

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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FIFTH SUNDAY

IN

EASTER

MAY 7, 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. ~ **MAY 7 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER**
8:00 Anita Cacioppo
10:00 Marcellino Troia/Maria Curatolo/
Geraldine Ciaccio/Maria Altesi/Calogero
Tuttolomondo/
NOON Rev. Joseph O'Donnell, C.M. (birth)
3:00PM **WEDDING:** Paul Sapia and
Alexandra Fabiilli
5:00PM People of the Parish

MON. ~ **MAY 8 - EASTER WEEKDAY**
7:00 Theresa Rom
9:00 Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo

TUE. ~ **MAY 9 - EASTER WEEKDAY**
7:00 Emilia & Saverio DiCenso
9:00 Velma Thornton

WED. ~ **MAY 10 - ST. JOHN OF AVILA**
7:00 Anna Nick and Stalzer Families
9:00 Anthony F. Coccaro

THU. ~ **MAY 11 - EASTER WEEKDAY**
7:00 Linda Rapp
9:00 Rita & Billy Heilman

FRI. ~ **MAY 12 - STS. NEREUS, ACHILLEUS
AND PANCRAS**
7:00 Billy Heilman (anniv)
9:00 William T. Collins & Carolyn Collins
Family

SAT. ~ **MAY 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA**
9:00 **Collective:** In Onore della
Madonna di Fatima/Angelina Grillo/
Guiseppina Gennari/Salvatore
Giangrande/
11:45 **Memorial Mass:** Nickolena Stavola,
Paula A. Mauro, John Mantel, Berta
Mantel, Virginia Vocaturo/George
Wierzbowski, Bryan Zack, Edwin J.
Murawski, Eleanor Danisiewicz,
5:00PM People of the Parish

SUN. ~ **MAY 14 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY**
8:00 William R. Roemmelt
10:00 Mother's Day Triduum/Francesca,
Giuseppe e Salvatore Casabianca/
Daniele Busa/Rosario, Rosaria e
Nunzio Taormina/Vincenza Palmeri/
Girolama Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/
Maria Curatolo/Benedetto Barretta e
Famiglia/Le Anime del purgatorio/Maria
Grazia Casabianca e famiglia/Robert
Pozarychi/Francesca, Lina, Mary and
Marisa Battaglini/Filippa Scarpulla/
NOON Robert Forte
5:00PM Antoinette Santora

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 will take place in May only on the
3rd Sunday 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, Katie Bryzgornia, Tabitha Hayden, Cecilia Ann Feliciano, Donna & Bo Stubbs, Sharie & Carol Ann Slusser, Darlene Lanza, Tina Messina, Matthew Young, Stanley Moculeski, James Spoto (FDNY), Bob Weiner, Rose MacNamara, Peter DiRocco,

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

*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 Theresa Bove
at the request of Catherine Russo.*



**OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA
MAY 13**

TODAY'S READINGS

*Fifth Sunday in Easter
Cycle A - Hymnal # 910*

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-19
I Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-21
John 14:27-31

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21
Psalm 96:1-10
John 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31
Psalm 57:8-12
John 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:1-5
John 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-17
Psalm 66:1-20
I Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Only One Road Will Get Us There ~

The manager of the branch office where I worked right after graduating from college had a number of sayings that he would use to guide us. Among his favorites was, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there." It was his way of reminding us that we had to set clear goals and then to plan carefully the means by which we would achieve them.

Small wonder, perhaps, that St. Thomas was more than a little puzzled when Christ stated that He was going to leave the Apostles for a while before returning to take them with Him for good, and that they knew the way. As disciples of Christ with 20-20 hindsight, the "where" of the goal is clear: eternal life that Christ has prepared for us in the House of the Father. The means by which we are to get there also is clear, as laid out by the Lord in today's Gospel passage: "I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." I.e., there is no salvation except through Jesus Christ. That is a statement that no other religious leader in history ever has dared to declare to his followers.

This is not to say that the road to Heaven is a smooth one without any difficulties, or bumps and potholes, or twists and turns. We can see from the first reading today that even the early Church had problems in providing services to its members and risked the possibility of getting off mission. Hence, the institution of the order of deacons was devised in order to free up the Apostles to concentrate on prayer, proclaiming the Gospel, baptizing, and celebrating the Eucharist. The Church in our own time continues to struggle, internally as well as from external pressures, as we try to continue Christ's mission of salvation.

