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**THIRTIETH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 29, 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 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

MON. ~ OCTOBER 30 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Dick Policke
9:00 Catherine Hanover

TUE. ~ OCTOBER 31 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Hilda Vannata
9:00 Frank & Mary D'Amico
7:30PM Marilyn Bezler Noonan

WED. ~ NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS

7:00 The People of the Parish
9:00 Anna Nick
NOON Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey
7:30PM Helen & Bill Pfeifer

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THU. ~ NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SOULS

7:00 All Souls' Triduum
9:00 All Souls' Triduum
7:30PM Year's Deceased

FRI. ~ NOVEMBER 3 - ST. MARTIN dePORRES

7:00 All Souls' Triduum
9:00 Kathleen Duffy/Rita D'Ambrosio

SAT. ~ NOVEMBER 4 - ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

9:00 **Collective:** Deceased Priests of the
Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/
Theresa Bove Toscano/Souls in
Purgatory/Leonardo Curatolo/Bill & Lee
DiGiovanna/Mary Aloisio/Giuseppina
Gennari/
9:30 **Holy Hour**
5:00PM The People of the Parish

SUN. ~ NOVEMBER 5 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Linda Castagna
10:00 Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/
Geraldine Ciaccio/Vito Pellerito/
Francesco & Anna Pellerito/Felice
Americo/Giuseppa & Carmelo Sansone
NOON Arthur D. Beaumont
5:00PM Josephine Podlovits

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
IN OBSERVANCE OF ALL SAINTS DAY
MASSES: Tue., Oct. 31, 7:30pm Vigil
Wed., Nov. 1 at 7 & 9am, 12 Noon, 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, 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, Vicki Zelinski,

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:

PAUL J. ARMANO

*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 the Parente family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Caroline Martin
at the request of Mary Pascale.*



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

TODAY'S READINGS

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1015*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Romans 8:123-17
Psalm 68:2-4
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday: Romans 8:18-25
Psalm 126:1-6
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday: Revelation 7:2-14
Psalm 24:1-6
John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Thursday: Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-6
Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Friday: Romans 9:1-5
Psalm 147:12-20
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday: Romans 11:1-29
Psalm 94:12-18
Luke 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10
Psalm 131:1-3
I Thessalonians 2:7-13
Matthew 23:1-12

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Whole Law and the Prophets in a Nutshell”

Last week, the Pharisees failed in their attempt to trip up Jesus with a trick question to which He answered, “Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s and to God that which is God’s.” They try again in today’s Gospel passage, but this time with a strictly religious question: “Which Commandment in the Law is the greatest?”

If you think it’s one of the “Big Ten”, you’re wrong. There were, and remain, some **613** commandments that govern the life of observant Jews in our time as in that of Christ. Yet, the answer that Jesus gave (Deuteronomy 6:5) was obvious to any Jewish schoolboy, no less to a scholar, because it’s part of a prayer that is said daily: “You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” That is, we are to love God with our entire being. Christ followed it up immediately, though, with a passage from Leviticus (19:18): “And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Then He added, “The whole Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.” Thus, we express our primary love for God by the way that we love our neighbor. St. John the Beloved Disciple, in fact, asked the pointed question, “How can you love the God Whom you do not see, if you do not love the brother whom you can see?”

What does it mean to love? It is to desire and to foster (not simply to wish) the good of another person. The commandments to love God and neighbor are joined together. We love God by living according to His commands, some of which are presented to us in today’s first reading as basic, ethical behavior in dealing with the less fortunate, who are very precious in God’s eyes. Since we do not live in a vacuum or in isolation from others, the care and concern that we offer to other people speaks volumes about how well we do what God demands of us.

There is a hierarchy of values, though, as to how we go about this. First and foremost among these is the way that we protect and defend life, particularly that of the most vulnerable among us: the child in the womb. As I noted last week, we cannot serve the needs of others, nor can we even speak of people having any civil rights at all, if they have not been brought to life in the first place.

Therefore, the Church’s non-negotiable, “prime directive” regarding life issues is to protect and defend the life of the pre-born, who is as much a human person under the Natural Law as anyone who is brought to term. Only then can we discuss how best to address negotiable matters of health care, housing, education, nutrition, care for strangers, and a host of other valid and reasonable humanitarian concerns. In brief: No life, no service. Furthermore, no one can be considered or called a “practicing Catholic” who promotes or supports the intrinsic evil of abortion or any other misuse of any person that denies or diminishes in any way their intrinsic, God-given, human dignity and right to life.

Last week’s lesson was about the ordering of our priorities vis-à-vis the targets of our dedication and allegiance, placing God first, front and center in our lives. Today’s lesson reminds us of our duties and responsibilities to one another as a matter of the practice of love toward one another for the love of God. (We will hear more of this in the few Sundays that remain in this liturgical year.)

We might be tempted at times, if not often, to look inwardly and to content ourselves with a practice of the Faith that is limited to spiritual matters like prayer and Mass attendance. We might forget that our full practice of the Faith as disciples of Jesus Christ also involves our concern for and charity toward others who are fellow pilgrims with us on this life’s journey. As often as we may forget, though, God calls us to remember both His great compassion and His perfect justice, and to act accordingly. Love for God and love of neighbor go hand-in-hand. In a nutshell, “the whole Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.”

~ *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, 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

Thanks to the 133 families who have participated so far, we have gone over our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign goal. So far, **\$76,810 has been pledged. That's 101% of our goal of \$76,014, with an overage of \$796!**

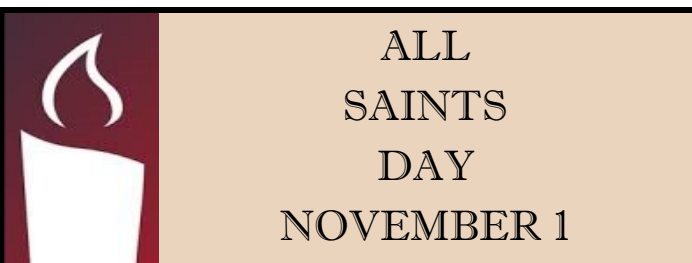
There is still time for you to donate. All money received over goal by the end of this year will return to our Parish and will be applied toward the expenses for the replacement of the boiler in the Parish Hall.

Please be sure to designate St. Margaret Parish (#4117) for your donation.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Catholic Foundation of Brooklyn and Queens honored our parishioner, **Mary Jane McCartney**, this past week for her generous service to the Diocese. In addition to her diocesan work, she also is active in various ministries here in our Parish, including lector, EMHC, and catechist.

Congratulations and thanks, Mary Jane!



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.**

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.



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.

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: human sexuality; coping with death; Catholic parenting tips; teenage mental health; Christ-centered dating and marriage; angels and saints; the Eucharist; explaining the Faith; 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 til 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

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. While adult Mass attendance last week was over 650, the in-pew collection totaled only \$4,441, down \$400 from the preceding week and 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.

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

Please join us for a Mass of Remembrance at 12 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!



SUPERMARKET BLITZ

DATE: November 17

TIME: Doors open 6:30pm

TICKETS: \$15.00 p/p

CONTACT: Jonie Miranda, 347-228-0068
or Margaret Varuzzi, 917-578-8237

*We are in need of baskets for our Blitz.
If you would like to donate some,
please bring them to the School.*