

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWELFTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 25, 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 25 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		Karoline Lackner/ /Maria Ferrara/ Intention of Chace Starnes/ Intention of Valentina Sanchez
NOON		Salvatore Fischetti (anniv)
5:00PM		Kevin M. Preiss
MON.	~	JUNE 26 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Mathias Gramer
9:00		Angelo Martino
TUE.	~	JUNE 27 - ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA
7:00		Int. Betty Coccaro
9:00		Int. Lauraine McConville (birth)
WED.	~	JUNE 28 - ST. IRENAEUS
7:00		Irene Ahearne
9:00		Marguerite Maher
THU.	~	JUNE 29 - STS. PETER AND PAUL
7:00		Joan McShea
9:00		Joan Meyers
FRI.	~	JUNE 30 - THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH
7:00		Janet Sirois
9:00		Walter Martin
SAT.	~	JULY 1 - ST. JUNIPERO SERRA
9:00		Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Center Dioceses/Casimir F. Krzewski/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in purgatory
9:30		Holy Hour
5:00PM		William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz
SUN.	~	JULY 2 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Anna & John Rice
10:00		Marcellino Troia
NOON		Rosalia Hiris
5:00PM		Agusta D. Weiner



**THE RECTORY
WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY, JULY 4
IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM**

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 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, Howard Zissel,

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:

**GEORGE M. VINAS, FRANCESCA MARTINO
ANTHONY SABATINO,
CALOGERA ELETTO
UMBERTO MINOLFO,
VINCENZO FALZARANO
FRANCESCA TRAINA**

*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 Gerald Collins & Family.

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Angela M. Lenihan
at the request of St. Margaret choir.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 961*

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 69:8-35
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 7:1-5

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:12-22
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday: Genesis 13:2-18
Psalm 15:2-5
Matthew 7:6-14

Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-18
Psalm 105:1-9
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday: Acts 12:1-11
Psalm 34:2-9
II Timothy 4:6-18
Matthew 16:13-19

Friday: Genesis 17:1-22
Psalm 128:1-5
Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday: Genesis 18:1-15
Luke 1:36-55
Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday: II Kings 4:8-16
Psalm 89:2-19
Romans 6:3-11
Matthew 10:37-42

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

"A Slap in the Face"

There's a ritual from my youth that I wish would be brought into usage once again. Judging by how slowly the Church acts on far more important matters, however, I do not anticipate the subject being taken up by any USCCB sub-committee anytime soon, certainly not in what's left of my lifetime. What is this ritual? I'm glad that you asked. It's the mild slap on the cheek that the bishop gave the Confirmation candidate during the celebration of that Sacrament.

Now, I have nothing against kids in general. I myself was a kid many, many years ago. Neither do I have any beef with Confirmation candidates in particular other than, perhaps, their lack of understanding and practice of the Faith as the mature Catholics that they are deemed to be at age 13. This may seem a bit harsh, considering that, by and large, they fall right in line with many of their elders. (We priests bear a good deal of blame for that.) No, my reason for wanting the episcopal slap restored is that it was a reminder to the candidate that he/she realistically should expect to suffer for their faith in Jesus Christ.

We live in a cotton-candy world of fluff religion, governed by the reduction of the Faith to an abstract love of God and neighbor. The saints and martyrs of old must be spinning in their graves! We appear to have forgotten that we are to love God with our entire being, and that love of neighbor requires one not only to desire but also to act upon, i.e., to effectuate, the profound desire for the good of the other. That, at times, can be a risky and costly proposition.

It's a lot easier to love someone from a safe distance and to hope for the best. Someone in China or Iran is not likely to get upset with us praying unbeknownst to him/her for their radical conversion of heart, whereas the colleague, next-door neighbor, classmate, or person sitting across the breakfast table very well might take offense at being taken to task and challenged to live a life in accordance with the Church's moral teachings for the sake of his/her immortal soul. (The daily task taking and challenge, mind you, begin with the person in the mirror!)

We live in an ironically so-called "tolerant society" in which it is dangerous to talk publicly about our Faith and its moral code. We are quite apt to be branded as having one sort of phobia or another. Take your pick; there seems to be an almost endless number of them, with more delivered and distributed daily, as if they were fresh produce or donuts or fish. Religion, rather, is to be self-relegated to conducting rituals within the walls of our churches or, even better, practiced entirely privately and quietly at home – a matter between just you and your God, however the Divinity exists in your inspired opinion.

Profess the Church's faith in Jesus Christ and moral code publicly, however, and you are almost certain to be laughed at, ridiculed, mocked, scorned, shouted down, investigated by the FBI, arrested, hauled into court, called a hateful bigot, spat upon, beaten, or simply brushed away to irrelevance at the margins of our freedom loving society. Small wonder that our churches are profaned and the places where we offer services for the protection of all human life and true health care for mothers and their children are vandalized. Small wonder, too, that our families and society are collapsing before our eyes!

Practicing the Faith can be very frustrating. Like Jeremiah, we might even wish, at times, for God to smite and shame those who oppose us. That, however, is not the way of Jesus Christ, Who calls us to proclaim our faith despite the opposition. "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven. For thus did they treat the prophets before you." (*Mt. 5: 11-12*)

As St. Paul wrote to the Church at Rome, the world of sin and death – of our sins and death – has been overcome. The grace of the Father and the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, His Son, have overflowed for our salvation and reconciliation. That is the reason for our hope.

Christ tells us not to be afraid to bear witness to Him with our very lives, which are so very precious to God our Father. Our place in eternity hangs on our choice either for or against Christ, Who will acknowledge His faithful followers to His Father but deny those who deny Him by their unfaithful lives. The realization of that alone is worth a reminding slap in the face, even the mild one of yesteryear.

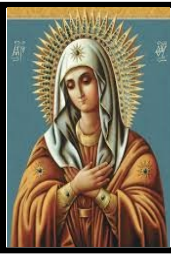
~ ***Fr. Armato***

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 and pray for our country!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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

ESTATE PLANNING

Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefit and potentially even a source of income?

If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate, or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone. You can sustain our beloved parish with a planned gift while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family.

For more information, please call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$63,252 pledged already by 98 donors. That's 83.2% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$12,762** 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 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.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Please drive with care for our children and our elders on the streets this summer!

GET TO MASS

Classes are finished for this academic year, but there's no vacation from 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!**

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; sharing the Faith; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; spiritual motherhood; "The Genesis of Gender"; Catholic commentary on "The Chosen" series; happiness in marriage; activities for the children and entire 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.



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 **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



CARNIVAL AT OLH

The carnival at Our Lady of Hope is running this weekend, a fun time for your family to enjoy the rides, games, and foods!