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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**SECOND SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 15, 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 15 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Robert Hawd
10:00 Francesco DiCapite/Leonarda Asaro/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Catalano/Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri
NOON Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Competello
5:00PM People of the Parish

MON. ~ JANUARY 16 - WEEKDAY

7:00 ~ **NO MASS** ~
9:00 Frances Kelly (anniv)

TUE. ~ JANUARY 17 - ST. ANTHONY

7:00 Gaetano Gangone
9:00 Marie Sparacio

WED. ~ JANUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Geraldine Gurrieri
9:00 Larry Dooley

THU. ~ JANUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Alberino DiCenso
9:00 Joseph Rielly

FRI. ~ JANUARY 20 - STS. FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN

7:00 Geraldine Gurrieri
9:00 Intention of Mary Twomey

SAT. ~ JANUARY 21 - ST. AGNES

9:00 **Collective:** Ida, Fannie & Josephine Spadafora/
5:00PM People of the Parish

SUN. ~ JANUARY 22 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Anita Cacioppo
10:00 Luigi, Saverio e Michael Bosco/Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Forte/
NOON Fred Basedow
5:00PM Kevin Martin

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.



**THE RECTORY WILL
BE CLOSED ON
MON., JAN. 16
IN OBSERVANCE OF
DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM**

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:

ALLAN HAAG, SR., GIUSEPPI CANGELOSI

*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 Fred Basedow
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Davide & Iole Colalella
at the request of the Colalella & Verdi Families.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Marco J. Colalella
at the request of the Colalella & Verdi Families.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 931***

Isaiah 49:3-6
Psalm 40:2-10
I Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10
Psalm 110:1-4
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20
Psalm 111:1-10
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-17
Psalm 110:1-4
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: Hebrews 7:25, 8:6
Psalm 40:7-17
Mark 3:7-12

Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13
Psalm 85:8-14
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: Hebrews 9:2-14
Psalm 47:2-9
Mark 3:20-21

Sunday: Isaiah 8:23, 9:3
Psalm 27:1-14
I Corinthians 1:10-17
Matthew 4:12-23

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“One More Witness”

Our crèche will remain in place until February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, but the Christmas Season is officially behind us, and with it the solemnity of the Epiphany and the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. Nevertheless, Holy Mother Church offers us in today's liturgy the testimony of not just one but two more witnesses as to the reality of the Person of Jesus of Nazareth.

The first reading prepares us for God's fulfillment of ancient promises in the person of St. John the Baptist, the last of the prophets and the one who at long last would announce the Messiah's coming. The Gospel passage, on the other hand, presents him in the position of being a secondary, though critically integral, character in the story of salvation. John admitted his own unworthiness. Then, carrying out his role as “Prophet of the Most High”, he testified not only to Jesus as the “Lamb of God” and ultimately as the Son of God but also to the confirming presence of the Holy Spirit, Who rested upon Jesus in the form of a dove as He came up from the waters of the River Jordan after His baptism by John.

Aside from its usage at Mass just before Communion time, most people today neither are familiar with the term nor grasp the importance of the designation of the “Lamb of God”. It refers to the lamb sacrificed as a sin offering on the altar of the great Temple in Jerusalem in accord with the Law of Moses, particularly at the Passover feast that recounted the liberation of the People of Israel from bondage in Egypt. First Century Jews understood exactly what John was driving at in applying the term to Jesus. True God and true man, Jesus is *the* offering *par excellence*, the only true and perfect sacrifice that has the power and ability to take away the sins of the world, to liberate mankind from its bondage to sin, and to reconcile us to God. Upon hearing John's proclamation, two of his disciples sought out Jesus in order to get to know Him first-hand. They, too, would bear witness about Him to others, initially back home and eventually wherever He sent them in mission.

John's baptism was not the Sacrament of the Church that we receive. Rather, it was a sort of purification, a ritual bathing as a sign of a person's intention to repent of his/her sins and to reform his/her life. One might wonder, then, what business Jesus, the sinless Son of the Father, had in getting baptized, since He had neither any sins of which to repent nor any need to reform His life in order to bring it into right relationship with God the Father.

The event can stand for us as a lesson in humility provided by Jesus and St. John who both bowed to the Divine plan of the Father – Jesus, submitting Himself to the ministrations of His inferior by undergoing the show of the (unnecessary) ritual cleansing, and John, humbly stepping out of the spotlight in order to carry out his own mission to announce One mightier than he, Who had existed before him. Furthermore, it is an indication of the way given by Christ to all who would follow Him as His disciples by setting up the development for our Christian sacramental Baptism through which we truly are cleansed of sin and united with Christ as members of His Mystical Body, the Church. Finally, the scene is a reminder to us that we, too, are to be attuned to the presence of Christ in our lives, to submit ourselves to Him in humility, and to go forth in testifying to our faith in Him by the way that we live our lives according to His teachings.

May the grace and peace of God the Father and the power of His Holy Spirit strengthen you to live more fully and courageously as a disciple of Christ, thereby presenting to a broken and sin-filled world one more witness to the loving mercy of God and the reality of the Lamb of God, His Son, Jesus Christ!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Being anointed is not a sign that one is at death's door. Rather, it is to assist the sick or elderly to bear up with the burden of illness and/or age.

We will hold a communal celebration of the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** at the 9:00am Mass on Saturday, February 11, the feast of our Lady of Lourdes.

The Sacrament can be received more than once. Contact the Rectory Offices, to give us an idea of how many people to plan for or to arrange for a visit to the homebound by one of the priests.



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

Congratulations and thanks to all who pledged toward the 2022 *ACA campaign!* We exceeded our goal by \$5,690, at **\$81,704**, which is **107.5% of goal**. Most of the pledges having been paid up, we will get some money back in a couple of months.

ESTATE PLANNING

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. We hope to sponsor a seminar on overall estate planning in the near future.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for tax purposes will
ONLY BE AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911
AFTER FEBRUARY 1
if you would like a
statement mailed to you.

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, February 11.**

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the several collections for the Parish and outside agencies last month! We'll report on the amounts shortly, once the accounting has been completed.

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 donation 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.

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 Eucharist and the other Sacraments; the Gospel according to St. Matthew; mental, physical, and spiritual health issues; new year's resolutions; activities 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.



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

Maggie's Little Theater Presents **Agatha Christie's**

THE **MOUSETRAP**

www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org
347-286-8508 (New phone number!)

SHOW DATES

Sat. February 11 & 18 at 8:00pm
Sun. February 12 & 19 at 2:30pm
Fri. February 17 at 8:00pm

Adults \$20 - Seniors (65+) \$18
Children (11 and under) \$18

We value your safety: All patrons will be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination at the door, and wear a mask when not actively eating or drinking.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

BLOOD DRIVE, TODAY!

There is an **URGENT NEED** for blood donations and the New York Blood Center is asking, again, for our help.



St. Margaret parish is sponsoring a blood drive **TODAY, January 15, from 9:00am until 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.** Please remember to eat and drink before you come and bring 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.

WE ARE BACK!!

Save the date and
join the Celebration!



IRISH NIGHT

Saturday, March 4, 2023
Mass at 5:00pm followed by a
Traditional Irish Dinner
until 11:00pm
Beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea

MUSIC BY
THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS

More information to follow . . .