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**TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15, 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 15 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Donna Roemmelt
10:00		Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Ann McManus/Filippo, Giuseppa e Salvatore Amato/Salvatore, Cira e Maria Scarpulla
NOON		Vera Krzewski
3:00PM		Wedding: John Maurer and Shannon Wren
5:00PM		Mary Trzeszczkowski
MON.	~	OCTOBER 16 - STS. HEDWIG AND MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE
7:00		Intention of Gerard Lenihan
9:00		Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles
TUE.	~	OCTOBER 17 - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
7:00		Pat & Joe DiChiario
9:00		Angela M. Lenihan
WED.	~	OCTOBER 18 - ST. LUKE
7:00		Kathleen M. Brooks
9:00		Angela M. Lenihan
THU.	~	OCTOBER 19 - STS. JOHN deBREBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES
7:00		Donald J. Gormanly
9:00		Anthony J. Giangone
FRI.	~	OCTOBER 20 - ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
7:00		Bianca DiLorenzo (birth)
9:00		Anthony J. Giangone
SAT.	~	OCTOBER 21 - WEEKDAY
9:00		Collective: Roland Belay/Markus Katnik/Elfriede Parthe Sommer/ Frank Sr. and Jennie Cerar
5:00PM		
SUN.	~	OCTOBER 22 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Milagros Ries
10:00		Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Vincenza Palmeri/Daniele Bussa
NOON		The People of the Parish
5:00PM		Anthony & Antoinette Santora

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

We will celebrate a memorial Mass for the peaceful repose of the souls of all those who were buried from St. Margaret's since November 1, 2022. All are invited to pray for them on All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2, at 7:30pm.

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, 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, 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:

BERNARD A. MORENO, ANNA M. WISNESKI

*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 Hilda Vannata
at the request of Liz, Charlie & Brian Ott.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Rosalen Becker.



SAINT PAUL
OF THE CROSS
OCTOBER 20

TODAY'S READINGS

***Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1009***

Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalm 23:1-6
Philippians 4:12-20
Matthew 22:1-14

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Romans 1:1-7
Psalm 98:1-4
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: II Timothy 4:10-17
Psalm 145:10-18
Luke 10:1-9

Thursday: Romans 3:21-30
Psalm 130:1-6
Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Romans 4:1-8
Psalm 32:1-11
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday: Romans 4:13-18
Psalm 105:6-9; 42-43
Luke 12:9-12

Sunday: Isaiah 45:1-6
Psalm 96:1-10
Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“RSVP!”

How would you feel? You have a big event coming up. Maybe it's your child's baptism or graduation or wedding. Maybe it's your or your parents' silver or golden anniversary, or a retirement or testimonial dinner. Whatever the event, you invite a few hundred of your “closest friends” and relatives. The day arrives, and the last minute phone calls start coming in: “Sorry, something came up; I can't make it.” Or you get cold and impersonal texts like “:(Out of town. CU soon. XOXO!”

Or how would you feel in this scenario? You've thrown a \$500/plate formal dinner at a posh restaurant, and a guest strolls in, wearing cut-off shorts, flip-flops, and a stained T-shirt. Irate is a good guess, I think, especially if you had provided proper clothes for each of the arriving guests to put on before the cocktail hour began. We might think compassionately in our *Kumbaya*, WWJD world, and turn a forgiving eye to the *schlumpfer*, but it would be recognized as a gross insult to the host in most other societies and times. I think it would be considered so even today. So the guy gets booted for a reason.

The image of the great feast was a popular way for the ancient Chosen People to think about Heaven. It would be non-stop, with the best of food and wine. You could eat and drink all you wanted and never feel bloated or buzzed. It would be like Christmas, Easter, and 52 Sundays at Grandma's all rolled into one – and no calories! Still, the bounty, quality, and quantity, the idea of no expense being spared, the love going into the preparation, and Grandma's hospitality and culinary skills, as great as they might be, all would be eclipsed by the indescribable reality of the wonderful banquet of salvation and forgiveness spoken of by Isaiah.

Christ picks up on the popular festal theme in today's Gospel passage. (Isaiah seems to have been His favorite among the prophets.) The Heavenly Banquet, in Christian terms, has become the Wedding Feast of the Son of the King, God. The concept in the Gospel also appears in the Book of Revelation, where it is presented as the victory celebration of the Lamb of God over Satan and the marriage of the Lamb to His Bride, the Church. In short, it is what awaits those who are faithful in following the Master, our Lord Jesus Christ, those who live according to His teachings despite trials and tribulations, who persevere through the persecutions and rejections and opposing popular opinions that the world throws against them, and who live as a people of faith, hope, charity, justice, mercy, and compassion.

Now, back to the guy who got booted. He failed to use what was given each guest as a prerequisite for entering the feast. This is another image: God gives us everything that we need in order to enter His Kingdom: the grace of the Sacraments – particularly Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist – that we may be “properly dressed”, i.e., cleansed of our sins; the guidance of His Word and the teachings of His Church; the example of the saints and of the good people whom we have known; and the abiding presence of His Holy Spirit. If we fail to use these gifts – in essence, if we do not live a life of righteousness in God's eyes (as opposed to *self*-righteousness) – we cannot expect to be admitted to His Banquet.

There is a great tendency today to think that everyone gets a free pass into Heaven, and so can live however one wishes, whether or not in accord with what is good, true, beautiful, and holy in the eyes of God. Yet, Heaven *and* Hell are *both* realities. God is the font of mercy; He is also the font of justice.

True, the invitation to eternal life goes out to every person. Sadly, the response often comes up short of what God seeks. You and I have been called. How shall you, how shall I, respond, in order to be counted among those who are admitted into the joys of eternal life instead of being cast out into a cold and loveless eternity?

Today is the day to put on the “wedding garment” of living as a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be the Father's children by adoption, so that we might recline at table at the Banquet feast of the Lamb. Today is the day to RSVP: **YES!**

~ *Fr. Armato*

ALL SOULS MASSES

Remember to enroll your beloved dead in the three Masses offered for All Souls Day. Use the envelope found in your mailing packet or one of those available on the radiators in church. Also, be sure to visit and decorate their graves, especially in November, if they were buried nearby.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land. 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 **\$71,285 pledged already by 127 donors. That's 93.8% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$4,729** 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 **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 **800-933-2566**. Appointment 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 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

The pantry is in need of ground coffee, tuna, pasta sauce, cereal, canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, jelly. Please bring one item or more of the above items.

We also can use 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, November 11 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. Our in-pew collections fluctuate from week to week, 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.

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: daily reflections; human sexuality; coping with death; marriage; Catholic parenting tips; modern saints; Jesus and the Eucharist; 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

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 **18**, 25 at Noon
Thursdays, October **19**, 26 at 7:00pm

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, 917-216-7026.

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



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.