

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3, 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.	~	SEPTEMBER 3 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		In Onore per la Madonna di Loreto/ Marcellino Troia/Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Concezio, Francesca, Salvatore e Vincent Battaglini
NOON		Frank Cocco
5:00PM		Gerard & Jeanie Cirone
MON.	~	SEPTEMBER 4 - LABOR DAY
7:00		~ No Mass ~
9:00		Ann Zanichelli
TUE.	~	SEPTEMBER 5 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Phyllis Armellino (birth)
9:00		Rudolph Stalzer/Franziska Stalzer
WED.	~	SEPTEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Janet Sirois
9:00		Roman Krzewski
THU.	~	SEPTEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Pat, Anna & John Cronin
9:00		Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
FRI.	~	SEPTEMBER 8 - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00		Religious of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses
9:00		Karoline Lackner
SAT.	~	SEPTEMBER 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER
9:00		Memorial Mass: Anthony and Antoinette Raso, Rose Savignano, Nancy J. Blum, Allen Campbell, John Corso, Marilyn Bezler Noonan Elizabeth Peterson
5:00PM		
SUN.	~	SEPTEMBER 10 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		John Masi
10:00		Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Daniele Bussa/ Pasquale Mosca
NOON		Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer
5:00PM		Robert & Regina Gockley



**THE RECTORY WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4TH,
IN OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY
MASS IS AT 9AM ONLY**

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, Sam Cianciolo, 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, Matthew Young, James Spoto (FDNY), Bob Weiner, Rose MacNamara, Peter DiRocco, 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., Jamie Allison,

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:

MARILYN BEZLER NOONAN

*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 Angela M. Lenihan and
Kathleen Lenihan Kiernan at the request of
Rose Cordero.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Angela M. Lenihan and
Kathleen Lenihan Kiernan at the request of
Rose Cordero.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 991*

Jeremiah 207-9
Psalm 63:2-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalm 96:1-13
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Psalm 27:1-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8
Psalm 52:10-11
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14
Psalm 98:2-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Micah 5:1-4
Psalm 13:6
Matthew 1:1-23

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23
Psalm 54:3-8
Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm 95:1-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“When the Going Gets Tough, . . .”

There is no easy way to live as a person of faith. There never was and never will be. Living each day as a person of faith is costly; the alternative, however, is even more costly in the long run.

Jeremiah had tried his best to proclaim God's message in order to get the people back to living according to the Covenant. Many had turned a deaf ear to his message; some mistreated him harshly as they sought their own way out of their difficulties, caught between the superpowers of their day, Egypt and Chaldea. The prophet, who began his mission full of hope, now looks back, thinking that he'd been duped by God and is suffering as a failure for his gullibility. At the point of giving up, however, he realizes that there is only one way to go and it is forward. His love for God drives him to keep proclaiming God's call, regardless the cost.

Similarly, St. Paul encourages the Christian community at Rome to hold fast to their faith in the face of popular opposition, and to live sacrificially, hearing and understanding the Word of God and putting it into effect faithfully and completely. St. Paul took a big chance in writing boldly to the Roman Christians. It was a letter to a community that he had neither founded nor visited yet. Still, he proclaimed the Gospel fully, without watering it down. That required the courage that comes only from great faith.

Finally, in the Gospel, St. Peter, almost immediately after having been commended for his proclamation of faith in Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God”, tries to get the Lord to take the easy way out, to abandon the mission that He had received from the Father for the salvation of all mankind, a mission that would bring Him to suffer a horrible death before rising from the dead.

Christ's stern rebuke lays it on the line for Peter and for us today. His point is pellucidly clear: If we are to be counted as His faithful disciples, we must be ready to renounce our self-centeredness, to carry our personal crosses, and to lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel. What shall it profit us to gain the whole world, a mere passing thing, only to lose our soul for all eternity through unfaithfulness?

