

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

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**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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## **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD AUGUST 6, 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. ~ AUGUST 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

8:00 Rita Nicholas  
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/  
Marcellino Troia  
NOON Anthony F. Cocco  
5:00PM Patrick McGibbon

### **MON. ~ AUGUST 7 - STS. SIXTUS II / CAJETAN**

7:00 Purgatorial Society  
9:00 Karoline Lackner

### **TUE. ~ AUGUST 8 - ST. DOMINIC**

7:00 Barbara Washington  
9:00 Ann Marie Duffy

### **WED. ~ AUGUST 9 - ST. TERESA BENEDICTA**

7:00 Mary O'Shea (anniv)  
9:00 Joseph & Valeria Rader

### **THU. ~ AUGUST 10 - ST. LAWRENCE**

7:00 Florence McShea  
9:00 Enrico Franzese

### **FRI. ~ AUGUST 11 - ST. CLARE**

7:00 Mary O'Shea (birth)  
9:00 Delia & Thomas Waters

### **SAT. ~ AUGUST 12 - ST. JANE FRANCES deCHANTAL**

9:00 **Memorial Mass:** Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo, Geraldine Ciaccio/  
Joseph L. Hardardt, Izzy Diunte,  
Hugo Rutigliano, Maria Trocchia,  
Anthony J. Giangone, Jack  
Pomianek  
5:00PM Chester & Maureen Watkins

### **SUN. ~ AUGUST 13 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 Margaret Roemmelt  
10:00 Leonarda Asaro (anniv)/Daniele  
Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio  
Taormina/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria  
Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio  
NOON The People of the Parish  
5:00PM Arthur D. Beaumont



THE  
TRANSFIGURATION  
OF  
THE  
LORD  
AUGUST 6

## 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 meeting 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, Anna Braccioforte, Mark Lewis, Carmela Guerra, Emma Green, Sr. Noemi Valdes, Yulka Vukicevic,

***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:***

***ROSE SAVIGNANO***

*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

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Mary & Giovanni Armato  
at the request of Phyllis, Lee & Ben.*



**SAINT  
DOMINIC  
AUGUST 8**

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Transfiguration of the Lord  
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1038***

Daniel 7:9-14  
Psalm 97:1-9  
II Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Numbers 11:4-15  
Psalm 81:12-17  
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13  
Psalm 51:3-13  
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-25 - 14:35  
Psalm 106:6-23  
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: II Corinthians 9:6-10  
Psalm 112:1-9  
John 12:24-26

Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40  
Psalm 77:12-21  
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13  
Psalm 18:2-47, 51  
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday: I Kings 19:9,11-13  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:22-33

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

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

***“Listen to Him!”***

There are very few words of our Lady that are recorded in the Gospels. Similarly, there also are just a few words of God the Father recorded there. I find it interesting that both intersect in one very major point: the command to heed the instructions of their Son, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, true God and true man.

Mary's words in this regard were spoken to the servers at the wedding feast of Cana, when the wine gave out and she interceded with Jesus on behalf of the newlyweds, telling the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.” The Gospel for today's feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord presents similar words from God the Father: “This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!” The instructions cannot be any more imperative, yet they leave us plenty of room for implementation, as broad a range as the many situations of our daily lives.

Our first reading today is from the prophetic Book of Daniel, written a couple of centuries before the time of Christ. It presents a vision of Heaven with “One like a Son of Man” standing before the Ancient One, God, both of them in great and majestic splendor. “Son of Man” would become, by the Gospels, a title for the Messiah promised by God to His people through the Patriarchs, Moses, and the Prophets.

The scene in our Gospel passage reflects a similar glorious appearance with Jesus, the fulfillment of the Son of Man prophecies, transfigured (transformed) in the sight of His three astounded disciples as Moses and Elijah conversed with Him. It is a representation of the Law and the Prophets testifying to His Divinity. Giving even fuller testimony is the presence of God the Father (the Voice) and God the Holy Spirit (the enveloping Cloud) and the words of the Father quoted above. The appearance given to Peter, James, and John to strengthen them for what lay ahead and to give them hope – Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection – is given for our benefit, too, for those difficult and troubling times in our own lives. St. Peter affirms the apparition, telling his readers and us that we'd be wise to be attentive to the reliable and prophetic message “as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star [Christ] rises in [our] hearts.”

All of the promises that God made to His Chosen People over the centuries through the Patriarchs and the Prophets have been fulfilled in Christ. Despite the absence of the special effects of today's readings, we enter into the Mystery of God's *Presence par excellence* whenever we receive Jesus Christ, the totality of the Father's love, in every Holy Communion. We are to be in state of grace, absolved sacramentally and free from all attachment to mortal sin, as a preparation for our reception of this most precious Gift of the Holy Eucharist.

We can enter further into the Mystery each day by acting upon our faith and putting the teachings of Christ into effect in the great and small occasions of our lives, cooperating with the grace of God, and being *taken, blessed, broken, and given* in loving service to God and one another, thereby becoming mystically that which we receive: the Body of Christ.

We have been invited to have an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as His faithful disciples, receiving Him in Word as well as in the Sacraments that He has given to His Church as a means of being with us at all times. This, just like any other relationship, requires time and effort on our part in order to develop solidly and fruitfully. Only then can we truly follow the instructions of our Lord's Father and Mother: ***Listen to Him; do whatever He tells 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, September 2.**

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.

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

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$68,125 pledged already by 115 donors. That's 89.6% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$7,889** 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.

## HOLYLAND 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)

## 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, 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: various devotions; human life and sexuality; cultivating Catholic feminism; the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist; how God changes us; discerning God's will for us; Padre Pio; saints of August; activities for children and the whole family; and many other 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.

## RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

On-line registration is now open for our Religious Education Program classes. Please use [stmargaretre@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretre@gmail.com) for all communications with Mrs. Gonzales.

Copies of the registration form can be picked up at the rectory or church vestibule. Complete and mail it in to the rectory with a check for the fees.

Weekly classes will be held on Tuesdays,  
from 3:30-4:45pm for Grades 1-4;  
and from 5:15-6:30pm for Grades 5-8.



## ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

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)

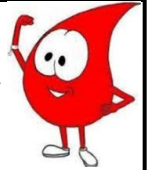
**CLOSED THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

## GET TO MASS

Check [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) if you're heading away this summer, **get to Mass and remember to dress appropriately!**

## 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 **NEXT Sunday, August 13, 2023 from 9am until 3pm 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.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

The Parish Hall will be available to our senior citizens for informal gatherings from 11am til 2pm on Wednesdays in August.

## YOUNG ADULTS HOLY HOUR

There will be no holy hour for young adults this month. Our next gathering will be at 7:30pm, Thursday, September 14.