

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1, 2023

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.	~	JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
8:00		Mary Hawd
10:00		Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Marcellino Troia/Mary O'Connor (anni)/Enrico Franzese/Anna Governale
NOON		Anita Competello <u>NO 5:00PM MASS</u>
MON.	~	JANUARY 2 - STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN
7:00		Purgatorial Society
9:00		Catherine Steinmann
TUE.	~	JANUARY 3 - THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
7:00		Intention of Cathal Friel
9:00		Velma Begy
WED.	~	JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
7:00		Steve Griglik
9:00		Louis Meyers
THU.	~	JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN
7:00		Elizabeth Petersen
9:00		Rose Annese
FRI.	~	JANUARY 6 - ST. ANDRE BESSETTE
7:00		Peter Bojцениuk
9:00		Sr. Rose Godfrey Cerar
SAT.	~	JANUARY 7 - ST. RAYMOND PENAFORT
9:00		Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory
9:30		Holy Hour
5:00PM		Thomas Mazza
SUN.	~	JANUARY 8 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00		Rosanna Maurer
10:00		Daniele Busa/Pietra Stabile
NOON		People of the Parish
5:00PM		Jeffrey Matusiak



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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.

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, Anthony Pittelli, Charlie Krzewski, 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, 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
Pfc. Alexander Gockley*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

especially this week:

GIUSEPPE CARNESI

*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 Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
At the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Cycle A - Hymnal # 877***

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 67:2-8

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I John 2:22-28

Psalm 98:1-4

John 1:19-28

Tuesday: I John 2:29-3:6

Psalm 98:1-6

John 1:29-34

Wednesday: I John 3:7-10

Psalm 98:1-9

John 1:35-42

Thursday: I John 3:11-21

Psalm 100:1-5

John 1:43-51

Friday: I John 5:5-13

Psalm 147:12-20

Mark 1:7-11

Saturday: I John 5:14-21

Psalm 149:1-9

John 2:1-11

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-13

Ephesians 3:2-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Prayerful Reflection”

We usually think of Christmas as being just one day in the long year. Although we run around for weeks to prepare for it and pull out all the stops to celebrate it, very often we're thankful that Christmas Day has come and gone at last (along with the dinner guests whom we had over to the house). Our liturgical observance of this feast is a different matter, though, as we continue to celebrate it for at least twelve days, each day telling part of the story about the birth of our Savior.

The Gospel of each of the major feasts and solemnities within the Christmas season presents a different scene of witnessing to the reality of the Child. Thus we have the testimony of the angels in one event, that of the shepherds (today's reading) in another, that of the Magi in yet another, the testimony of a holy man and woman in the Temple at the time of His presentation, and, finally, that of God the Father and the Holy Spirit at His baptism. Each of these occasions offers us an opportunity not only to celebrate but also to reflect prayerfully about a key tenet of our faith: the Incarnation of the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, the only-begotten Son of the Father.

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It's a feast that gets many non-Catholic and non-Orthodox Christians (not to mention non-Christians) all bent out of shape. How can Mary be the mother of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? How can God, Who existed before all time, have a human mother, who was born in time? The title, however, which was confirmed at the Third Ecumenical Council at Ephesus in 431, speaks more about the Child than about the mother: the Child born of the Virgin Mary, the Council Fathers professed, is true God and true man, fully divine and fully human; therefore Mary rightly can be called "Mother of God". It's a title worthy of our prayerful reflection.

We read in today's Gospel passage that Mary pondered/reflected in her heart on the shepherds' adoration of her Child. It's not the only time that the Gospels say that she did this. One can only imagine how many times Mary must have taken events to heart from the moment of the Annunciation to the day of Christ's Ascension and even beyond. She stands as His model disciple, solid in her faithful relationship with God, attuned to His Word, grasping His will, reflecting on it, accepting it trustingly, and putting it into effect in her life with loving obedience. Mary is what we're supposed to be as children of God by adoption and members of the Mystical Body of Christ by virtue of our baptism. She is the perfect follower of her Son, following the pattern of His own relationship with God the Father.

Mary also is our mother, given by the crucified Christ to His beloved disciple John and through him to all disciples for all times. That includes you and me. Thus, we rightly turn to her in our needs and our difficulties and celebrate our joys with her, just as we would turn to our natural mothers. We ask her intercession with Christ, her Son, for the forgiveness of our sins, the grace of conversion of heart, and protection from harm. We have in her a tender and understanding confidant, and join with her in our prayers to and praise of God. She is a true gift given to the Church as a whole and to each of its members, her children in the Faith.

It is with abiding faith, then, that we can pray: Holy Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us sinners who have recourse to you! This, too, is worthy of our prayerful reflection.

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

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

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. 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.

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, January 7.

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 **\$72,767, 95.7% of the way toward our goal of \$76,014 with just \$3,246 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

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH!

Please remember St. Margaret's in your will. 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.

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, January 14.**

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.

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).

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 our Lady of Fatima, the Sacraments, Scripture study, videos to keep the kids occupied, and much more.

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 til 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

SCHOOL NEWS



We wish to congratulate the following St. Margaret Parish students who have received honors at

Holy Cross High School:

Randy Sosa
Luke Roemmelt
Ripley Petrovic
James Roemmelt

We wish these students continued success in their future endeavors.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the several collections for the Parish and outside agencies. We'll report on the amounts shortly.

Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship in the next few weeks in order to commit to increasing your 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!



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, January 15, 2023 from 9:00am until 3:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to ring 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.