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**TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 17 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		William R. Roemmelt
10:00		Salvatore & Rita Palmeri/Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Patrick Pellegrino/Leonardo Patti/Peter Holzapfel
NOON		The People of the Parish
5:00PM		Suzanne J. Rosario
MON.	~	SEPTEMBER 18 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Karoline Lackner
9:00		Angela M. Lenihan
TUE.	~	SEPTEMBER 19 - ST. JANUARIUS
7:00		Iole Colalella (anniv)
9:00		Theodore T. Mundy (birth)
WED.	~	SEPTEMBER 20 - STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON/PAUL CHONG HA-SANG
7:00		Anna Carosi
9:00		Margaret Jehle
THU.	~	SEPTEMBER 21 - ST. MATTHEW
7:00		Wilhelm Nick
9:00		Angela M. Lenihan
FRI.	~	SEPTEMBER 22 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Rudy Kropf
9:00		Angela M. Lenihan
SAT.	~	SEPTEMBER 23 - ST. PIO OF PIETRELICINA
9:00		Collective: Kay Visconti
5:00PM		Aldo Cermeli
SUN.	~	SEPTEMBER 24 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		George Cacioppo
10:00		Filippo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Giuseppe Impastato/Giulia Pugliese/Salvatore Fazzolari
NOON		Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM		The People of the Parish

FAMILY MASS

Our first "family Mass" of the new pastoral year will be celebrated at 12 Noon **NEXT** Sunday, September 24. Families from our 7th Grade Academy and Religious Ed classes are encouraged to attend. Our Youth Choir will sing, and other young people will serve in various ministries. All are welcome!



SAINT
MATTHEW,
APOSTLE
SEPTEMBER 21

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 - meet the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30am, Parish Center.

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, Alana Cermeli, John Mattia,

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:

***FARRELL THOMAS SHALVEY
ANGELINA SOLDANO***

*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 Karoline Lackner
at the request of the Rectory Staff.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Karoline Lackner
at the request of the Rectory Staff.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Karoline Lackner
at the request of the Rectory Staff.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 997***

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm 103:1-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Timothy 2:1-8

Psalm 28:2-9

Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: I Timothy 3:1-13

Psalm 101:1-6

Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: I Timothy 3:14-16

Psalm 111:1-6

Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: Ephesians 4:1-13

Psalm 19:2-5

Matthew 9:9-13

Friday: I Timothy 6:1-12

Psalm 49:6-20

Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: I Timothy 6:13-16

Psalm 100:1-5

Luke 8:4-15

Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm 145:2-18

Philippians 1:20-27

Matthew 20:1-16

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Just HOW Many Times?”

This week's first reading and Gospel passage, from the wisdom sayings of a sage named ben-Sira to Jesus answering St. Peter's question on personal relationships, address issues of mercy and forgiveness, judgment and justice.

Holding onto anger, bearing grudges, and desiring vengeance create problems, as the first reading reminds us. Anger can eat away at us, taking control of our reason and making us prisoners of our own emotions. It also has a terrible effect on our souls to the point where we may even burn the bridge that would allow us to seek forgiveness from God for our offenses. We become blinded to our own sins and indifferent to the need to be reconciled to one another as well as to God.

A good question arises from the lips of St. Peter in the Gospel story: “Well, just HOW MANY times do I have to forgive?” God bless St. Peter for asking! It's an interesting question. We'd like to have an absolute number, so that we can keep score and call it quits when we hit the acceptable quota, at which point we feel free to bear animosity toward the repeat offender forever after.

One of the things that always has impressed me about this story is that St. Peter isn't asking about forgiving a stranger but *his brother*, St. Andrew. Now, Peter and Andrew weren't “just” brothers. They were also business partners, working hard with their crew, side-by-side in a small fishing boat six days a week, fifty-two weeks a year (no two-day, no less three-day, weekends, and no vacations, either). They may have lived in the same house or at least nearby to one another, as was common for families even into our own time. I know from my own experience that that could get on one's nerves, tensions flaring up, patience getting exhausted, and harsh words being exchanged. “Familiarity breeds contempt,” as the saying goes. If two of the greatest saints, two of Jesus' handpicked Twelve, could argue, I guess it's not so odd that we might do the same with our own relatives and colleagues.

Now, I do not mean to justify or excuse the harms that we cause, just because saints have done it before us. There are few things that Satan likes better than to break up families, which are the basic building block of societies, including the Church. I mention it, though, as a point of reflection on the answer that Jesus gave to St. Peter. Its points are that mercy and forgiveness must triumph over judgment and condemnation, and that we will get back what we give; i.e., we need to deal with others the way that we want God to deal with us.

Forgiveness does not mean glossing over an injury, but it does require that we never let the injury take over our lives. The fire of anger and hatred can be extinguished only by forgiveness and love. We need to recognize the harm that has been done, the sin that has been committed, and to be willing to show mercy and pardon “from [the] heart” in spite of it, if we expect God to do the same with us.

The debt of our sins cannot be paid by any merely human effort. That payment has required the merciful love of the King (God), wonderfully granted through Jesus Christ, the innocent One dying for us sinners, each and every one of us.

The first reading and the Gospel passage can be summarized, then, in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” How often we say those words, glossing over them without realizing that they can be either a plea for God's mercy or a self-imposed sentence of condemnation! Rattling through prayers is never a good idea.

Just how many times will God forgive *us*? As many times as we truly and contritely repent of our sins and accept His grace to avoid them in the future. Never be afraid to turn to God for forgiveness by going to confession, but do not hesitate to forgive others again and again and again. Forgiveness goes hand-in-hand with love, which is the very essence of God.

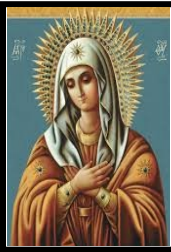
~ *Fr. Armato*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We hold a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, 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, October 7.

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 **\$69,522 pledged already by 122 donors. That's 91.5% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$6,492 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.

MANY THANKS!

Permit me to express my profound gratitude to all who wished me well on the occasion of my retirement from ministry at St. Margaret Parish, as well as those who gave me a gift at the reception after Mass.

As I mentioned in my homily, please be assured of a fond remembrance in my daily prayers and Masses during the time ahead.

With prayerful appreciation,
Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Thelen

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, October 14 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.

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

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: gender theory; teenage mental health; discerning your vocation; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; our Lady of Fatima; marriage; September saints; Catholic heroes and "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.

SISTER SOPHIA

Please join us in welcoming Sr. Sophia of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabora, Tanzania, who will be conducting a Mission Appeal as part of the Missionary Cooperative Program at St. Margaret Parish this weekend, at all the Masses. There will be a second collection for the missions.

We ask you to be as generous as possible



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

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

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
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

