

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 18, 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

<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>JUNE 18 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / FATHER'S DAY</b>
8:00		Linda Castagna
10:00		Father's Day Triduum/Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Marco J. & Davide Colalella Calogero Tuttolomondo/Salvatore, Rocco, Concezio e Vincent Fazzolari/Vincent Familio
NOON		Anthony Santora
5:00PM		Daniel Fitzgerald
<b>MON.</b>	~	<b>JUNE 19 - ST. ROMUALD</b>
7:00		Father's Day Triduum
9:00		Andrew Jenner (Anniv)
<b>TUE.</b>	~	<b>JUNE 20 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Antoinette Composto
9:00		Father's Day Triduum
<b>WED.</b>	~	<b>JUNE 21 - ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA</b>
7:00		Tony Veneziano
9:00		Angella Boboombe-Gibson
<b>THU.</b>	~	<b>JUNE 22 - STS. PAULINUS/ JOHN FISHER/THOMAS MORE</b>
7:00		Andrew Jenner (anniv)
9:00		Lottie Andrzejewski (anniv)
<b>FRI.</b>	~	<b>JUNE 23 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
9:00		Vincent Familio
<b>SAT.</b>	~	<b>JUNE 24 - THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>
9:00		<b>Collective:</b> Joseph Henn (anniv) Angelina Grillo/
5:00PM		Lila Ashebergas
<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>JUNE 25 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		Robert Pozarychi/Karoline Lackner/ Maria Ferrara
NOON		Salvatore Fischetti (anniv)
5:00PM		Kevin M. Preiss



## THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST JUNE 24

## 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](http://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** - No meetings in July and August.

**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***

*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 Angela M. Lenihan  
at the request of the St. Vincent dePaul Society.*

## 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](http://masstimes.org) if you're heading away this summer, and get to Mass!

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle A - Hymnal # 958***

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Corinthians 6:1-10  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday: II Corinthians 8:1-9  
Psalm 146:2-9  
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: II Corinthians 9:6-11  
Psalm 112:1-9  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: St II Corinthians 11:1-11  
Psalm 111:1-8  
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday: II Corinthians 11:18, 21-30  
Psalm 34:2-7  
Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday: Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-17  
I Peter 1:8-12  
Luke 1:5-17

Sunday: Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Psalm 69:8-35  
Romans 5:12-15  
Matthew 10:26-33

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Gifts and Appreciation”***

The last time that we celebrated a Sunday in Ordinary Time (the Seventh), we had just gotten into the Sermon on the Mount. Then, the Sundays of Lent, followed by the Easter Season and two more Sunday solemnities intervened. Now we find ourselves at the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the interim, we've missed most of the great Sermon plus several passages of Jesus teaching and performing miracles. All of these have been tied into the manifestation of the immanence of the Kingdom of God. It is apropos that we resume our readings with the promises, perks, and responsibilities of belonging to the Kingdom.

God promised the Israelites through Moses, in today's passage from Exodus, that He had chosen them to be a people particularly His own from among all of the nations of the earth. He sealed this with a Covenant, a permanent bond: if they obeyed His Law, they would be for Him a holy nation, a people set apart, not that they might have an attitude of smug superiority over everyone else, but that they should offer sacrifices as a “kingdom of priests” for the sanctification of the entire world. The designation is pure gift, but it carries responsibilities. They were to be God's instruments for bringing about the reconciliation of God and Creation.

The idea of pure gift is presented in today's reading from St. Paul's letter to the Christian community in Rome. The mercy of God was poured out for the salvation and redemption of the world, despite the fact that humanity was helpless, sinful, and even, in a sense, at war with God. (Sadly, we still are.) Yet, Christ, fully human like us in all things but sin, suffered and died, the innocent one in place of the guilty, for our reconciliation, that sinful mankind might be true children of God. God took pity on us when He had us dead to rights. Not condemnation and destruction, but pity and mercy are the attributes of our God.

In a similar way, Christ was moved with pity for the crowds who came to Him seeking to fill the emptiness, not in their bellies but in their souls. This expression of pity is the same that God felt toward the Israelites held in bondage in Egypt as He spoke to Moses from the burning bush, calling him to lead the people out into freedom. The deliverance that Christ achieved, however, far surpassed any miracle recorded in the Exodus story, for Christ freed us from bondage and slavery to sin, liberating us so that we might live in the freedom of the children of God, to execute true justice, to act with righteousness, and to share with others the mercy that we ourselves have received as pure gift from God.

Like the Israelites chosen in Exodus and the Apostles chosen in today's Gospel passage, every Christian is called, set apart, and sent forth to proclaim God's faithfulness, love, and compassion. We begin within ourselves by accepting the healing grace of God and living in the light of His Covenant in the small things of our lives. Then, strengthened by the grace that comes from the Sacraments in our reconciled relationship with God, we are to proclaim His goodness, reflecting it in our daily interactions with those around us.

We are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for [God's] own possession,” not that we might indulge in some false superiority complex, but that we might proclaim His marvelous works, for He has called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of His love, to enjoy the blessings of His divine fatherhood. This idea, first presented in Exodus and reaffirmed in the First Letter of St. Peter (2:9), also is expressed in the *First Preface of the Sundays in Ordinary Time*.

Let us then accept the wonderful gift of our salvation in Jesus Christ: the forgiveness of our sins, our reconciliation with God, and the grace to live the life of holiness to which we have been called as children of God. Then, as a priestly people, we can offer more worthily the sacrifices of our daily lives: our struggles and difficulties along with our joys and prayers and good works. The gifts are ours for the asking; our positive response seals us in God's Covenant and demonstrates our appreciation for all the good that He has shown us.

~ *Fr. Armato*

## EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Thanks to all of you who participated in our Eucharistic devotions last Sunday, both here and with the other parishioners of our deanery. They were beautiful celebrations of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Remember; Christ is always present in the tabernacle and deserves our love, honor, and respect. Take time before or after Mass to pray to Him.



### PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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

## BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the recent request for much needed blood donations.

The Blood Drive at St. Margaret on Sunday, June 4, was a HUGH SUCCESS! We are happy to report that 66 units of blood were collected, a great testament to the dedication of the members of our community.

We commend the New York Blood Center staff for a job well done!

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$60,380 pledged already by 95 donors. That's 79.4% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$15,634** to get to our goal. Let's do it before the end of this month! 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, 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! Our regular expenses, however, continue to outpace our regular income. Times are rough for all of us; please do your best to support *your* parish.

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.



## CONGRATULATIONS

*to Saint Margaret Catholic Academy,  
Graduating Class of 2023!*

*We wish you many blessings, and success  
in your future endeavors*

## 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; sacred art; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; spiritual motherhood; "The Genesis of Gender"; St. John Paul II and the fall of Communism; hope and healing after an abortion; 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](mailto:jpalackal@gmail.com)

## SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our Seniors Club will **NOT** be meeting in the months of **July and August**. Meetings will return to the Parish Center Gym on the first and third Wednesdays of each month **beginning on 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](mailto:stmmvcalendar@gmail.com)

## Maggie's Little Theater presents



[www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org](http://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 & 22 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 **NEXT** 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**