

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

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**FIRST  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 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 27 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
8:00		Robert Hawd
10:00		Int. Tilde DeSiervi/Michael Gebert/ Vincenzo Scotto/Michele Scotto/ Andrea, Grazia, Giuseppe, Laura, Saverio e Salvatore Palazzolo/ Vincenzo, Salvatore e Giovanni Consiglio/Concetta e Massimiliano Boiardi/Andrea e Giovanna Bozzo/ Kunegunda Kala People of the Parish
NOON		
5:00PM		
<b>MON.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 28 - ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Bernhard Schindler
9:00		Michael Martino
<b>TUE.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 29 - ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Intention of Christine Williams
9:00		William Nichols
<b>WED.</b>	~	<b>NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW</b>
7:00		Anthony DeSiervi
9:00		Andrew Jenner
<b>THU.</b>	~	<b>DECEMBER 1 - ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Thomas Foudy (anniv)
9:00		Marie Buchman (birth)
<b>FRI.</b>	~	<b>DECEMBER 2 - ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Philip Composto
9:00		Carmel Pagano
<b>SAT.</b>	~	<b>DECEMBER 3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER</b>
9:00		<b>Collective:</b> Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Fred Basedow/ <b>Holy Hour</b> People of the Parish
9:30		
5:00PM		
<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>DECEMBER 4 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
8:00		George Smith
10:00		Eugeniusz Latka/Kazimierz Libera/ Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Marcellino Troia/ Alertina e Salvatore Oppedisano/ Salvatore Fazzolari James Bohan (birth) Concetta & John Averna
NOON		
5:00PM		



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## 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, 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 Frohnhoefer  
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:*

***Mary Ann Orsi***

*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 Maria & Guido Divechia  
at the request of Louisa.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Chester & Eleanor Kapica  
at the request of Eileen Jenner.*

***Remember to pray for your deceased loved ones and to  
visit their graves. The bonds of love that are forged  
during our lives do not unravel with death!***

## TODAY'S READINGS

***First Sunday in Advent  
Cycle A - Hymnal # 858***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 4:2-6  
Psalm 122:1-9  
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-17  
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Romans 10:9-18  
Psalm 19:8-11  
Matthew 4:18-22

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-27  
Matthew 7:21-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24  
Psalm 27:1-14  
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-26  
Psalm 147:1-6  
Matthew 9:35 10, 1-8

Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-17  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12

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

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

***“Be Prepared”***

One of the great beauties of our faith is the rhythmic pattern of the Church year, with the rise and fall of the liturgical seasons preparing for or celebrating the great feasts of Christmas and Easter or meditating on the mission of Christ and our role in it as His disciples. So it is as we begin a new liturgical year on this First Sunday of Advent.

“Advent” refers to coming, and we are to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Most people, even in the secular world, are busy preparing to celebrate Christmas, the first coming of Christ. Our attention right now, however, should be focused on His Second Coming at the end of time, when, as we profess in the Creed, “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”

We know with certitude that we will celebrate His birth on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, just as we do every year, and we plan our preparatory activities with that date in mind. We also have a fairly good idea that His birth took place just over 2,000 years ago, but we do not know when His Second Coming will take place. Nevertheless, Jesus tells His disciples (including us) in today’s Gospel passage that they/we are to be alert and prepared to receive Him Who will come with great suddenness and little further warning, just like a thief in the night.

The early Christians took Him very seriously at His word, so seriously, in fact, that they believed that He would return shortly after His ascension to the Father, even within their own lifetime. Yet, here we are almost twenty centuries later, still waiting for Him to show up. After the passage of this much time, even the best of us is likely to lose focus as the eagerness of anticipation wears off.

Instead, we busy ourselves with preparation for the more proximate event of Christmas, just a few weeks off (at four full weeks, this is the longest that Advent can be). It’s a lot easier for us to get lost in the hustle and bustle and scurrying about of decorating and shopping, wrapping and baking, as well as planning and attending “Christmas parties” in the middle of December, than it is to occupy our time in prayerful self-inspection, penitential sacrifice, and the reformation of our lives. After all, this is Advent, not Lent! Our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters, however, have been busy with the latter use of their time since November 15, the start of what they refer to as “Little Lent”, forty days before Christmas.

Christ told His disciples to be prepared to receive Him at the end of time. He didn’t say to get preoccupied with the relative trivialities of a “holiday season” that sadly has been hijacked by secular society and commercialism. (It’s all the sadder because we have allowed and continue to foster the hijacking of our holy day.) We may not be around to see that final coming of Christ in glory, but we definitely will be around when He comes at the end of *our* time, for which we also do not know the day or the hour. Thus, we should use this wonderful season of Advent in joyful hope and anticipation to prepare ourselves spiritually for a fuller life in Christ both now and in the Kingdom of Heaven.

So, pray the Rosary each day, focusing and meditating on the Joyful Mysteries. Read and reflect on the first two chapters of the Gospels according to Saints Matthew and Luke, one chapter each week. Get to confession at least once this coming month. Participate at holy Mass every weekend, if not also during the week. Spend some time in doing spiritual reading, including looking over the Sunday readings before or after coming to Mass, or using the *Magnificat Advent Companion* or a similar aid. Visit the Blessed Sacrament for some quiet prayer time in Christ’s presence. Don’t forget to fast and to do acts of mercy!

Just as we are to be more spiritually mature on Easter Sunday than we are on Ash Wednesday, so we are to be different people on Christmas day – and at the hour of our death – from the way we are today. Trust in Him, do not be afraid, but *be prepared*, for at an hour you do not expect Christ will come to you!

~ *Fr. Armato*



## BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

The heat finally is on in the main building, and 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!



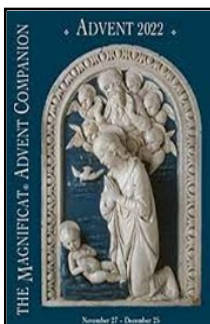
## PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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 for a donation of \$2/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 meet on **Tuesdays, at 11am and Wednesdays at 7pm**, in the Convent Meeting room, The reflection themes are:

*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 outside of each confessional in the church, Please stop by and get your copy.

We wish to thank Michael & Anneliese Roemmelt of Michael's Funeral Home for their generosity and continued support of St. Margaret Parish.



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

*which will be dedicated to 160 years of  
Catholic Education in our Parish.  
This prayerful and spiritual service  
will take place on Sunday, December 11,  
at 3:00pm in the Church.*



## 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.