

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 13, 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 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/Pietro,
Rosalia, Salvatore e Giovanna
Tantillo/Rosa, Giuseppe, Maria,
Piero e Vincenzo DiSclefani
NOON The People of the Parish
5:00PM Arthur D. Beaumont

MON. ~ AUGUST 14 - ST. MAXIMILLAN KOLBE

7:00 Marco J. Colalella
9:00 Robert Levine
7:30 Anthony Santora/Nancy Gardini

TUE. ~ AUGUST 15 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Stanislawa Krzewski
7:30PM Charles Morehouse

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WED. ~ AUGUST 16 - ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

7:00 Angela M. Lenihan
9:00 Jose Jesus Genao

THU. ~ AUGUST 17 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Jeanette Tavarone
9:00 Jose Jesus Genao

FRI. ~ AUGUST 18 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Sr. Anne Werner, D.W.
9:00 Michael Martino

SAT. ~ AUGUST 19 - ST. JOHN EUDES

9:00 **Collective:** Edwin Vargas (anniv)/
Mieczyslaw Stroczan
5:00PM Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles

SUN. ~ AUGUST 20 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Teresa & John Rice
10:00 Jeanette Tavarone
NOON Anthony F. Coccaro
5:00PM The People of the Parish



THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AUGUST 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 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, Theresa Erdtmann, John Fleisch,

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

*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 Jose Jesus Genao
at the request of The Parente Family.*

SAVE THE DATE

Msgr. Thelen will be retiring officially at the end of this month. Join us for a farewell celebration at the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, September 10, to be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

TODAY'S READINGS

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 982*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Psalm 147:12-20
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: **Vigil:** 1 Chronicles 15:3-16;
16:1-2
Psalm 132:6-14
I Corinthians 15:54-57
Luke 11:27-28
Day: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6;
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Psalm 45:10-16
I Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 66:1-17
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 114:1-6
Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday: Joshua 24:1-13
Psalm 136:1-24
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29
Psalm 16:1-11
Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday: Isaiah 56:1-7
Psalm 67:2-8
Romans 11:13-32
Matthew 15:21-28

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Who Is This?”

Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in various countries, tremendous deluges and devastating tornadoes here at home, smoke from wildfires out West and across lower Canada blocking out the sun in New York and other American cities, new variations of the Wuhan virus popping up around the world – life has become rather interesting and, at times, downright scary, and these are just the “natural disasters” that are occurring. When will it end? As a man with whom I once worked used to say, though, “Denks Gott, could be worse!” Happily, this evening’s wind carries the promise of better weather and cleaner air, at least for tomorrow.

Now, imagine tremendous winds and pounding rains happening, not while you are safely at home or at work, but while you were in a small boat in the middle of a large lake several miles across (about half the size of Queens County, New York). If you think you were scared by our recent storms, you very likely would have been absolutely petrified had you been with the Apostles.

Many years ago, I was fishing with a friend in a small skiff in Reynolds Channel off of Long Beach when the weather turned abruptly. Suddenly, there were whitecaps in the channel and our little boat was being knocked about by the wind and waves. The last things on our minds were the fish that we were about to join in the drink. We had all to do to keep from foundering just a stone’s throw from land. It was a harrowing experience that I do not care to repeat ever again.

Life can be like that. Not that we’re in a real boat during a big storm, but life’s difficulties often smack us around. Sickesses, deaths, unemployment, broken relationships, financial worries, addictions, loneliness, and all the rest can make us feel like our world is coming apart at the seams, tossed about beyond our control. Small wonder that we cry out for the presence and assistance of God at such times, though would that we might seek Him in our more tranquil moments as well!

Three years ago this summer we were just emerging from a crippling pandemic – one that crippled the most vibrant peacetime economy that our country had seen, crippled our confidence in medical science, crippled our ability to worship together or to enjoy one another’s company in public, crippled what little trust we had in government, crippled our own psyches. We still are feeling its many effects in all of these areas. Despite the “all clear” back then, Mass attendance remains at only 70% of pre-pandemic numbers, people still are hesitant to associate with others at work or on public transportation, etc., etc., etc.

Christ reminds us in today’s Gospel passage that He is in command, come hell or high water, regardless of whatever life may throw against us. Perhaps like St. Peter, we want to believe this, but then, being people of little faith, we start to doubt if we see our situations worsen and we begin to sink in our distress. That’s the time for us to put out our hand, as it were, as individuals, as a Church, and as a nation, trusting in God’s paternal, loving concern for us through Christ.

Jesus, St. Paul reminds us, is the Messiah promised to Abraham and his descendants through many generations. He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Like the LORD God in today’s first reading, He comes to us profoundly yet almost imperceptibly in the stillness of our hearts, in the pious celebrations of His Sacraments, and in the calm contemplation of His Word.

It’s not a matter of things suddenly changing for the better and life becoming all “cakes and ale”, but rather, because of our centering relationship with Christ, of our ability to find an inner peace even in the midst of the storms of life, knowing that He will not let us perish but that He will bring us safely through the difficulty and into the Father’s Kingdom. Yes, we may be changed by the experience, but we also can be strengthened by it, with our faith and trust in Christ Jesus deepened.

Who is this, Whom even the winds and seas obey? He is our Lord and our 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, 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!

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.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

On-line registration is now open for our Religious Education Program classes.

Please use stmargaretre@gmail.com for all communication 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

Avoid late fees! Register by August 30!

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, September 9 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; Our Lady in scripture and sacred art; various devotions; the Eucharist; good stewardship; armchair pilgrimages; St. Dominic and other saints of August; "Brother Francis" videos for children; 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.



CHOIR NEWS

Our adult choir has progressed over the years and has continued to enhance our liturgies, as well as singing for all major liturgies throughout the year.

In addition, it has become a tradition, that the choir offer Lessons & Carols during Advent.

We are always open to new members. Our first rehearsal is August 30, at 7pm in the church.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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
jpallackal@gmail.com



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

CLOSED THE MONTH OF AUGUST

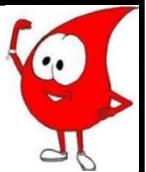
GET TO MASS

Vacation is a time to refresh body and mind. Be sure to refresh your soul as well!

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, **get to Mass and remember to dress appropriately!**

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 **TODAY, August 13 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.