

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 29, 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 29 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Giovanni Campo
NOON Deceased of the Jacklitsch Family
5:00PM Vivien Hegarty

MON. ~ JANUARY 30 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Theresa Byrne
9:00 Joe Reilly

TUE. ~ JANUARY 31 - ST. JOHN BOSCO

7:00 Marco J. Colalella (b)
9:00 Sr. Mary James Fox, osu

WED. ~ FEBRUARY 1 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Mark Porcaro (anniv)
9:00 Marianna Sarro

THU. ~ FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:00 Gerard Michels
9:00 Joseph Reilly

FRI. ~ FEBRUARY 3 - ST. BLAISE

7:00 Loretta Lewanduski
9:00 Sr. Mary James Fox, osu

SAT. ~ FEBRUARY 4 - WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/ Souls in purgatory
Holy Hour
9:30 Marie & Ernest DeSabato
5:00PM

SUN. ~ FEBRUARY 5 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Robert Hawd
10:00 Marcellino Troia/Thomas McManus/
Leonarda Asaro (birth)/Sanfrancisco
DiPaola/Alessio Atria/Sanfilippo,
Giuseppe, Vincenzo, Antonino, Vito e
Antonio/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria
Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza,
Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri
NOON Charlotte Wintergerst (anniv)
5:00PM Scout Sunday/George Bley/Mr. Taite/
Arthur Rogers



BLESSING OF THROATS IN HONOR OF SAINT BLAISE WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, AT THE 7:00AM AND 9:00AM MASSES

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:

RITA M. HEILMAN,

***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 Richard Delena
at the request of The Cimino Family.***

TABERNACLE LAMP

***is lit in memory of Marianna Sarro
at the request of The Garbowski Family.***

TODAY'S READINGS

***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 937***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalm 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: Hebrews 12:1-4
Psalm 22:26-32
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-15
Psalm 103:1-18
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8
Psalm 27:1-9
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-21
Psalm 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday: Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-9
I Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“A Great Cloud of Witnesses”

Our Confirmation students are in the process of selecting their patron saints. I thought it would be apropos to take this week's message from a homily preached by St. Bernard of Clairvaux on the feast of All Saints. It might help all of us to understand why Catholics are supposed to be named after saints at Baptism and, if they wish, at Confirmation.

~ *Fr. Armato*

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Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day, mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of Heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of Apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world that is above and set our mind on the things of Heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints, we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as He appeared to them, and that we may one day share in His glory. Until then, we see Him, not as He is, but as He became for our sake. He is our Head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that Head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; His purple robes are a mockery rather than an honor. When Christ comes again, His death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with Him. The glorious Head of the Church will appear, and His glorified members will shine in splendor with Him, when He forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to Himself, its Head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. This, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

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 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Congratulations and thanks to all who pledged toward the 2022 *ACA campaign!* We exceeded our goal by \$8,930, at **\$84,944**, which is **11.7% over goal**. Most of the pledges having been paid up, we will get some money back in a couple of months.



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace intercede for her children!

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.

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) or Henry Dreher (201-281-3213/hdreher@msn.com) for additional information.

FEBRUARY "MAGNIFICAT"

FREE copies of the February "Magnificat" are available at the main doors of the church while supplies last. Copies of the Magnificat Lenten Companion are on sale for \$2 each in the lobby after most Masses this weekend.

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 amount 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 Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; women's interests; Pope Benedict XVI; saints and feasts of February; children's videos of games and instruction; 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 January 29! We invite you to tour our school and meet our students, faculty and staff. Tours are also available during the week. Call the school, **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 ON SALE

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the recent request for much needed blood donations.

The Blood Drive at St. Margaret on Sunday, January 15 was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** We are happy to report that **73 units of blood were collected**, a great testament to the dedication of the members of our community. We commend the New York Blood Center staff for a job well done!



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**