

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

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY**

**IN**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 16, 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>JULY 16 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00		Donna Roemmelt
10:00		Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Patrick Pellegrino
NOON		Lila Ashebergas
5:00PM		The People of the Parish
<b>MON.</b>	~	<b>JULY 17 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Sheamus Lynott
9:00		Edward Pandolfo
<b>TUE.</b>	~	<b>JULY 18 - ST. CAMILLUS</b>
7:00		Adrienne Mirro
9:00		Peter Bojcenjuk
<b>WED.</b>	~	<b>JULY 19 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00		Marvin Fuchs
9:00		David P. Jones (birth)
<b>THU.</b>	~	<b>JULY 20 - STS. APOLLINARIS / MARGARET OF ANTIOCH (Patronal Feast of the Parish)</b>
7:00		Karoline Lackner
9:00		Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Kunz
<b>FRI.</b>	~	<b>JULY 21 - ST. LAWRENCE / BLESSED FRANCES JORDAN</b>
7:00		Karoline Lackner
9:00		Bridget Brennan
<b>SAT.</b>	~	<b>JULY 22 - ST. MARY MAGDALENE</b>
9:00		<b>Collective:</b> Charles Droz
5:00PM		The People of the Parish
<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>JULY 23 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00		Mary Hawd
10:00		Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Taddeo Arcilesi/Caterina Diraimondo
NOON		Betty Gullotta
5:00PM		Margaret Quinn



SAINT  
MARGARET  
OF  
ANTIOCH  
JULY 20

## 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, Mary Policke, The Valasquez Family, Caroline Martin, Hazel Scanlon, Pauline Vella, Robert Sukup, Sam Cianciolo, Maria Fava, Jeremiah Harris, Cathy Wilkenson, Maria Carmeli, 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 Bryzgornia, 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:*

**MARIA TROCCHIA, ANTHONY J. GIANGONE**

*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 Peter Bojcenjuk  
at the request of Helen Bojcenjuk.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojcenjuk  
at the request of Helen Bojcenjuk.*

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojcenjuk  
at the request of Helen Bojcenjuk.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle A - Hymnal # 970*

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Exodus 1:8-22  
Psalm 124:1-8  
Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15  
Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-34  
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-12  
Psalm 103:1-7  
Matthew 11:20-24

Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20  
Psalm 105:1-9, 24-27  
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday: Exodus 11:10-12-14  
Psalm 116:12-18  
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: Song of Solomon 3:1-4  
Psalm 63:2-9  
John 20:1-18

Sunday: Wisdom 12-19  
Psalm 86:5-16  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:23-43

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Seeds Should Produce”***

One of the joys of living here in Middle Village at this time of year is the beauty of the gardens on every block. Even some of our commercial strips have planters of flowers hanging from apartment windows above the stores, and the City has done plantings in swales all over to manage water runoff while adding some beauty to our neighborhood, albeit at the cost of already insufficient parking spots. Less visible are the vegetable and flower gardens in most back yards. It all comes at a cost, though.

If you think that the price of produce in the grocery stores is high, did you notice the price of seeds, either on-line or in the stores this spring? If you bought some for planting, you certainly did not just open the packet and strew the seeds randomly all over the place in the hope that at least some would take root and flourish, like the sower in today's parable did (the common practice in Christ's time). Rather, you'd cultivate the ground or put some soil into pots and carefully plant the seeds, maybe even one-by-one, before covering them over and giving them an initial watering, the start of much work to follow.

As pleasant as they are to look at, the reality is that a lot of backbreaking work goes into planting and maintenance. Every flower petal represents a drop of the gardener's sweat; every vegetable harvested has required a lot of care to produce. Not every seed that's planted results in a strong plant, no less in a bouquet of flowers or baskets of fresh vegetables. And then there are the weeds that constantly spring up: kill one, and two seem to take its place. So what's up with the sower in the parable?

First of all, we need to understand that parables are stories that Jesus used in order to get His points across. It was a common method for rabbis in His time, just as it is for many teachers and preachers among us today, yours truly among them. Parables contain much symbolism, their elements pointing to a greater reality. It's easier to grasp an unfamiliar concept through the presentation of something familiar.

In today's parable, it is God Who lavishly (one might even use the word “prodigally” from another familiar parable) plants the seed of faith in every soul by scattering His grace freely all over. Whether seeds are planted carefully or with great abandon, however, they require effort and a proper environment in order to produce the desired flowers and fruit.

Similarly, the care of the human soul and the growth of one's faith require a great deal of effort if they are to mature and produce spiritual fruit. Just as a neglected garden can get overrun by weeds or burnt up by the summer's heat without sufficient watering, so our souls suffer when we do not pay proper attention to the development of our faith. They suffer when we allow sinful behaviors to invade and take over our lives. They suffer when we do not put our faith into everyday practice, further weakening whatever faith we possess.

On the positive side, a well-tended soul, nourished by prayer, reception of the Sacraments, and meditation on the Scriptures animates an individual to follow the Lord more closely, to avoid sin, and to produce the fruits of a virtuous life and good works.

Indeed, God has spread His grace among us, even, perhaps, to the point of seeming reckless and careless about it. Nevertheless, He calls us to be His beloved children through Baptism and Christian discipleship. We are to cooperate with that grace through the proper use of our time, treasure, and talents. Everything that we need in order to grow and to produce outstanding results is available to us by God's benevolence. It remains for each of us, then, to participate in building up the Mystical Body of Christ by responding to the work of the “Divine Gardener”.

What kind of spiritual soil do you offer for the seed of grace to take root and flourish? What are you doing each day to nurture your soul and to keep the weeds of sin and worldly distractions from overwhelming it? Are you cooperating with the grace of God to make your soul fertile and fruitful?

Seeds should produce. What “fruits” are you producing for the Kingdom of God?

~ *Fr. Armato*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We hold a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, Scripture 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!

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Please! If someone in your family is sick or elderly, call the Rectory to arrange for a priest to come to celebrate the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation and to bring them Communion. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion also are available to bring Communion to the homebound more regularly.

The Sacraments are for the living, not the dead. Don't wait until it's too late!

## SUMMER SAFETY

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

Also, be sure to keep in touch with your elderly neighbors this summer to make sure that they are drinking water and keeping their homes comfortable with AC or fans on particularly hot days.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$64,027 pledged already by 106 donors. That's 84.2% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$11,987** 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 diocesan priesthood.

## THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY



is located in the Convent  
66-25 79th Place and is open

**WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY**  
**from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

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.

## 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; the Mystery of the Eucharist; the art of dying well; "The Victory of St. Joan of Arc" series; happiness in marriage; true reformers in the Church; activities for the children and entire family; 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](mailto:stmmvcalendar@gmail.com)**

## **Maggie's Little Theater presents**



[www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org](http://www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org)  
347-286-8508

### **SHOW DATES**

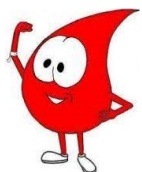
Sat., July 22 at 8:00pm

Sun., July 16 & 23 at 2:30pm

Tickets \$25 - 65+ \$20 - 11 and under \$20

*Reservations and masks recommended.*

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE**



## **UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE**

There is an **URGENT NEED** for blood donations and the New York Blood Center is asking, again, for our help.

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a Blood Drive on **Sunday, August 13, 2023 from 9:00am until 3:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

It is requested that you schedule an appointment by calling **888-933-2566**. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Bring a mask; requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines.

## **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!**