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SIXTH SUNDAY

IN

EASTER

MAY 14, 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 14 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER MOTHER' DAY
8:00		William R. Roemmelt
10:00		Mother's Day Triduum/Francesca, Giuseppa e Salvatore Casabianca/ Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/ Daniele Bussa/Vincenza Palmeri/ Girolama Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Maria Curatolo/Benedetto Barretta e Famiglia/Maria Grazia Casabianca e Famiglia/Le Anime del purgatorio/ Robert Pozarycki/Francesca, Lina, Mary & Marisa Battaglini/Filippa Scarpulla/ Nunzio Demieri/Liboria Galante/ Robert Forte
NOON		Antoinette Santora
5:00PM		
MON.	~	MAY 15 - ST. ISIDORE
7:00		Mother's Day Triduum
9:00		Denis Redican
TUE.	~	MAY 16 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00		Helen T. Pfeifer
9:00		Mother's Day Triduum
WED.	~	MAY 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00		David Hutton
9:00		Bianca DiLorenzo (anniv)
7:30PM		Helen Pfeifer
THU.	~	MAY 18 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
7:00		In Thanksgiving
9:00		Augusta Mundy (anniv)
7:30PM		People of the Parish
		<u>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</u>
FRI.	~	MAY 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00		Ruth O'Hehir
9:00		Katheryn Buscemi
SAT.	~	MAY 20 - ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA
9:00		Collective: Priest Ordination (Class of 1995) /Helga & Joseph Krische/Ferdinand Rogel/ William Schoppner
5:00PM		
SUN.	~	MAY 21 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Maria Pavolacci/Liboria Galante/ Theodore T. Mundy (birth)
NOON		Hank Postel
5:00PM		

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 THU., MAY 18 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
VIGIL MASS ON WED., 5/17 AT 7:30PM
MASSES ON THU., 5/18 7AM - 9AM - 7:30PM**

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 Bryzgoria, 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

especially this week:

KAROLINE LACKNER

*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 Helen T. Pfeifer
at the request of Tom & MaryEllen Cunningham.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of
Augusta & Theodore Mundy
at the request of Barbara Mundy.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Sixth Sunday in Easter
Cycle A - Hymnal # 913*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15
Psalm 149:1-9
John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15-22-18:1
Psalm 148:1-14
John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8
Psalm 98:1-4
John 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28
Psalm 47:2-10
John 16:23-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Another Advocate ~

The Easter Season is winding down once again, and the Sunday Gospels prepare us for Christ's ascension into Heaven, which we will celebrate this Thursday, as well as the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, which we will celebrate in a couple of weeks on Pentecost, the conclusion of the Season.

The timeline is more than a little confusing: initially we had post-Resurrection stories, but we've been back in the Upper Room on Holy Thursday evening for the last couple of weeks, as Christ gives His last pre-Passion address and instruction to His disciples and offers His priestly prayer for them to God the Father. To make matters even worse, our first readings all have come from post-Pentecost stories recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. How are we to keep things straight?

We have a tendency, I think, to want to put things in nice little boxes. It's one of the things that drive me nuts when Pope Francis tells people to "make a mess". Our following of Christ, however, is not so neat and orderly. It never was and never will be. Life is complicated, inconsistent, and full of surprises. Perhaps that's another reason why we need to rely so much on the Holy Spirit and why Christ has sent Him from the Father to assist us in living out His teachings. The Spirit Who unites Father and Son in the bond of mutual and eternal love is the One Who unites us to Christ and, through Him, to the Father.

To accept the teachings of Christ is not a mere academic exercise, nor simply the acquiescence of the mind. He challenges us in today's Gospel to get serious about our being His disciples and to demonstrate our love for Him by putting His commands (N.B.: *commands*, NOT suggestions!) into practice. Obedience is required, the same total obedience that Christ had in carrying out the will of the Father for the sake of our redemption and salvation. There is no such thing as "cheap grace", as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran martyr of WW II, reminded the world. Discipleship must be total, or it's nothing.

The call, or invitation, to discipleship is universal, as we see from today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, in which the faith takes root among even the hated Samaritans, who finally received the Gift of the Holy Spirit Who had descended on the initial community of Jewish followers at Pentecost. While the call is universal, however, the response must be made on an individual basis, each person accepting the Gift and then living determinedly as a disciple of Christ.

This requires the work of our entire being, not just a matter of practice but also of the engagement of our spirit and our mind. We are to live each day recognizing that we are in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – into Whose divine life we were baptized, whether as infants, children, or adults. It requires careful reflection on and consideration of our faith to the point, as St. Peter says in the second reading, that we are prepared "to give an explanation to anyone who asks [us] for a reason for [our] hope" of eternal life in Christ. How many of us, this author included, are prepared to do so right now? I think we all have some considerable work to do before we take the stand.

Fortunately, we do have the grace of God, that Gift which is the consolation of the Holy Spirit, already within us. It remains for us, then, to put that grace to work in our lives. Christ told His Apostles that first Holy Thursday night that He would not leave them orphans. He tells us the same thing today and makes good on His promise each and every day, by never departing from us.

We have received Christ's commandments. Let us prove our love for Him by putting them into effect in the small as well as in the great things of our lives, so that the Father, too, may love us in Christ. The going very well may be rough and rocky, more bumpy and potholed than a Middle Village street, but be of good cheer, for Christ has given us another Advocate: the Spirit Who guides and defends us and Who makes incessant groanings of prayer to the Father on our behalf!

~ 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!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$49,447 pledged already by 74 donors. That's 65% of our goal of \$76,014!**

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

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.

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.

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!**

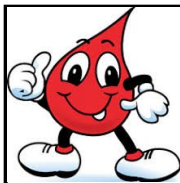
MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

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, June 10 at 9:00am.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE



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

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a Blood Drive on **Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 9am til 3pm in the Parish Hall.** Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

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.

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 Lady of Fatima; the meaning of life and death; human sexuality issues; 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.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Parish Hall on **SATURDAY, JUNE 3**, from 9am to 3:30pm.

THE COST: \$50.00 per person

THE BENEFITS: 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

CONTACT: Sister Bridget, 718-326-1911 for more information or to register.



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

PARISH FINANCES

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

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.

MAY CROWNING

We'll crown the statue of our Blessed Mother at the 12:00noon Mass next Sunday, May 21. All members of our Academy and Religious Ed Program First Communion and Confirmation classes are invited to participate in honoring our Lady.

MOTHERS DAY MASSES

It's not too late to return your **Mothers Day envelopes** to have your mother participate in the spiritual fruits of **three Masses to be offered**. Remember mom and grandmas, whether living or deceased.