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SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN

EASTER

MAY 21, 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 21 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Maria Pavolacci/Liboria Galante
NOON		Theodore T. Mundy (birth)
5:00PM		Hank Postel
MON.	~	MAY 22 - ST. RITA OF CASCIA
7:00		Pat & Allen Gill
9:00		Rita & Jim Minogue
TUE.	~	MAY 23 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00		Anna Nick & Rosa Stalzer
9:00		Kenneth W. Smith
WED.	~	MAY 24 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00		Frank DiScala
9:00		Claudine Serrano
THU.	~	MAY 25 - STS. BEDE/GREGORY VII/ MARY MAGDALENE DEI PAZZI
7:00		Philomena Karcher (birth)
9:00		Josefa Sobecka
FRI.	~	MAY 26 - ST. PHILIP NERI
7:00		Kathleen Lenihan Kiernan
9:00		Bridie & Maurice Condon (anniv)
SAT.	~	MAY 27 - ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
9:00		Collective: Karoline Lackner
5:00PM		Margaret Maloney (birth)
SUN.	~	MAY 28 - PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:00		Adolf Roemmelt
10:00		Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano
NOON		Ann & Andrew Jenner
5:00PM		Frank & Anne Colasuonno

MAY CROWNING

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



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, 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:

MAUREEN F. HEALY

*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 Edward Pandolfo
at the request of the Rectory staff.*

STATIONS OF LIGHT

Join us as we gather to pray the Stations of
Light in the Convent chapel once more this
Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00pm!

TODAY'S READINGS

*Seventh Sunday in Easter
Cycle A - Hymnal # 916*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:2-7
John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27
Psalm 68:10-21
John 17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:29-36
John 17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-11
John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13-21
Psalm 103:1-20
John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-31
Psalm 11:4-7
John 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1-34
I Corinthians 12:3-13
John 20:19-23

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Wait in Joyful Hope ~

While the rest of the country is celebrating the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord today, the dioceses of the Northeastern US and Omaha, having celebrated that solemnity on its traditional day, now are marking the seventh Sunday of Easter. It's sort of an in-between time, liturgically speaking. The Lord has risen to the Father to intercede for His Church, and the Church awaits the coming of the promised Holy Spirit to be sent by Christ from the Father. Our readings from Scripture reflect Christ's promise made in the past, and waiting to receive the future Gift, all while we live in the present moment as His faithful disciples.

The Gospel passage concludes a sort of "Farewell Discourse": five chapters combining Christ's final instructions to His Apostles and His urgent, heart-felt petitions to the Father on their behalf. There are very deep theological overtones throughout, too deep for a single homily, let alone one page in the bulletin.

Nevertheless, we can draw from today's Gospel reading, His "High Priestly Prayer", that Christ is bound to God the Father in the intimate bond of love that is the Holy Spirit. This is the same Spirit that He promised to send from the Father to His disciples to enable them (us) to continue His mission: the redemption and sanctification of the world. Christ, Who eternally shares the Father's glory, would manifest this glory through His suffering and death on the Cross, followed by His resurrection from the dead and ascension to the Father, whence He continues to intercede for us. Christ entered into this sacrifice of love to the Father by His own free will, and the Father confirmed His eternal glory through the Resurrection.

Like the Apostles waiting for the arrival of the promised Holy Spirit after Christ's ascension, we also are in a period of waiting, both liturgically and, in a larger sense, spiritually. We are preparing to celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost, but we also are to prepare by constant prayer and faithful lifestyle to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit every day.

The Spirit is given to us at Baptism and His abiding presence is strengthened in us through the Sacrament of Confirmation, but He does not come just at what I like to call "the Kodak moments" of our lives. Every day and every situation presents us with opportunities to call upon the grace of the Holy Spirit to help get us through the difficult times, to be able to discern with divine wisdom how to choose what is right and just, good and holy in the eyes of God, and to have the courage to do even ordinary things for love of God.

This doesn't mean that life will be a peaceful walk in the park for followers of Christ. We will encounter suffering, sometimes just because we are His disciples in a world that wants nothing to do with Him. These are the times noted by St. Peter in the second reading today. If we're going to suffer, it's better to do so for what is right than for having sinned. "Whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the Name" that we bear.

There's no need for us to go looking far and wide for trouble and suffering. It will catch up with each of us sooner or later. Our sufferings, however, are not meaningless or without purpose. We can unite ours to Christ's and thereby share with Him both suffering and glory. As Christ has conquered sin – everything in the world that opposes God – so we, too, can conquer sin on a personal level.

The translation of the Mass celebrated prior to today's version used the expression after the Lord's Prayer that "we wait in joyful hope" for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We wait in that same spirit of joyful hope and anticipation for the coming of His Holy Spirit at Pentecost. But why wait?

Entrust yourself to the Spirit and pray each day, "Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful; enkindle in us the fire of Thy Love." Wait in joyful hope, yes, but get active today and allow the Holy Spirit to transform and strengthen you to live more faithfully as a disciple of Christ and so share His glory.

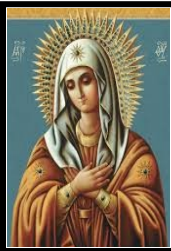
~ Fr. Armato

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 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$51,145 pledged already by 82 donors. That's 67.3% of 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.

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, 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.

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.**

CARILLON PROBLEM

We're having a buzzing problem with the amplifier of our carillon system and are working with the service company to obtain a new unit. Thank you for your patience!

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.



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: preparing for Pentecost; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; the "art" of dying well; 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



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 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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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

Contact Fr. Palackal for more information:

jpalackal@gmail.com

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.**

Our Baptism schedule dovetails with that of Our Lady of Hope. Together we provide families an option of Saturday and Sunday celebrations.

Thank you for your cooperation!

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

All of the parishes of our deanery will co-sponsor a Eucharistic celebration at Our Lady of Hope for the solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 11, beginning with exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm, followed by a procession to Juniper Valley Park. Returning to the church for Benediction at 4:30pm. The day's activities will conclude with a picnic on the ball field at OLH. More information will follow shortly.