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**THIRD SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 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 22 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Anita Cacioppo
10:00		Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Forte/Luigi, Saverio e Michael Bosco
NOON		Fred Basedow
5:00PM		Kevin Martin
MON.	~	JANUARY 23 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
7:00		Intention of Mary Fee
9:00		Joe Reilly
TUE.	~	JANUARY 24 - ST. FRANCIS deSALES
7:00		Jacob & Miriam Weiner & Family
9:00		Angelo Scaturro
WED.	~	JANUARY 25 - THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
7:00		Mina Sippenauer (anniv)
9:00		Rev. Msgr. William A. Varvaro
THU.	~	JANUARY 26 - STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS
7:00		Gerald McDonald (birth)
9:00		Robert J. & Karen (Morrissey) Schaefer
FRI.	~	JANUARY 27 - ST. ANGELA MERICI
7:00		Anna & Wilhelm Nick
9:00		Anthony Lopresti
SAT.	~	JANUARY 28 - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
9:00		Collective: Anthony Coccaro
5:00PM		Sal Manardo
SUN.	~	JANUARY 29 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		Giovanni Campo
NOON		Deceased of the Jaklitsch Family
5:00PM		Vivien Hegarty



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JANUARY 23

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, Lee Falk, Justin James Quirke, Allen McConville, The Scaturro Family, James Graff, The Mojica Family, Charlie Krzewski, William & Patricia Scharach, 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:

***ANTOINETTE DIMINO,
ANTHONY F. COCCARO***

*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

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Angie & Rick Ferzola.



SAINT
THOMAS
AQUINAS
JANUARY 28

TODAY'S READINGS

***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 934***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hebrews 9:15-28
Psalm 98:1-6
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10
Psalm 40:2-11
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16
Psalm 117:1-2
Mark 16:15-18

Thursday: II Timothy 1:1-8
Psalm 96:1-10
Mark 4:21-25

Friday: Hebrews 10:32-39
Psalm 37:3-40
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-19
Luke 1:69-75
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
Psalm 146:6-10
I Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Fishing for Souls”

Have you ever wondered what you might do if some stranger were to walk into your place of business, out of the blue, and ask you to drop whatever you were doing and follow him instead? Chances are that you might turn a deaf ear to him and go back about your work. Perhaps, you might pause for a moment or two to find out what exactly he had in mind. Fortunately for us, the first Apostles – Peter and his brother Andrew, and James and his brother John – did stop in the middle of their work and followed Christ. They knew their trade as fishermen, but what could it mean to be “fishers of men?”

We might say, “What the heck! They had nothing to lose, so why not?” If so, we’d be wrong. They had their livelihoods to lose, the support of their families to lose, their way of life (as difficult as it was) to lose. They were lower-income businessmen, with boats and crews to lose. In addition, Herod II was about as open to the possibility of any other kingdom being established on his territory as his father, Herod the Great, had been. (Remember the slaughter of the innocent boys in Bethlehem from the Magi story a couple of weeks ago?) Following anyone who proclaimed a new kingdom, even the Kingdom of Heaven, could lead to death.

Nevertheless, there was something about this stranger that intrigued the brothers enough to get them to change their lives. They knew enough from their worship in the Capernaum synagogue and the religious training given to them by their parents to wait and pray for the long-overdue Messiah. Could this Jesus be the one? Jesus’ startling opening call, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” must have done more than simply intrigue the two sets of brothers. A glimpse of the light of God’s renewed Covenant, as promised centuries earlier, had shown in their hearts that day along the seashore of Capernaum, of all places, and the brothers responded with courage (as well as a bit of curiosity, perhaps by the grace of God).

That same call of Christ goes out to each and every person today. Each of us has need for repentance for our sins as well as the need to reform our lives. That second part usually escapes us as we rapidly profess an Act of Contrition, which calls us to reform and to distance ourselves from whatever separates us from God.

Moreover, as He did with the fishermen, Christ also calls us into active service, to follow Him in a new way of life, so as to continue His mission of bringing all people to the Father through Him. It is not enough simply to hear the call to reform, or even to take it to heart, in isolation. We are called into a communion of believing disciples – the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ – who work by the way we live our lives according to His teachings, to build up that same Kingdom of Heaven that is at hand for us just as Christ proclaimed it to His first followers.

As we do so, we also are admonished by St. Paul in today’s second reading, to be united in one mind and one purpose (i.e., the furtherance of the Kingdom) without any division or partisanship among us. How important this message is for us today in the middle of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, an echoing of Christ’s Last Supper prayer to the Father for His disciples, “That they may be one, Father, as We are one!” This doesn’t mean a watering down of the teachings of the Church, or any sort of compromising on the Faith that has come down to us from the Apostles, or to ignore real differences. We are called to proclaim Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of lords, regardless of the obstacles and difficulties, hostile opposition, or the lack of response of an indifferent world.

Let us strive, therefore, to repent of our sins earnestly and to live as faithful disciples of the Lord, doing what is good and true and just and righteous in His eyes, so that our efforts may produce a great catch for the Kingdom of Heaven as we go fishing for souls!

~ *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 **\$82,444**, which is **108.5% 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 Sacraments; Pope Benedict XVI; a Catholic commentary on "The Chosen" series; finding the meaning of life and death; 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 CATHOLIC ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE

Catholic Schools Week begins on January 29! We invite you to tour our school and meet our students, faculty and staff. Tours also available during the week. Call the school at **718-326-0922** or email us at **stmargoffice@gmail.com**

for more information.

St. Margaret Catholic Academy
Educating students from
3K through Grade 8

Maggie's Little Theater Presents

Agatha Christie's



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



WE ARE BACK!!

join the Celebration!

IRISH NIGHT

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Mass at 5:00pm followed by a

Traditional Irish Dinner until 11:00pm

MUSIC BY

THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS

For tickets call:

Susan Conte - 646-330-8451 or

Anne Lenihan - 718-350-9448 or

Bridie Mitchell - 917-302-3569 or

Maureen Postel - 917-589-6804

REUNION

ST. MARGARET - CLASS OF 1963

The 60th Anniversary of the class of 1963 will be celebrated on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Members of that class or anyone with information related to a member are invited to contact Stanley Swiatocha (718-619-1023/swiseven@aol.com), Henry Dreher (201-281-3213/hdreher@msn.com) for additional information.