There are many places in the world today where Christians still lose their livelihoods if not their very lives because they remain faithful to Jesus Christ. We in the USA are not likely to be killed for following Him, but we will suffer in other ways for His sake. There is a growing “wokeness” in our country, a rising intolerance of any form of religion in general and of Catholic Christianity in particular. We present an obstacle to lawlessness, open immorality, licentiousness, and disrespect for the value of every human life as created in the image and likeness of God. Some who profess and even boast about their Catholicism openly contradict the teachings and impede the mission of the Church. Sadly, this includes even some clerics and religious as well as political figures and ordinary laity.

Like generations of disciples before us, you and I are called to reaffirm our faith and to recommit ourselves to following Jesus Christ, to be willing to offer our very selves for the sake of Him Who laid down His life for our eternal salvation. Some of our personal crosses, our individual sacrifices, may seem very small and insignificant; others may be very great, heavy, and costly. Each one, however, contributes to eternal salvation, our own and that of others.

When the going gets tough, we must not turn tail and run, or feel duped or betrayed. Instead, those are particular moments when we must strengthen ourselves in prayer, in our reflection on the Word of God, and in our celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, in order that we may come to think as God thinks and act as He commands, to carry the Cross in order to wear the crown of eternal life.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, let us walk in the footsteps of the Master. There can be no Easter Sunday without Good Friday, but the Resurrection does follow the Cross.

~ *Fr. Armato*

WELCOME TO SMCA!

As we prepare to begin a new academic year, we welcome the following new teachers to St. Margaret Catholic Academy:

- ~ Mrs. Troche (4-8 Grade Spanish)
- ~ Ms. Palminteri (4-5 ELA, Social Studies)
- ~ Ms. Donowski (6-7 Grade Math)
- ~ Ms. Chirafisi (4-5 Math, Science)

Welcome, too, to our returning and newly enrolled students! May you all grow, by the grace of God, in holiness, wisdom and understanding!



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 **\$69,122 pledged already by 119 donors. That's 90.9% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have “only” **\$6,892 to get to our goal.** 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 Holyland 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

FAMILY MASS

Our first “family Mass” of the new pastoral year will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Sunday, September 24. More information will follow shortly.

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!

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 this Saturday, September 9 at 9:00am.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Sessions will take place during the month of October.

WHY? To increase understanding of the Eucharist
To restore a vibrant belief in the Eucharist

To promote reflection and encourage action in living our Eucharistic belief.

HOW? View Bishop Robert Barron’s DVD on the Eucharist (4 sessions)

Refer to Scripture and Church teachings

Discuss questions for understanding and use questions for reflection provided on the different aspects of the Eucharist

Sacred meal; sacrifice; real presence - 2 parts

Father Joseph will facilitate these sessions and provide instruction for discussion and reflection.

SESSION DATES ARE:

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25 at Noon

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7:00pm

REGISTRATION

After all Masses - weekends of
September 16/17 and September 23/24

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: sacred art; Catholic teaching on gender theory; our Lady; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; Catholic marriage; various saints; "Brother Francis" videos for children; and many other topics for adults and youth.

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.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Parish Hall on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21** from 9am to 3:30pm

THE COST: \$50.00 per person

THE BENEFITS: 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

CONTACT: Sister Bridget, 718-326-1911, for more information or to register.

SAVE THE DATE

Msgr. Thelen has retired officially as of August 31. 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.



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

WILL RE-OPEN SEPTEMBER 10

UP-COMING MISSION APPEAL

On the weekend of September 16-17, 2023, Sister Sophia, of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabors, Tanzania, will be conducting the Mission Appeal as part of the Missionary Cooperative Program at St. Margaret Parish.

We ask you to be as generous as possible.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held Sunday, September 24. The truck will be on 79th Place, near or in the parking lot from 8am until 12:30pm for your items.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS AT THE RECTORY OR CONVENT DOORS

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

On-line registration for our Religious Education Program classes continues, **subject to late registration fees.**

Please use smargaretre@gmail.com for all communications with Mrs. Gonzales.

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