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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2023

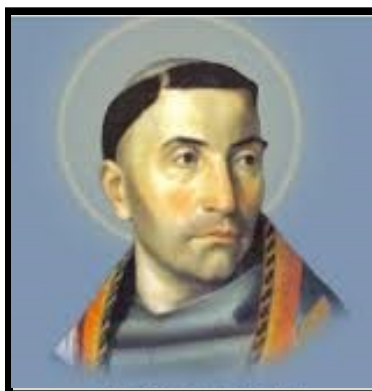
THE GREAT COMMISSION

“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.	~	JULY 9 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Thomas Mancuso
10:00		Daniele Busa/Vincenza, 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
MON.	~	JULY 10 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Irene Aherne
9:00		Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey
TUE.	~	JULY 11 - ST. BENEDICT
7:00		Edwin Murawski
9:00		Maureen Schmerwitz
WED.	~	JULY 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Catherine Garbowski
9:00		Lee McKenna
THU.	~	JULY 13 - ST. HENRY
7:00		Edward Loftus (anniv)
9:00		Josephine Morreale
FRI.	~	JULY 14 - ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA
7:00		Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo, Geraldine Ciaccio
9:00		Rev. Gregory Stankus
SAT.	~	JULY 15 - ST. BONAVENTURE
9:00		Collective: Karoline Lackner/Anthony & Antoinette Santora
5:00PM		
SUN.	~	JULY 16 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Donna Roemmelt
10:00		Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio
NOON		Lila Ashebergas
5:00PM		The People of the Parish



SAINT
BONAVENTURE
JULY 15

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:

***HUGO RUTIGLIANO,
JOSEPH L. HARDARDT***

*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 Irene Aherne
at the request of the Irish Night Committee.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Catherine Garbowski
at the request of the Garbowski Family.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Irene Aherne
at the request of the Irish Night Committee.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 967***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22
Psalm 91:1-15
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33
Psalm 17:1-15
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57;
42:5-24
Psalm 33:2-19
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Genesis 44:18-29;
45:1-5
Psalm 105:16-21
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Genesis 46:1-30
Psalm 37:3-40
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32;
50:15-26
Psalm 105:1-7
Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10-14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23 or
Matthew 13:1-9

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Yoke of Childlike Simplicity”

There's a good reason why Jesus says that the Father has hidden the mysteries of His love from the learned and instead has “revealed them to the little ones.” Children are amazing, whether it's their simplicity and genuineness, or their sense of wonder of the world around them and awe at the discovery of new things, or their openness toward others and adventures. It's too bad that we seem to outgrow childhood so quickly. Even worse, is that children today are pushed to grow up even more quickly, for they do not enjoy the relative luxury of the length of time simply to be children that their grandparents or even their parents had. Instead, they must be math whizzes or techno-geeks with a mastery over computer science by the time that they are six years old. (Okay, I'm exaggerating, but you get my drift.)

Yet, such is the wisdom of God Who has revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ, that He presents His truth to those who are open to accepting Him with the innocence of little children. It certainly doesn't mean that we must be simple-minded in order to believe in the divine revelation presented through Christ. As a matter of fact, our God-given capacity to reason is one of the ways in which we share in the nature of God Himself and come to recognize His presence and our dependence on Him in our lives. Our intellect, guided by our faith, helps us to comprehend and appreciate the importance and beauty of that faith little by little. Theology, St. Anselm said, is “faith seeking understanding.”

In the course of our journey of faith, for instance, we come to realize that we have not been left alone by God to fend for ourselves in managing our way to Him and His Kingdom all on our own. In farming, two animals are yoked together, the stronger helping the weaker to plow a field or pull a cart at the pace of the weaker. Christ invites us to take His “yoke” upon us, i.e., to allow Him to journey alongside us, so that He, the stronger, might help us at our own pace through the difficult, troublesome, and tiring days of our life, those times when we feel discouraged over our failures to follow Him as He has commanded, or when all seems useless and we barely can take one step in front of another.

In ancient times, the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, were referred to as the “yoke of Israel”, given through Moses to help the people to live in a proper covenantal relationship with God. By the time of Christ, however, the initial Law of Moses had become so overgrown with incidental, protective rules and regulations (613 of them!) as to become almost unbearable and impracticable by the average person of faith. Jesus has given us a simpler way: the way of humble and loving service. Yes, it requires us to drop our false pride and to be humble as He is humble, and to serve rather than to be served, and most especially to love God and one another with full and open hearts. In short, He invites us to be childlike so that we might be better children of God in the image of the beloved and only-begotten Son.

This doesn't mean that we should scrap all of the laws of the Church. They are there to guide us in the right direction to eternal life in the Father's Kingdom. In fact, most of them exist to protect the rights of the people. Civil laws, too, providing that they are just and do not contradict the Law of God, are helpful in maintaining order as a civilized society. Yes, that can be burdensome at times, and we might feel that we'd be better off without them. It would help, though, if we were to approach the following of these laws with the attitude of children. A home without family rules and regulations is chaotic, disjointed, and liable to come apart at the seams, taking society down with it. Just look at the world around you.

Our model, again, is Jesus Christ, Who did not enter our world as a mighty general or a powerful emperor or a wealthy merchant, but as an innocent and lowly Child born into a humble, common family in an otherwise insignificant part of the world. That Child grew in wisdom, grace, understanding and love with humility and simplicity in carrying out the Father's mission: our reconciliation and redemption.

May the Lord bless you as you take His yoke upon you!

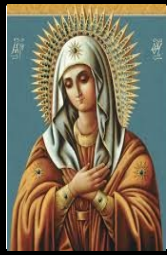
~ *Fr. Armato*

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, 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 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, August 12 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.

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.



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

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.



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 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 ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES

**will give back to our parish
\$75-\$200 per vehicle; car, truck or van,
running or not.**

**If you have a vehicle that is not being used
call 718-491-2525 or e-mail**

SVDPAULTO-BROOKLYNQUEENS.ORG

**IRS TAX DEDUCTION
FREE TOWING
ANY CONDITION**

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR PARTICIPATION**

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!**