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**TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22, 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 22 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Milagros Rios
10:00		Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Vincenza Palmeri/Daniele Bussa/ Jack Mule
NOON		The People of the Parish
5:00PM		Anthony & Antoinette Santora
MON.	~	OCTOBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO
7:00		Maria & Calogero Ciaccio
9:00		Mary & Bob Hollahan
TUE.	~	OCTOBER 24 - ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET
7:00		Margarete Reissig
9:00		Carmine DeDonato
WED.	~	OCTOBER 25 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Regina Gockley
9:00		Anthony Siragusa
THU.	~	OCTOBER 26 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Pat Pellegrino (anniv)
9:00		Fred Basedow
FRI.	~	OCTOBER 27 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Edward Twomey
9:00		Joseph & Joan Henn
SAT.	~	OCTOBER 28 - STS. SIMON & JUDE
9:00		Collective: Mary Prescott/Ada Bajlo Intention of Nula Joyce
5:00PM		Estelle Postel
SUN.	~	OCTOBER 29 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Raymond Stern
10:00		Jerry Frohnhoefer/Felice Americo
NOON		Augie DeSimone
5:00PM		The People of the Parish

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



**DON'T FORGET TO
FALL BACK ON
SATURDAY NIGHT
NOVEMBER 4**

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, Mike DeCarlo,

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:

BRIAN S. JONES

*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 Carmine DeDonato
at the request of Lena DeSimone.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Robert C. Thoering
at the request of Barry Stockman.*



**SAINT JOHN
OF CAPISTRANO
OCTOBER 23**

TODAY'S READINGS

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1012*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday: Romans 5:12-21
Psalm 40:7-17
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18
Psalm 124:1-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: Romans 6:19-23
Psalm 1:1-6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday: Romans 7:18-25
Psalm 119:66-94
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday: Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 6:12-16

Sunday: Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm 18:2-4; 47, 51
I Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Rendering to ‘Caesar’ and to God”

Have you ever been questioned in such a way that, no matter what answer you give, it will place you in hot water? That's the situation in which Jesus finds Himself in today's Gospel, or so His shrewd adversaries thought. If He answered one way, He could be arrested as a rebel against Roman occupation; if He answered the other, He would lose the allegiance of His oppressed Jewish followers. Lose or lose; your choice, Jesus. As it is, He's too sharp for them, and it's not because He tells them that He's not going to give them an answer that they don't deserve or might use against Him.

“Show Me the coin for the tax,” He asks, and they give Him a coin with the portrait of the Emperor Tiberius and inscribed “**Divi Augustus Optimus Maximus**”: “the Divine Augustus, the best and greatest [God]”. “Whose image is this?” He asks. “Caesar's,” they respond. And then we hear Him say the now familiar phrase, “Then render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”

In case you haven't noticed it lately, all people of faith are in a similar situation today, being told to choose between the State and its secular values on one hand and God and their religious beliefs on the other. Holding to our faith publicly can disqualify us for advancement in work, schooling, benefits, or public life. (Many “Catholic” politicians prove to be such in name only.) People who grew up under any of the communist dictatorships can attest to the experience first-hand. Who ever would have thought that we'd see it in our own country and be deprived even to speak the truth in public today?

What do we owe to “Caesar”, i.e., to the State? For openers, we owe our allegiance as good citizens, using our ethical and moral insights and our talents to support the common good; to obey just laws; to defend our nation in times of war or social unrest; to participate in the political process; to pay fair taxes for services that the State provides; and to exercise our God-given freedoms with concern for others.

What do we owe to God? “You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your soul, and with all your heart, and with all your strength.” That's the prayer that faithful Jews have prayed daily for the last 3200 years; we Christians also use it in Night Prayer every Saturday. It's a poetic way of saying that we are to love God with everything that we are and everything that we have. Why? Because we have been created by God in His image and likeness, sharing in the gift of His eternal life. Everything that we are and have comes from God, and we are His. He is the Origin of all life, and thus life itself is sacred and holy and has intrinsic worth and dignity by its very nature.

It is because of this that we Catholics have certain non-negotiable points as we contend in the Public Square, positions that we cannot concede, on which we cannot bend, and on which we cannot compromise. First and foremost among these is the basic right to life of every human being from conception to natural death, which precludes abortion and euthanasia. In addition are the dignity of the human person, composed of a body united to a rational, immortal soul (which precludes selling fetal body parts, embryonic stem cell research, cloning, and sex change surgery or therapies); and the sanctity of marriage as a life-long covenant between one man and one woman, mirroring the fruitful relationship between God and Creation, and between Christ and His Church, and which, therefore, precludes same-sex “marriage” or unions as well as any sexual relations engaged in outside of a valid marriage.

The negatives all have been declared definitively by the Church as being objectively, intrinsically, and absolutely immoral and, as such, cannot be held or supported as acceptable positions by any faithful Catholic. True, there are many other concerns that we should have as disciples of Christ, like addressing the needs of those who are sick, hungry, homeless, poor, abandoned or abused, and safeguarding the environment, being good stewards of the earth's resources, etc. Nevertheless, the pro-life positions stated above must be of the utmost importance in the order of concerns. Without them, the latter list of social responsibilities is impeded, if not entirely impossible to carry out.

Yes, render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but first and foremost, render unto God what belongs to God: your very life!

~ *Fr. Armato*

EUCHARISTIC 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, November 4.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord and pray for our country!



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 **\$71,385 pledged already by 129 donors. That's 93.9% of our goal of \$76,014.**

We have "only" **\$4,629** 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.**



SUPERMARKET

BLITZ

DATE: November 17

TIME: Doors open at 6:30pm

TICKETS: \$15.00

CONTACT: Jonie Miranda, 347-228-0068

Margaret Varuzzi, 917-578-8237

We are in need of baskets for our Blitz.

*If you would like to donate some,
bring them to the school.*

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. Last week's collections totaled only \$4,843, 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; Catholic parenting tips; Christ-centered dating and marriage; Blessed Carlo Acutis; Jesus and the Eucharist; "The Chosen" series; 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.

PRIESTS' AVAILABILITY

Msgr. Thelen has retired, and Fr. Udoh has returned home to Nigeria for the next five weeks, leaving just Fr. Palackal and Fr. Armato in the Parish. We will continue to serve our people to the best of our ability. Please be patient, support vocations in your own families, and *pray for priests!*

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 in November, especially if they are buried nearby.



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.

LAST SESSION DATES ARE:

Wednesdays, October **25** at Noon

Thursdays, October **26** at 7:00pm

Thank you for joining us!

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!