

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 20, 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 20 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MON. ~ AUGUST 21 - ST. PIUS X

7:00 Angela M. Lenihan
9:00 Elvira & Thomas Mastrosimone

TUE. ~ AUGUST 22 - THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 Rosa Maria Chan
9:00 Diane Pappas

WED. ~ AUGUST 23 - ST. ROSE OF LIMA

7:00 Angela M. Lenihan
9:00 Martin Wintergerst (anniv)

THU. ~ AUGUST 24 - ST. BARTHOLOMEW

7:00 Intention of Pamela Guerra
9:00 Frank Lackner

FRI. ~ AUGUST 25 - STS. LOUIS / JOSEPH CALASANZ

7:00 Harvey Karcher (anniv)
9:00 Colette E. Weiner

SAT. ~ AUGUST 26 - WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Florance McShea/Anita
Wunsch/Vittorio Grillo
5:00PM People of the Parish

SUN. ~ AUGUST 27 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Anna Roemmelt
10:00 Anna Carosi
NOON Chester & Eleanor Kapica
5:00PM Ann & Frank Colasuonno



THE
QUEENSHIP
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY
AUGUST 22

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 - first and third Wednesday
of the month, 11:30am, Parish Center, **beginning**
September 6.

**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 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 Bryzgornia, Tabitha Hayden, Cecilia Ann Feliciano, Donna & Bo Stubbs, Sharie & Carol Ann Slusser, Darlene Lanza, Tina Messina, Matthew Young, Stanley Mocusleski, 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, Richard Page, Theresa Erdtmann, John Flesch, Hilda Vannata, Sue Cerbone, M. Ann P.,

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:

**MARK, YORK, RENE BENDANA,
NANCY J. BLUM, ALLEN CAMPBELL,**

*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
Elvira & Thomas Mastro Simone
at the request of friends of Tom.*

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 of Sunday, September 10, to be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

TODAY'S READINGS

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 985*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106:34-44
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24
Psalm 85:9-14
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15
Psalm 21:2-7
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Revelation 21:9-14
Psalm 145:10-18
John 1:45-51

Friday: Ruth 1:1-22
Psalm 146:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-11; 4:13-17
Psalm 128:1-5
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

"A Light for All Peoples"

One of the worst things to experience socially is to be left out of a celebration. It seems like there's a painful wall of separation between the "in crowd" and the "outsiders". We feel like Charlie Brown: unwanted and uninvited, only getting invitations by mistake.

How different it is with God! He tells us through the Prophet Isaiah, "My House shall be a house of prayer for all peoples." Those words are inscribed above the entrance to the great Manhattan synagogue, Temple Emanuel. Yes, salvation has come through the Jews, who were to serve as the conduit for universal salvation, to be a light to the Gentiles, drawing all people into God's Covenant. St. Paul, writing about seven centuries later to the Church at Rome, a community composed of Gentile and Jewish followers of Christ, reminded the Gentile members that as it was through the Jewish people that salvation had come to them. Now the Gentiles were to give the example of faithfully following Christ so as to bring non-Christian Jews back into the loop.

In today's Gospel passage, we encounter Christ initially rejecting the prayer of the pagan foreigner. It was not a matter of insensitivity. He had come to "the lost sheep of the House of Israel" to bring them back to faithfulness. It was only after acknowledging the deep faith of the outsider that He answered her pleas on behalf of her tormented daughter. Pain and suffering know no limitations. Neither do the love and compassion, the mercy and salvation of God.

The Kingdom of Heaven, the Reign of God, is not intended for just one small part of the world's population. Rather, it is open to all people who approach God in faith, so great is His loving mercy for all of mankind. That's a good thing for those of us who are descended from peoples far outside the land of ancient Israel. It's not simply a matter of "all are welcome in this place," however, as one of our theologically bad and often-heard hymns proclaims. While the door, indeed, is open, God expects all who enter to do so with the proper mindset and disposition of soul. God's invitation is open all, but His promise of salvation is delivered only to those who respond with justice, who serve Him faithfully, who repent of their sins, and who pursue righteousness, walking humbly with our God.

We have been called to follow Christ in a newer and fuller life, but His call, too, requires a response of faith put into action. It was not because of the woman's persistence but because of her faith that Jesus granted her request. We must not nag Christ with our own to-do list of expectations, but rather approach Him in faith, asking that He accomplish in us that which will lead us to eternal life. In addition, we are not Christians for our own sakes and salvation alone, but are to serve, by our faithful way of following the Master, as instruments to bring others into the Father's eternal peace, joy, and life in Christ Jesus.

Sometimes in parish life, we get that "someone is sitting in my seat" attitude, not only when we come to Mass but also in our societies and groups, offended that someone has taken over or entered "our territory" instead of being happy that someone new has been drawn to Christ. We might be the one tenuous connection that that person has with a Christian community. We should be missionaries for Christ, not just in some distant place but also in our own homes and community. It is particularly important for us today in view of the demographic changes in our own neighborhood. A parish that does not grow will wither and die. We must flourish and produce good fruit for the Father's Kingdom.

Like the Jewish people of ancient times, we are called to be a light for all peoples, that they may see and experience the goodness and mercy of God that we ourselves have received. The irrevocable Covenant and call of God are to be shared by the way that we live as faithful disciples of Christ, prayerfully trusting in Him, drawing closer to Him in our meditation on Holy Scripture, and united to Him and to one another more deeply through our proper reception of the Sacraments.

As we continue in the journey of this life, may God, Who has begun the good work in you, bring it to fulfillment in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ!

~ *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!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace, intercede for her children!

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!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is going well, so far, with **\$69,092 pledged already by 118 donors. That's 90.9% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$6,922** 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, 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.

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.



**SAINT
BARTHOLOMEW
AUGUST 24**

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 sexuality; Our Lady in scripture and sacred art; various devotions; the Eucharist; good stewardship; St. Maximilian Kolbe 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.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Parish Hall will be available to our senior citizens for informal gatherings from 11am til 2pm on Wednesdays in August. Regular weekly meetings will resume after Labor Day.



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

open Sunday, 9am til 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

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!**

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 years.

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 of the season is August 30, at 7pm in the church.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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 home bound.

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