at the Gift Shop and in the church vestibule this weekend, for a donation of \$2 per copy.

## 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, December 10.**

## 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.*

## WE INVITE YOU TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Spend some time reflecting on the Advent Gospels. We will meet on **Tuesdays, at 11am and Wednesdays at 7pm**, in the Convent Meeting room, beginning **November 22nd**. The reflection themes are:

*Stay Awake - Nov. 22 and 23*

*Repent - Nov. 29 and 30*

*The One who is to Come - Dec 6 and 7*

*Emmanuel - Dec. 13 and 14*

*Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, into our lives,  
into our world!*

## 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: forgiveness; two seasons of "The Chosen" series; Mother Cabrini; life after death; living in confusing times; "Brother Francis" videos for children; and 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.

## 2023 CALENDARS

Our traditional calendars are being distributed beginning this weekend. They will be outside of each confessional in the church. Please stop by and get your copy.

Our sincerest thanks to Michael & Anneliese Roemmelt of Michael's Funeral Home for their generosity to St. Margaret Parish.



## ***YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED***

to join our adult and children's  
choirs, for an afternoon of  
***Lessons and Carols***

This prayerful and spiritual service  
will take place on Sunday, December 11,  
at 3:00pm in the Church.

*"The singing of hymns is one of the best ways  
to put ourselves in tune with the Spirit of the Lord"*



## 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](mailto:stmmvcalendar@gmail.com)**

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Once again, the St. Vincent dePaul  
Society is sponsoring the Christmas

### ***"GIVING TREE"***



Proceeds will go to less fortunate  
children in our parish and neighboring parishes.

**WHAT:** New, unwrapped toys or clothing for  
children ages infant to 12 years.

**WHEN:** Through December 11

**WHERE:** Please choose a gift card, (or two)  
from the vestibule of the Church and return your  
gifts to the black bin in the church vestibule or to  
the convent, (66-25 79 Place) on Wednesday or  
Saturday from 10am to 12 Noon.

Thank you for your generosity and may you  
have a blessed Christmas!

## REMEMBER YOUR PARISH!

Please remember your St. Margaret's in your will or if  
you are moving away. It's a simple but important way to  
say "Thank you" for the years that the Parish has been  
here to serve your spiritual, social, and physical needs.

## 2023 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Please come to the Rectory Office during regular  
business hours to make arrangements for your 2023  
Masses and memorials.

## REMEMBER THE DECEASED

by praying for your deceased loved ones and visiting  
their graves, especially during the month of November.  
The bonds of love that are forged during our lives do not  
unravel with death!