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**THE
MOST
HOLY
TRINITY
JUNE 4, 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	~	JUNE 4 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Adeline Mancuso Marcellino Troia/Maria Curatolo/ Rebecca & Aloysius David/Antonino Catalano/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Veronica Proulx/Christelyn Barcena People of the Parish Chester Watkins
NOON 5:00PM		
MON. 7:00 9:00	~	JUNE 5 - ST. BONIFACE Purgatorial Society The O'Sullivan Family
TUE. 7:00 9:00	~	JUNE 6 - ST. NORBERT Rita M. Heilman Joseph Sparacio
WED. 7:00 9:00	~	JUNE 7 - WEEKDAY Anna & Giovanni Paolilli Linda Rapp
THU. 7:00 9:00	~	JUNE 8 - WEEKDAY Sarah Henschel Anthony F. Coccaro
FRI. 7:00 9:00	~	JUNE 9 - ST. EPHREM Helga & Joe Krische Anthony F. Coccaro
SAT. 9:00	~	JUNE 10 - WEEKDAY Memorial Mass: Tom Cordero, Anthony F. Coccaro, Michael & Mary Columbia, Giorgio Arcamone, Maureen F. Healy, Patrick L. Smith, Andrew & Loretta Campbell
5:00PM		
SUN. 8:00 10:00	~	JUNE 11 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST John Murphy Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Calogero Ciaccio/Geraldine Ciaccio Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore & Rita Palmeri/Maria Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Katheryn Buscemi William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz People of the Parish
NOON 5:00PM		



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY JUNE 4

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.*

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

especially this week:

PATRICK L. SMITH, ALFRED P. GIARDINA

*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 Anthony F. Coccaro
at the request of the Choir of St. Margaret.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Anthony F. Coccaro
at the request of the Choir of St. Margaret.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Anthony F. Coccaro
at the request of the Choir of St. Margaret.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*The Most Holy Trinity
Cycle A - Hymnal # 922*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tobit 1:3-8
Psalm 112:1-6
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14
Psalm 112:1-9
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tobit 3:1-17
Psalm 25:2-9
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday: Tobit 6:11-7-9
Psalm 128:1-5
Mark 12:28-34

Friday: Tobit 11:5-17
Psalm 146:1-10
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday: Tobit 12:1 5-20
Tobit 13:2-8
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday: Deuteronomy 8:2-16
Psalm 147:12-20
I Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity”

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, one God in three divine Persons. It's certainly a strange and confusing idea for us, just as it has been for the people of every generation of believers and non-believers who have pondered over it. Everything that we can possibly imagine or say about the Trinity falls far short of the Divine Reality, no matter how theologically savvy we are, for the human mind, as wonderfully complex as it is, cannot grasp the infinity of God. Just when we think we've nailed down an explanation, we realize that what we have is less than God.

Nevertheless, belief in the Trinity is central to our faith and to our prayer life as Christians, and it is worthy of our prayerful reflection to perceive the presence of the Trinity in our lives. Millions of men, women, and children, to this very day, have died rather than to deny this fundamental belief, and no one can be considered to be a Christian without this profession of faith in the very essence of God.

We Catholic Christians, among others, are baptized in the Name of all three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity. We begin and end our prayers and offer our blessings with the invocation of the Trinity and the sign of the Cross of the Son, Who saved us in humble and loving obedience to the will of the Father Who raised Him to life through the Spirit. We offer every Mass to the Father, through the Son, in the unity (ours and God's) of the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is present, in fact, in every Sacrament of the Church.

There is a wonderful and famous icon “written” by the Russian artist monk St. Andrei Rublev (c. 1360-1430) that depicts the Trinity as angel-like beings sitting around a table. It reminds us that God is a communion of three distinct Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in eternal relationship with one another. Yet God is but one God, not three, united in a bond of continuous, eternal, and reciprocal love. The Holy Spirit is that bond, uniting the Father and the Son, and uniting us, as well, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ to Christ, our Head, and, through Him, to God the Father.

The Mystery of the Trinity also speaks to us about who we are as human beings, created in the image and likeness of God. We have a rational soul with the ability to reason. Most especially, we have the capacity to love. When we relate properly to one another, carrying out these defining qualities, we image God, Who has created us to share in His divine likeness and also in His very being.

It is important for us to realize, then, that we, who have been created in the image and likeness of God, are supposed to live as persons in loving relationship with one another, joined to one another and to our God through the bond of divine love, the Holy Spirit. Simply put, trying purposely to live outside the reality of the Trinity is nothing less than diabolical, for Satan himself is divisive in his rejection of God's love. It's only when we live like the Trinity that we will be able to “live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with” us.

In short, the Most Holy Trinity is not so much to be understood as to be experienced, and we DO experience the Trinity whenever we love, giving ourselves freely to others, for love leads us to act rightly with true justice, and true justice leads us to the peace that the world cannot give, and that peace, that fullness of goodness, is a sharing in the very life of God.

We never can be truly alive aside from the reality of the Trinity. Trying to do so leads us to fear, hatred, and envy of others, and to every other negative attribute that divides us and rends our society. We need seek no further than the reports of injustice, violence, unrest, and every form of evil that we constantly find in the media to see what comes of our rejection of participating in the life of the Trinity. Sadly, Satan continues to have a field day today, tearing society apart – in our homes, our cities and country, internationally, and even within the Church Herself. It is the result of human inclination to sin, the very opposite of the way in which we should be living as children of God.

Our God is indeed a God of Mystery and, as Pope Francis has said, a God of surprises. Still, we should not be surprised to find Him present to us, even closer to us than we are to ourselves, inundating us with His love just as water covers the sea. Our unfathomable and faithful God, Who is slow to anger and rich in kindness, desires us to experience Him here and now. Understanding God will come in His own good time – at the end of ours.

May you and yours be blessed and protected this day and forever in the Name of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

~ Fr. Armato

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The following **changes** have been made to our *monthly schedule* 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!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace intercede for her children!

EUCCHARASTIC 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 next Sunday, 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 Blessed Sacrament!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$52,840 pledged already by 88 donors. That's 69.5% 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.

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.** See pg. 2 of Mass Bells for listing.

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 decision later on, as you wish.

CARILLON SYSTEM

As you've been able to hear, our carillon system is fully operational once again. The defective amplifier has been replaced through the generosity of Ms. Susan Weber and Betty Cocco in loving memory of Anthony F. Cocco.

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 and June; Catholic customs; finding happiness in marriage; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; spiritual motherhood; personal prayer; prayers for spouses; teenage 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.

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



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

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 NOW ON SALE

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL **CLOTHING PICK-UP**

will be held on Sunday, June 25. The truck will be on 79th Place, near or in the parking lot from 8am until 12:30pm for your items.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS
AT THE RECTORY OR CONVENT