We do not strive for that goal on our own: Christ has provided the guidance of His word, the counsel of the Holy Spirit, the grace of the Sacraments through which He remains present in His Church, and the heroic examples of the witness of countless saints. He also has given the Church a basic structure of hierarchy through the ministry of those who are ordained for service to her members. No bishop, priest, or deacon can assume the responsibilities of office and service on his own initiative, but only in responding after much prayerful discernment to the possibility of being called by the Lord through the promptings of His Holy Spirit.

Whether ordained or not, however, every Christian is called to the service of the Church, to use whatever gifts and talents we have received for building up the Mystical Body of Christ, thereby aiding in the proclamation and promotion of the Gospel. This is as true today as it was nearly twenty centuries ago. We all are supposed to be workers in the Lord's Vineyard one way or another. Jesus told His Apostles the night of the Last Supper, "whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these because I am going to the Father."

True discipleship means that we participate as best we can, depending on our station and the situations of our life. Union with Christ requires action on our part. Complacency has no place in the Church; Catholicism is not a spectator sport. It demands that we express our faith actively, carrying out Christ's commands to repent of our sins and to lead lives of holiness and charity, strengthened by His grace and supported by prayer, especially the celebration of the Sacraments.

Prayer, sacrifice, and acts of loving service never go out of style. Regardless of who we are or our condition in life, each of us can follow the Master Who is the only Way into the Father's Kingdom, the incarnate Truth of the Father's boundless love, and the fullness of the Life that has no end. Each of us can show Christ that we love Him, directly and through our humble service to one another.

Christ has set our goal. He helps us to achieve it, for He is a God Who keeps His promises. We know where we're going. Only one road will get us there. Be on it!

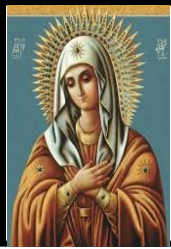
~ Fr. Armato

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, June 3.

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!

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the regular and special collections, whether through e-giving or in the collection basket!

The following amounts were donated in last month's special collections:

Easter flowers ~ \$1,284

Holy Thursday ~ \$1,400

Good Friday/Holy Land ~ \$687

Easter Gift to Parish ~ \$4,370

Retired Priests ~ \$1,831

Bridge to Life ~ \$1,835

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.

MOTHERS DAY MASSES

Be sure to return your **Mothers Day envelopes** by next weekend to have your mother, whether living or deceased, participate in the spiritual fruits of **three Masses to be offered.**

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, May 13 at 11:45am.**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far: **\$42,705 pledged already by 61 donors** toward our **goal of \$76,014.**

Pledge forms are available in church. **Please be sure to designate St. Margaret Parish (#4117) for your donations.**

The Diocese uses the Campaign to provide services to senior citizens, outreach to the needy, youth programs, housing for retired senior priests, and for the formation of seminarians for the priesthood.

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 Blessed Mother; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; dealing with money; the meaning of life and death; vocations to marriage, priesthood, and consecrated life; teenage mental health; activities for family participation; and many other 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.

FYI: Rosemarie W. recommends "The Search", a 7-episode series of 30-minute programs about the search for Christ in the modern world, suitable for teens and adults.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The following changes will be made to our *monthly schedule as of June 1*, in the hope of encouraging greater participation:

BAPTISMS ~ First Sunday at 1:30pm and Third Saturday at 1:30pm

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS ~ Second Saturday of the month at 9:00am.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Joseph Palackal will lead a ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year, February 4-13. The cost is \$3,699 per person, for round-trip airfare and first-class, double occupancy accommodations.

Contact Fr. Palackal for more information

jpalackal@gmail.com



CONFESSION AND COMMUNION

All Catholics are obligated to receive Communion at least once a year, especially sometime between Ash Wednesday and Holy Trinity Sunday, aka "Easter Duty".

The PREREQUISITE for receiving Communion ANYTIME is to be in a state of grace (free of any mortal sins), obtained by going to confession.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to do so.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the children of our Academy and Religious Education Program who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, on Saturday, May 6th.

