

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

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**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 5, 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

<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>FEBRUARY 5 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00		Robert Hawd
10:00		Marcellino Troia/Thomas McManus/ Leonarda Asaro (birth)/Sanfrancisco DiPaola/Alessio Atria/Sanfilippo, Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonino, Vito, Antonio/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/ Deceased of the Jacklitsch Family
NOON		Scout Sunday/George Bley/Mr. Taite/ Arthur Rogers
5:00PM		
<b>MON.</b>	~	<b>FEBRUARY 6 - ST. PAUL MIKI</b>
7:00		Purgatorial Society
9:00		Jennie Laudani
<b>TUE.</b>	~	<b>FEBRUARY 7 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Eilise Mary Castrataro
9:00		Intention of Virginia Vocaturo
<b>WED.</b>	~	<b>FEBRUARY 8 - STS. JEROME EMILIANI / JOSEPHINE BAKHITA</b>
7:00		Martin Linehan
9:00		Henry & Elizabeth Rader
<b>THU.</b>	~	<b>FEBRUARY 9 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Ann O'Rourke
9:00		Andy Logue
7:30PM		<b>Holy Hour - for young adults</b>
<b>FRI.</b>	~	<b>FEBRUARY 10 - ST. SCHOLASTICA</b>
7:00		Johanna Tramposch
9:00		Alberino DiCenso
<b>SAT.</b>	~	<b>FEBRUARY 11 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b>
9:00		<b>Collective:</b> Phyllis Armato/ <b>Memorial Mass:</b> Giuseppi Congelosi, Allan Haag, Sr., Antoinette Dimino, Anthony F. Coccaro, Rita M. Heilman, Claire Wieczorek, Anna Treitmeier, Antonio Tamburello, Grazia Macri
11:45		
5:00PM		
<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>FEBRUARY 12 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00		James Mancuso
10:00		Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/ People of the Parish
NOON		Charles Frick
5:00PM		



SAINT  
SCHOLASTICA  
FEBRUARY 10

## 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, 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, Katie Bryzgornia, Tabitha Hayden, Cecilia Ann Feliciano, Donna & Bo Stubbs, Sharie & Carol Ann Slusser,

***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:*

***CLAIRE WIECZOREK, ANNA TREITMEIER,  
ANTONIO TAMBURELLO***

*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 Allan Haag, Sr.  
at the request of Michael & Anneliese Roemmelt.*

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Connie Faccibene.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Thomas J. McDougall  
at the request of Michael & Anneliese Roemmelt.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle A - Hymnal # 940***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19  
Psalm 104:1-35  
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: Genesis 1:20 - 2:4  
Psalm 8:4-9  
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: Genesis 2:4-17  
Psalm 104:1-30  
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25  
Psalm 128:1-5  
Mark 7:24-30

Friday: Genesis 3:1-8  
Psalm 32:1-7  
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24  
Psalm 90:2-13  
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday: Sirach 15:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-34  
I Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Let Your Light Shine”***

Today's first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah speaks to us about acting with justice. You may note the similarity between this passage and what the Church holds forth as the corporal works of mercy. Doing them is our way of being salt for the earth and light for the world, as Christ tells us to be in the Gospel, and to do all for the glory of our Heavenly Father.

Here for your consideration is St. John Chrysostom's tack on the matter.

~ *Fr. Armato*

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Do you want to honor Christ's body? Then do not scorn Him in His nakedness, nor honor Him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting Him outside where He is cold and naked. For He Who said, "This is My body," and made it so by His words, also said, "You saw Me hungry and did not feed Me," and "inasmuch as you did not do it for one these, the least of My brothers, you did not do it for Me." What we do here in the church requires a pure heart, not special garments; what we do outside requires great dedication.

Let us learn, therefore, to be men of wisdom and to honor Christ as He desires. For a person being honored finds greatest pleasure in the honor He desires, not in the honor we think best. Peter thought he was honoring Christ when he refused to let Him wash his feet; but what Peter wanted was not truly an honor – quite the opposite! Give Him the honor prescribed in His Law by giving your riches to the poor. For God does not want golden vessels, but golden hearts.

Now, in saying this I am not forbidding you to make such gifts; I am only demanding that along with such gifts, and before them, you give alms. He accepts the former, but He is much more pleased with the latter. In the former, only the giver profits; in the latter, the recipient does, too. A gift to the church may be taken as a form of ostentation, but giving alms is pure kindness.

Of what use is it to weigh down Christ's table with golden cups, when He Himself is dying of hunger? First, fill Him when He is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn His table. Will you have a golden cup made but not give a cup of water? What is the use of providing the table with cloths woven of gold thread, and not providing Christ Himself with the clothes He needs? What profit is there in that? Tell me: If you were to see Him lacking the necessary food but were to leave Him in that state and merely surround His table with gold, would He be grateful to you, or rather would He not be angry? What if you were to see Him clad in worn-out rags and stiff from the cold, and were to forget about clothing Him and instead were to set up golden columns for Him, saying that you were doing it in His honor? Would He not think He was being mocked and greatly insulted?

Apply this also to Christ when He comes along the roads as a pilgrim, looking for shelter. You do not take Him in as your guest, but you decorate floor and walls and the capitals of the pillars. You provide silver chains for the lamps, but you cannot bear even to look at Him as He lies chained in prison. Once again, I am not forbidding you to supply these adornments; I am urging you to provide these other things as well, and indeed to provide them first. No one has ever been accused for not providing ornaments, but for those who neglect their neighbor a hell awaits with an inextinguishable fire and torment in the company of the demons. Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all.

## 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 **THIS** 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.

## 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!**



## 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 \$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.

## 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  
if you would like a statement mailed to you.

## 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. See listing on pg. 2 of this bulletin.**

## 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 significance of work; "Who is Jesus?"; preparation for lent; 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 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)**

## **Maggie's Little Theater Presents**

**Agatha Christie's**



[www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org](http://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**

## **REUNION**

### **ST. MARGARET - CLASS OF 1963**

The 60th Anniversary of the class of 1963 will be celebrated on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Members of the class or anyone with information related to a member are invited to contact:

Stanley Swiatocha (718-619-1023/[swiseven@aol.com](mailto:swiseven@aol.com)),  
Henry Dreher (201-281-3213/[hdreher@msn.com](mailto:hdreher@msn.com)) for additional information.



**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**