

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 2, 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

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| SUN. | ~ | JULY 2 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| 8:00 | | Anna & John Rice |
| 10:00 | | Il Popolo della Parrocchia/ Marcellino Troia |
| NOON | | Rosalia Hiris |
| 5:00PM | | Agusta D. Weiner |
| MON. | ~ | JULY 3 - ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE |
| 7:00 | | Purgatorial Society |
| 9:00 | | Edwin Murawski |
| TUE. | ~ | JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| 7:00 | | ~ No Mass ~ |
| 9:00 | | The People of the U.S.A. |
| WED. | ~ | JULY 5 - STS. ANTHONY ZACCARIA ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL |
| 7:00 | | Giovanni & Mary Armato |
| 9:00 | | Elmina & Pasquale Sasi |
| THU. | ~ | JULY 6 - ST. MARIA GORETTI |
| 7:00 | | Steven Dominick Belviso |
| 9:00 | | Joan Henn (anniv) |
| FRI. | ~ | JULY 7 - WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | | Joseph Pfeifer |
| 9:00 | | Gaetano Morreale |
| SAT. | ~ | JULY 8 - WEEKDAY |
| 9:00 | | Memorial Mass: Alfred P. Giardina, Angela M. Lenihan, Ann Flanagan, George M. Vinas, Anthony Sabatino, Francesca Martino, Umberto Minolfo Calogera Eletto, Vincenzo Falzarano Francesca Traina, Brian Dobins |
| 5:00PM | | James & Ellen Dalton |
| SUN. | ~ | JULY 9 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| 8:00 | | Thomas Mancuso |
| 10:00 | | Daniele Bussa/Vincenzo, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Maria Curatolo/Antonino Catalano/Marco J. Colalella (anniv) |
| NOON | | The People of the Parish |
| 5:00PM | | Raymond P. Wolfe |

**THE RECTORY
WILL BE CLOSED
ON 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 Moleculeski, 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:

BRIAN DOBIAS

*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 Giovanni & Mary Armato
at the request of Phyllis, Lee & Ben.*

**SCHOOL'S
OUT!**

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

TODAY'S READINGS

***Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 964***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 117:1-2
John 20:24-29

Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29
Psalm 26:2-12
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: Genesis 21:8, 8-20
Psalm 34:7-13
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday: Genesis 22:1-19
Psalm 115:1-9
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Genesis 23:1-67
Psalm 106:1-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: Genesis 27:1-29
Psalm 135:1-6
Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 145:1-14
Romans 8:9-13
Matthew 11:25-30

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Cost of Discipleship and Sacred Honor”

How willing are you to follow Christ, knowing that it means having to die first? I don't mean physical death, though sometimes that has been a direct consequence. Physical death comes to everyone sooner or later, regardless of one's religious disposition or fervor. No, Christ demands that we take up our personal cross in order to follow Him and to put our goals, treasures, and relationships in proper order, if we wish to share eternal life with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven - to die to self and to live in Him.

Fortunately, we have been put on a good path by virtue of our baptism, through which, as St. Paul wrote, we have died with Christ and risen with Him to newness of life. As much as we might want it to be, however, the mere fact of our baptismal death and resurrection as a sharing in those of Christ, are just the beginning, not the end of the story of our discipleship. We are called to enter into that great mystery of discipleship each day of our lives by dying to self and our sinful, misdirected inclinations and rising to a deeper, stronger, Christ-centered life. Thus, St. Paul lay down the challenge to the Church at Rome and to us to remember that we must die to sin and live for God in Christ.

Most of us had no say in our baptism. It happened when we still were infants, unable to realize what was happening except that someone suddenly was pouring water on our heads. The realization of the grace of Baptism is the project of a lifetime through which we slowly develop our awareness of the presence of God's love for us in the gift of His Son and the power of His Holy Spirit. It is what gives us the courage and strength to go beyond our fears, limitations, and hesitation and instead to follow boldly and decisively where Christ would lead us, confident that the final destination is the eternal life that He has promised the faithful.

This requires a positive use of our free will, to do what is good, just, holy, and righteous in the eyes of God through humble service to others. It also requires us to realize that there is nothing on earth that is as valuable as our filial relationship to the Father through the Son in the bond of the Holy Spirit. To lose ourselves for love of Christ is to find ourselves enjoying the life for which we have been created. Therefore, we are to strive to testify to the truth of God's love for us as His beloved children by following His Commandments.

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This Tuesday, we'll celebrate the 247th anniversary of our independence as a free nation. The 56 men gathered together in the State House in Philadelphia that summer of 1776 declared that all men “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” They didn't declare a self-centered right to do whatever one pleased and then run amok, but rather intended that people have the freedom to do what is right, just, and honorable, directed always toward attaining the common good. “Freedom” brings with it responsibilities and the need for sacrifice and self-control

The Founders did not simply make a political statement and then walk away content. They backed up their mutual pledge of lives, fortunes, and sacred honor in very pronounced ways, with personal sacrifices. Some of them lost their lives or the lives of family members, or they lost their possessions and homes in the ensuing seven years of the War. What they never yielded or lost was their trust in the providence of God and that sense of sacred honor, which governed their actions.

It's sad that after almost 250 years of admiring them, we now live in a society gone mad, more keen on eliminating the Founders' memory and monuments than in taking the best of their qualities and serving the common good with humility, love, and honor, a society that is prepared to sacrifice the God-given value of all human life for false notions of liberty, personhood, and “personal truth”.

Let us place ourselves in the hands of our loving God once again, recommitting ourselves to our founding principles of life, liberty, and justice. May God bless and strengthen you in Christ Jesus, and may God bless the United States of America!

~ *Fr. Armato*

EUCHARISTIC 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 10:30am on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, August 5.

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 **\$63,452 pledged already by 100 donors. That's 83.5% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$12,562** 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

**OPEN WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
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. See listing on page 2 of Mass Bells.



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.

Some Masses are averaging less than \$4.00 per adult. That may have been fine back in 1965, but it isn't anymore. 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.

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: human life and sexuality issues; Eucharistic miracles; spiritual motherhood; the epistles of St. Paul; happiness in marriage; activities for 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.

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!**



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

