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PENTECOST
SUNDAY
MAY 28, 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. 8:00 10:00	~	MAY 28 - PENTECOST SUNDAY Adolf Roemmelt Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Antonino Catalano
NOON 5:00PM		Ann & Andrew Jenner Frank & Anne Colasuonno
MON.	~	MAY 29 - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH MEMORIAL DAY ~ No Mass ~ Deceased Members of the US Armed Forces
7:00 9:00		
TUE.	~	MAY 30 - WEEKDAY Gerald McDonald (anniv) Tommy Joyce
7:00 9:00		
WED.	~	MAY 31 - THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Alois Kropf Josephine Podlovits
7:00 9:00		
THU.	~	JUNE 1 - ST. JUSTIN MARTYR Mary O'Shea (anniv) James O'Connor, Sr. (anniv)
7:00 9:00		
FRI.	~	JUNE 2 - STS. MARCELLINUS AND PETER Velma Begy Joseph & Elizabeth Sustar
7:00 9:00		
SAT. 9:00	~	JUNE 3 - ST. CHARLES LWANGA Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/Fr. Salvatore F. D'Anna/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in purgatory/Maria Curatolo (birth)
9:30 5:00PM		Holy Hour Albina Pugliese
SUN. 8:00 10:00	~	JUNE 4 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Adeline Mancuso Marcellino Troia/Maria Curatolo/ Rebecca & Aloysius David/Antonino Catalano/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Veronica Proulx/Christelyn Barcena
NOON 5:00PM		People of the Parish Chester Watkins

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 Sunday and 3rd
Saturday 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 MONDAY,
MAY 29, IN OBSERVANCE
OF MEMORIAL DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

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, Linda Blair,

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 Rev. Salvatore F. D'Anna
at the request of Ben Armato.*



**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
MAY 28**

TODAY'S READINGS

*Pentecost Sunday
Cycle A - Hymnal # 921*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 3:9-20
Psalm 87:1-7
John 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12
Psalm 50:5-23
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Luke 1:39-56

Thursday: Sirach 42:15-25
Psalm 33:2-9
Matthew 10:46-52

Friday: Sirach 44:1-13
Psalm 149:1-9
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday: Sirach 51:12-20
Psalm 19:8-11
Mark 11:27-33

Sunday: Exodus 34:4-9
Daniel 3:52-56
II Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ **Unity and Diversity** ~

It seems like we just celebrated Easter, and here we are at the end of the Easter Season: the solemnity of Pentecost, the birth of the Church by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon a gathering of Christ's disciples. Actually, our readings today present two appearances of the Spirit: rather dramatically in the first reading and more sublimely in the Gospel. In between, we have St. Paul reminding his congregation in Corinth that the Holy Spirit is operative in their daily lives.

Our impression of Christ's sending forth of the Spirit from the Father is influenced greatly by St. Luke's account in the Acts of the Apostles. It is a scene worthy of Cecil B. DeMille, complete with the images of a gale-force wind and tongues of fire settling over the disciples – by tradition, the Apostles and our Lady. Adding to the wonderment are the many languages of the Mediterranean region that these uneducated and unsophisticated, yet suddenly emboldened and eloquent, backwater Palestinian locals start to speak, astounding the crowd of pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem from all parts of the Empire.

The Gospel, on the other hand, takes us back to the first post-Resurrection appearance of Christ to His frightened Apostles on Easter Sunday evening. Christ gives them a Gift (the Holy Spirit) and sends them forth, true "apostles" ("those who are sent forth"), with His authority to extend or withhold forgiveness of sins. Both are present in the Church today: the first is given to all of us at our baptism, and the second is exercised through the ministry of the ordained priesthood.

Too often, we relegate the Holy Spirit to special moments like today's feast of Pentecost or the Sacrament of Confirmation. We don't do much celebrating of His presence otherwise. Maybe it's because we have so many images of Christ in the Gospels and of God's active appearances in the books of the Old Testament but so few images of the Holy Spirit beyond today's readings. Yet each of us constantly experiences the Spirit, even though we may not realize it, for it is through His power that we live and move and have our being.

The Holy Spirit, St. Paul reminds us, acts in and through each and every disciple in a vast and wonderful variety of ways, as varied as the number of persons, yet the same Spirit unites all of us as members of the one Mystical Body of Christ, breaking down the irrelevant differences while celebrating the different manners in which the Spirit is active. The effect is one of a necessary unification that allows for a splendid diversification.

Let me offer an illustration (trust me, it's not an original idea of mine): We have here at St. Margaret's, as in many churches, beautiful stained glass windows of saints who have inspired generations of worshippers. Standing out in the parking lot or on the street, the daylight is not terribly remarkable. It might be bright or not, but it is consistent. It is only when it filters through the pieces of multi-colored glass that it makes a beautiful impression. Similarly, at night the light in the church helps us to see, but it is only when it passes through the colored glass and out into the darkness that it shows forth beauty.

The light of the Holy Spirit acts along those lines with us, as if we were the many panes of glass. It is the same light that passes through each of us, but the effect is as different as there are the numbers of us. Each of us, using the varied gifts of the Spirit that we have received, is to allow those gifts to shine through us for the benefit of the world around us, each one according to our particular gifts.

The disciples at Pentecost spoke, and everyone heard them in his/her own language. The language of love of God and neighbor cuts across linguistic divides. It is a language that each of us can speak and in which each of us can be understood. Allow the great gift of the Holy Spirit to shine through you to illuminate a confused and darkened world, and to unite us more faithfully as members of the one Body of Christ as we celebrate the wonderful diversity bestowed upon us through His indwelling Spirit.

~ *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

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$52,540 pledged already by 86 donors. That's 69.1% 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 **NEXT 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.

Bring a mask; requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines.



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.**

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.

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!

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: saints of May; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; daily Scripture reflections; personal prayer; prayers for spouses; 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.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Parish Hall **THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 3**
9am until 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.

Maggie's Little Theater presents



www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org
347-286-8508

SHOW DATES

Sat., July 8, 15 & 22 at 8:00pm

Fri., July 14 at 8:00pm

Sun., July 9, 16 & 23 at 2:30pm

Tickets \$25 - 65+ \$20 - 11 and under \$20

Reservations and masks recommended.

TICKETS ON SALE MAY 29

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

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

We will hold a procession with the Blessed Sacrament in our church followed by a brief period of Adoration and Benediction after the 12:00 Mass Sunday, June 11, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

In addition, we will join with the other parishes of our deanery in a Eucharistic celebration based at Our Lady of Hope that afternoon, beginning with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3:00, followed by a procession with the Sacrament to Juniper Valley Park, and back to OLH for Benediction at 4:30. The day's activities will conclude with a picnic on their ball field.

Please join us in honoring our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist.