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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 11, 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.	~	JUNE 11 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
8:00		John Murphy
10:00		Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Calogero Ciaccio/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Vincenzo, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Antonino Catalano/Maria Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Katheryn Buscemi/ William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz People of the Parish
NOON		
5:00PM		
MON.	~	JUNE 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Frances Kelly (birth)
9:00		Pasquale & Grace Esposito
TUE.	~	JUNE 13 - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
7:00		Virginia Vocaturo
9:00	* *	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo BILINGUAL, ENGLISH & ITALIAN
WED.	~	JUNE 14 - WEEKDAY / FLAG DAY
7:00		David Hutton
9:00		Frank & Mary Parente
THU.	~	JUNE 15 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Thank you to St. Anthony I
9:00		Helen T. Pfeifer
FRI.	~	JUNE 16 - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
7:00		Irene Aherne
9:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
SAT.	~	JUNE 17 - IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00		Collective: Colette E. Weiner/ Vittorio Grillo/Giocomo Gennari/The DePaola Family/Angela Lenihan/ People of the Parish
5:00PM		
SUN.	~	JUNE 18 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/FATHER'S DAY
8:00		Linda Castagna
10:00		Father's Day Triduum/Daniele Bussa/ Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/ Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Calogero Tuttolomondo/Vincent Familio/Marco J. & Davide Colalella/ Salvatore, Rocco, Concezio e Vincent Fazzolari/ Anthony Santora Daniel Fitzgerald
NOON		
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 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 - See schedule on page 6.

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:

ANGELA M. LENIHAN

*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 Colette E. Weiner.

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Karoline Lackner
at the request of Mary Pascale.*



THE
IMMACULATE HEART
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
JUNE 17

TODAY'S READINGS

***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Cycle A - Hymnal # 925***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Corinthians 1:1-7
Psalm 34:2-9
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday: II Corinthians 1:118-22
Psalm 119:129-135
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday: II Corinthians 3:4-11
Psalm 99:5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: II Corinthians 3:15-4:1-6
Psalm 85:9-14
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday: Deuteronomy 7:6-11
Psalm 103:1-10
I John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday: II Corinthians 5:14-21
Psalm 103:1-12
Luke 2:41-51

Sunday: Exodus 19:2-6
Psalm 100:1-5
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Reality and Real Presence”

Today Catholic Americans celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, aka Corpus Christi. The feast dates to the mid-1200s, introduced at a time when many people had drifted away from reception of the Blessed Sacrament or even had stopped believing in its sacred reality. Sadly, we find ourselves today very much in a similar situation.

It might seem a bit odd that we should need a special day each year to honor the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. After all, we celebrate Mass all but one day of the year. If our familiarity doesn't breed contempt, it certainly seems to produce an attitude of complacency leading many to sacrilege.

Mass attendance remains down by about 30% from pre-pandemic levels in most parishes. Many people who have come back treat reception of Holy Communion with nonchalance, reflecting a non-practice of the Faith, as if it were merely an empty gesture in which to join the rest of the crowd who walk down the center aisle. The fault lies, at least in part, with the poor catechesis and poorer preaching that our people have received from the clergy for the last two or three generations, compounded by a lack of reinforcement of the Faith through family practice at home. Perhaps, too, we've become so focused on socio-political issues that we've neglected to attend to things of a far higher order: the salvation of souls.

The stigma of the commonly promoted pandemic practice of being content with watching Mass on TV or some other device and merely to make an act of spiritual communion, however sincere, also remains, as if it were the same as participating at Mass and receiving the sacred Host.

While there is grace to be found in every truly devout and pious religious act, there's a world of difference between receiving Jesus Christ present *par excellence* in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist vs. watching a Mass on some device, infinitely greater than the difference between a family gathering and keeping in touch via texting or Zoom or FaceTime or some other social medium.

We are a tactile religion, one that demands direct interpersonal contact and celebrations, complete with physical reception of the Sacraments, which Christ gave to His disciples for all time to bind us together, to heal us, and to strengthen us for active participation in the life and mission of the Church as His disciples.

There is a hitch for proper reception of the Sacrament, though. While the Eucharist is “spiritual medicine” for the forgiveness of venial sins, most people today seem to have forgotten that receiving the Sacrament requires the communicant to be in a state of grace, free of and absolved from all mortal sin. We also are to *be in communion* with the Church, i.e., living according to the Church's teachings in all matters of faith and morals before we can *receive Communion*.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is NOT “just a symbol” but the very Person of Jesus Christ, present in a way unlike any other: really, truly, and substantially present under the *appearance* of bread and wine that have been offered by the priest and transubstantiated (transformed) by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In ages past, Christians would defy oppressive authorities and celebrate the Eucharist, even to the point of dying in the attempt. Priests would risk their lives to offer the sacrifice of the Mass in homes, catacombs, and fields, on hillside Mass rocks, on Jeep hoods in war zones, and in concentration camps. Today, we've become complacent and cowardly in the face of evil and the abuse of the Gift that Christ has given us that we might be with Him both now and forever.

The time to return to what the Church has held and taught and suffered for is long overdue. The bishops of the USA have decreed a three-year endeavor to help us to reaffirm and strengthen our faith in the great Mystery of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, so that we might become more fully what we receive. Without the Eucharist, the essence of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ ceases to exist. This, too, is the Mystery and the Reality of the Real Presence.

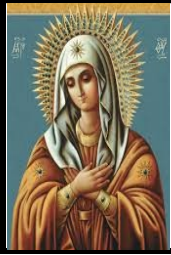
~ *Fr. Armato*

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, July 1.

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!

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Let us join with the other parishes of our deanery in a Eucharistic celebration based at Our Lady of Hope this Sunday 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 at OLH.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$54,060 pledged already by 90 donors. That's 71.1% 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.

GET TO MASS

One of the great things about being Catholic is that there's usually a church nearby for us to attend Mass, even when on vacation.

Check masstimes.org, if you're heading away this summer, and get to Mass!

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, July 8 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 decision 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; saints of June; Catholic customs; the priesthood; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; spiritual motherhood; foster care and adoption; finding happiness in marriage; 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

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our Seniors Club will meet in the Parish Center Gym this Wednesday and on July 19 and 26. There will be no meetings in August. Meetings will return to the Center on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, beginning September 6.



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 DOORS**