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**TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1, 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. ~	OCTOBER 1 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Margaret Roemmelt
10:00	Marcelino Troia/Cymthia Martino/ Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Int. Of the Saporito Family
NOON	Rita M. Heilman
5:00PM	Carl Dokter
MON. ~	OCTOBER 2 - THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Breege Rielly
TUE. ~	OCTOBER 3 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Mark York
9:00	Edward Twomey
WED. ~	OCTOBER 4 - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
7:00	Adolf Troje
9:00	Angela M. Lenihan
THU. ~	OCTOBER 5 - ST. FAUSTINA AND BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS
7:00	Rene Bendana
9:00	Jerry Frohnhoefer
FRI. ~	OCTOBER 6 - ST. BRUNO AND BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER
7:00	Joseph Sparacio
9:00	Herta Eisenzopf
SAT. ~	OCTOBER 7 - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/ Souls in purgatory/Filippo, Leonardo & Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Vittorio Grillo/ Holy Hour
9:30	Marie & Ernest DeSabato
5:00PM	
SUN. ~	OCTOBER 8 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Antonino Catalano/Giuseppe LaBarbera
NOON	Sr. Mary Madeline Kanich
5:00PM	Delanie Fekert

BLESSING OF PETS

Pets will be blessed through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi on his feast day, **this** Wednesday, October 4, at 3:30pm in the schoolyard. Four legs, two legs, no legs, feathers or fins, all are welcome!

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 Bryzgornia, 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 Fleisch, Hilda Vannata, Sue Cerbone, M. Ann P., Jamie Allison, Alana Cermeli, John Mattia, Mary Lou Simon, Craig Pacheco,

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:

HILDA VANNATA, MARIA ANN ZUNNO

*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
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*



**OUR
LADY
OF THE
ROSARY
OCTOBER 7**

TODAY'S READINGS

***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1003***

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8
Psalm 102:16-123
Matthew 18:1-10

Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23
Psalm 87:1-7
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8
Psalm 137:1-6
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-12
Psalm 19:8-11
Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Baruch 1:15-22
Psalm 78:1-9
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Baruch 4:5-29
Psalm 69:33-37
Luke 10:17-24

Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:9-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“On Second Thought”

It was fairly common practice during the first centuries of the Church for people to delay being baptized until they were near death, for fear of sinning again and losing eternal life. They didn't have the same concept or experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we have today. Fortunately, despite our sad lack of using it, at least our general understanding of this gift has improved, and we realize that we can go to confession not just once in life but as often as necessary.

Part and parcel of receiving absolution in confession, however, are sorrow for our sins and the intention to avoid committing them in the future; i.e., we must intend sincerely and try to change our way of life for the better. We sin all too easily in our thoughts and in our words, as well as in the evil that we do and the good that we fail to accomplish. Even St. Paul admitted that he left undone the good that he intended, while he committed the evil (sin) that he intended to avoid.

The first reading and Gospel today remind us that we each are responsible for our own actions. We have the ability to do both what is right and what is sinful. The way that we use or abuse this capacity has consequences, good or bad. We also have the ability to change for the better by responding to God's grace. In this, our attitude and personal response to His initiative are critical. Having said “No” to God's will by sinning, we need to change and show Him “Yes” by our actions.

We all do good but also are guilty of committing sins. Therefore, we are subject to judgment by God, Who rewards or punishes accordingly. It has been noted frequently that a saint is a sinner who has sought God's forgiveness and responded to the grace to try again. Thus, we honor Saints Peter and Paul, Mary of Egypt, Augustine of Hippo, and John of God, to name but a few. Having fallen, we should desire and strive to stand again; having heard our pleas for help, God rejoices and reaches out, giving us the grace needed for our radical change of heart.

A problem with some of the characters in today's readings is that they recognized the righteous life that they were called to live but either turned from it or ignored the call and/or opportunity to change. The best of our good intentions are meaningless, mere lip service, unless we carry through and act upon them.

God has given us the way, or model, by which He expects and desires us to live: the Incarnation of His only-begotten Son, Who, though fully God, humbly obeyed the will of the Father for the sake of our reconciliation and reclamation, and was glorified by accepting even the Cross. St. Paul, in today's second reading, quotes a profound hymn sung by his Philippian disciples in their liturgical celebrations. We still use it in our liturgies today. His introduction to it, however, is also important as a guide, as it speaks to us about the underlying need for each disciple to follow Christ's example. When we do so, we come to form a solid Christian community, united in faith, hope, and charity.

Christianity is not a mere social club or human aid society or prayer group. It is a way of life centered on our common relationship with Jesus Christ as members of His Body, the Church. We are united through Him and the Holy Spirit with God the Father. It was for this reason that it was referred to during the time of the Apostles simply as “the Way”, i.e., the way of the Master. How can we call ourselves Christians, if we act in a manner that is contradictory to the teachings of Christ and His Church? Simply put, we cannot. No one can lay claim legitimately to the title of “Christian” who does not adhere to the moral and doctrinal tenets of the Faith as a demonstrable way of life.

Never despair over having sinned, but rather turn with sincerity of heart to God, Who is rich in mercy and generous in forgiving. He seeks our conversion so that we might share in His divine life. His ways are not like our ways, nor His thoughts like ours. If you have told Him “No” by sinning, give it a second thought, repent, and tell Him “Yes” by carrying out His will. It is, after all, for your eternal life.

~ *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 **\$69,835 pledged already by 123 donors. That's 91.9% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$6,179 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.

ST. JOHN'S QUEENS HOSPITAL FAMILY DON'T MISS OUR REUNION!

Please join us for a Mass of Remembrance at Noon on Saturday, November 4, at St. Margaret Parish, 66-05 79th Place, Middle Village.

A buffet luncheon will follow immediately in the Parish Center until 5pm. The cost is \$60 p/p.

Payment can be made by check or Zelle.

For further information on payment call Robin at 917-216-7026.

Looking forward to seeing all of our SJQH Family together again!

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!

We are trying to provide regular services with a reduced staff, but we still fall far short of covering our regular operating expenses despite budget cuts.

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.

2024 MASSES & MEMORIALS

The **2024** book for requesting Masses and memorials for your loved ones will open shortly. Meanwhile, memorials and Masses for **2023** are still available, including Saturday and Sunday morning Masses.

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; the art of dying well; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; Catholic customs; Archbishop Fulton Sheen; "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.



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

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



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Sessions are taking 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
Fr. 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



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.