

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 8, 2023**

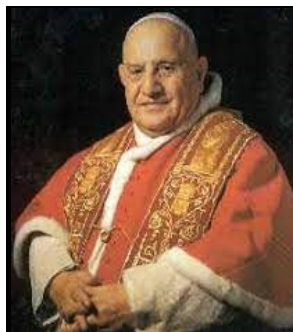
## **THE GREAT COMMISSION**

*“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 8 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00 The 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
- MON. ~ OCTOBER 9 - STS. DENIS AND JOHN LEONARDI COLUMBUS DAY**  
 7:00 Ruth O'Hehir (birth)  
 9:00 Jim & Rita Minogue
- TUE. ~ OCTOBER 10 - WEEKDAY**  
 7:00 Frony DiCenso  
 9:00 Angela M. Lenihan
- WED. ~ OCTOBER 11 - ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE**  
 7:00 Rene Bendana  
 9:00 Sr. Mary James Fox, OSU
- THU. ~ OCTOBER 12 - WEEKDAY**  
 7:00 Intention of Mary Fitzpatrick  
 9:00 Joseph T. Klonowski  
 7:30PM **Holy Hour** - Young Adults
- FRI. ~ OCTOBER 13 - WEEKDAY**  
 7:00 Joan McShea  
 9:00 Philip Pagano (anniv)
- SAT. ~ OCTOBER 14 - ST. CALLISTUS I, POPE**  
 9:00 **Memorial Mass:** Manuela Perez,  
 Salvatore Palmeri, Frances DiPompo  
 Farrell T. Shalvey, Angelina Soldano,  
 Hilda Vannata, Maria Ann Zunno,  
 Mary Zalepa  
 5:00PM
- SUN. ~ OCTOBER 15 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00 Donna Roemmelt  
 10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Filippo,  
 Giuseppa e Salvatore Amato/Salvatore,  
 Cira e Maria Scarpulla/Ann McManus  
 NOON Vera Krzewski  
 3:00PM **Wedding:** John Maurer and  
 Shannon Wren  
 5:00PM Mary Trzeszczkowski



**SAINT  
 JOHN XXIII  
 POPE  
 OCTOBER 11**

## 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](http://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 Flesch, 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:*

**CAROLINE MARTIN, FILOMENA SALCE,  
GASPER LAMONACA, CECELIA LAPIETRA**

*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 Robert C. Thoering  
at the request of Barry Stockman.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Ruth O'Hehir  
at the request of the O'Hehir Family.*

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Walter R. Martin*

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1006*

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jonah 1:1-2:1-11  
Jonah 2:3-8  
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10  
Psalm 130:1-8  
Luke 10:28-42

Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11  
Psalm 86:3-10  
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20  
Psalm 1:1-10  
Luke 11:5-13

Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2  
Psalm 9:2-9  
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: Joel 4:12-21  
Psalm 97:1-12  
Luke 11:27-28

Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-19  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Philippians 4:12-20  
Matthew 22:1-14

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“What Kind of Fruit?”***

Years ago many homes in Middle Village and Maspeth had arbors of Concord grapes in their yards. They were too tart for plucking and eating off the stem but suitable (with added sugar) for making jams and jellies. We kids often used the grapes as ammo for our version of juvenile “war games”, much to the displeasure of our elders, who had tended the vines so carefully during the growing season.

While many of the arbors have disappeared, some can be found today in our neighborhood. They still require much work and attention, from the proper trimming of the branches and shoots in the spring, to feeding and watering and protecting the maturing grapes from the depredations of insects (and kids like my buddies and me), to, hopefully, harvesting a bountiful crop in the end. The last thing that a grower ever wants to see is no produce on the vines in the fall.

Today's Scriptures continue the vineyard images of the last two weeks. In ancient times, the Kingdom of God, represented by the People of Israel, also was referred to as the “Vineyard of the LORD”. Establishing it upon the Covenants, God had tended it carefully for centuries through the guidance of His prophets, some of whom were ignored while others were persecuted. Despite His efforts, the human response often produced the wrong or no fruit. Even after sending His Son at last, the results were appalling. Thus, Christ gave notice to the religious leaders of His time that the Vineyard, i.e., the Kingdom of God, would be taken away from them and given to others. Those “others” are the Church that He founded on the Apostles and which is supposed to continue His mission today.

You and I here in Middle Village have been placed as workers in our little corner of the Vineyard called St. Margaret's. We, too, are to cultivate it by the way that we live our lives, so as to produce the fruit of good works, our faith expressed in acts of love and compassion, of mercy and forgiveness. God gives us everything that we need in order to produce an abundance of good fruit: His Word and Sacraments, the examples of saints and good people we have known, and the guidance of His Church. He even trims away the dead wood in our lives, our own sinfulness and self-centeredness, so that we might bring forth an abundance of goodness and righteousness, proclaiming the truth of the Gospel message and our faith in Christ Jesus with courage and conviction, and acting with true justice.

Sadly, we live in a society – both secular and religious – in which many prefer to have wild grapes and weeds, the Vineyard trampled underfoot by sin, and the undoing or abandonment of the age-old teachings of the Church in order to effect a compromise with the spirit of the age instead of fidelity to the Spirit of God. Today's prophets who have the courage to proclaim the Faith openly in the face of ridicule continue to meet with indifference or outright opposition, while some who mislead are lauded. Catholic leaders and laity and other Christians who keep to the Church's traditional values of faith and morals often are chided or ignored by those who want a distorted “religion” or no part of the Church's teachings at all.

As he did with his disciples in Philippi, St. Paul exhorts us instead to hold fast to what our forebears in the Faith have handed down to us and we have received – to whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, and praiseworthy. We are to reflect upon these things and to act accordingly.

The question remains as to what fruit, if any, God will find us producing. The answer lies in our response to His invitation and grace to live the fullness of life as His beloved sons and daughters by adoption. Will we listen to His Son and live by His teachings, producing the fruit of good works faithfully and so share in His eternal life? It's up to us, for God invites, but He does not force any more than the grower forces a vine to produce good fruit. God assists the growth by His grace and constantly nurtures our vines, but He also requires our human cooperation to produce the fruit. What kind of fruit shall it be?

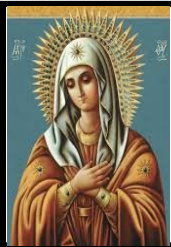
~ *Fr. Armato*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We hold a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, scriptural reading, and time for quiet, personal prayer from 7:30 until 8:30pm on the second Thursday of each month.

**The next holy hour is this Thursday, October 12.**

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 **\$70,985 pledged already by 126 donors. That's 93.4% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$5,029** 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.**



## 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 on **Sunday, October 22 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.

## O.C.I.A

The *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* is a two-year process of inquiry and formation for people who still need to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist.

Please contact Fr. Armato at the Rectory as soon as possible, if you fit one of these categories.

## 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**

**Our supplies are running low.** 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. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin.**

## 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, Masses and memorials 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: angels and saints; human sexuality; coping with death; marriage; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Francis of Assisi; 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](mailto: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](mailto:jpalackal@gmail.com)

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER**



## 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 **11**, 18, 25 at Noon  
Thursdays, October **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.