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**THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 5, 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. ~ NOVEMBER 5 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MON. ~ NOVEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Antoinette Carneglia

TUE. ~ NOVEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Veronika Tramposch
9:00 Joan Henn

WED. ~ NOVEMBER 8 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Toni Biel
9:00 Catherine, Michael, Tom and
Rosaleen Reilly

THU. ~ NOVEMBER 9 - THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

7:00 Leonardo Curatolo
9:00 Aida Baker

FRI. ~ NOVEMBER 10 - ST. LEO THE GREAT

7:00 Esther & Joe Governale
9:00 Mariela Familio (anniv)

SAT. ~ NOVEMBER 11 - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS/ VETERANS DAY

9:00 **Memorial Mass:** Veterans of US
Armed Forces, Cecelia LaPietra,
Filomena Salce, Gasper Lamonaca,
Bernard A. Moreno, Brian S. Jones,
Anna M. Wisneski, Paul J. Armano,
The DePaola Family,
Charles & Jennie Pirtz
5:00PM

SUN. ~ NOVEMBER 12 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 The People of the Parish
10:00 Daniele Bussa/Rosaria, Rosario e
Nunzio Taormina/
NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM Ethel Mieszkowski

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:

BRUNA PAMARI

*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 J. & Josephine Podlovits at the request of
the Podlovits Family.*

ALTAR CANDLES

are offered in memory of

*Robert J. & Josephine Podlovits at the request of
the Podlovits Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of

*Robert J. & Josephine Podlovits at the request of
the Podlovits Family.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1018*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Romans 11:29-36
Psalm 69:30-36
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16
Psalm 131:1-3
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10
Psalm 112:1-9
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Ezekiel 47:1-12
Psalm 46:2-9
I Corinthians 3:9-17
John 2:13-22

Friday: Romans 15:14-21
Psalm 98:1-4
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Romans 16:3-27
Psalm 145:2-11
Luke 16:9-15

Sunday: Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2-8
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Woe to the Shepherds!”

It isn't easy trying to produce a bulletin article every weekend. Sometimes, like this week, it's downright difficult. That's because, while most of our readings apply fairly well to a general audience, this week's target the religious leaders and shepherds of ancient communities. Like as like not, they also apply to the leaders of our own time, myself included.

God chastised the Levitical priests through the Prophet Malachi in today's first reading for not being conscientious in their ministry to the people. This caused the people to stray from the practice of the faith. After seventy years in exile, a remnant of the people had returned to the ruined Holy Land to set about rebuilding their homes and farms, their villages and cities, as well as their ritual worship in the Temple and their very society as a united people. The leaders failed in their ministerial obligations, grew lax in their teachings, and caused the people to stray into relativism. “If our leaders aren't faithful, why should we strive to be?” they may have asked themselves. Why, indeed?

Jesus called to task the religious leaders of His own time for loving the perks of their offices and putting ritual burdens on the people while doing little to help them to live according to the spirit of the Covenants that God had made with them. As always, Jesus turned the world upside down and inside out: the greatest must be the servant of all; the egocentric will be humbled before God, but God will exalt the humble. It should serve as a reminder to all Christians, but especially to those of us in Holy Orders, that Christ came to serve, not to be served. We who re-present Him and who share in His office as teacher, priest, and shepherd, must have His same mindset and attitude and follow His way of life.

This is the type of leader that St. Paul was, as he reminded his disciples in Thessalonica in northeastern Greece. His motherly yet firm labor in proclaiming the Gospel without burdening the community apparently produced great fruit for the Church, for he went on to praise his disciples for their acceptance of his teachings as having come from God and for putting their faith into effect as a way of life. (Christianity, i.e., discipleship in Christ, in fact, was initially referred to simply as “the Way”.) Here there is a great contrast with the community of Malachi, which had suffered and frazzled at the hands of their negligent leaders.

Today's readings should give today's religious leaders cause for careful consideration of our own ministry to the Church, mine included. Do we proclaim the truth of the Gospel fully and without hesitation or dilution, or are we afraid of upsetting people and losing the numbers game? Are we diligent in meditating on the Word of God and sharing it with others, or have we become religious couch potatoes? Do we proclaim and live the teachings of Christ and His Church faithfully with fervor and joy, or have we become lax and lukewarm in our love for Him and His holy people? Are our prayers and ritual celebrations mechanical and dry, or do we enter into the Mysteries that we celebrate and draw others into them for a deeper relationship with God in Christ and the Spirit? Do we simply enjoy the perks of clerical position, its prestige and security, or are we willing to go out on a limb for the Son of Man, Who had no place to lay His head?

Geoffrey Chaucer (1347-1400) put it very beautifully of a particular priest in his “Tale of the Parish Priest”, from which I present a brief excerpt:

“A good man there was of religion, / and was a poor Parson of a town; / but rich he were of holy thought and work. / He was also a learned man, a clerk, / that Christ's Gospel truly would he preach; / his parish folk devoutly would he teach. / ... He waited for no pomp and reverence, nor made him a spiced conscience. / But Christ's lore, and His Apostles twelve, he taught, and first he followed it himself.”

Pray for priests!

~ ***Fr. Armato***

YOUNG ADULTS HOLY HOUR

Our next holy hour for young adults (18 through 30-something) will take place this Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 pm in the church.

All are welcome!



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 135 families who have participated so far, we have gone over our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign goal. So far, **\$77,210 has been pledged. That's 101.6% of our goal of \$76,014, with an overage of \$1,196!**

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 unexpected replacement of the boiler in the Parish Hall, which cost us about \$40,000.

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

REMEMBERING THE DEAD

The wake liturgy reminds us that “the bonds of love that are forged in our lives do not unravel in death.” Be sure to visit and decorate the graves of your beloved dead this month. Pray *for* them, especially by offering Masses, and pray *to* them.

2024 MASSES & MEMORIALS

The 2024 book for requesting Masses and memorials for your loved ones will open on Wednesday, November 15, from 1 to 4pm **in the church**. Enter from the 80th Street ramp doors and be seated in the pews. Forms will be available.

Cash or check for your offering will be accepted.

Meanwhile, memorials and Masses for 2023 are still available, including all of our Saturday 9am and Sunday 10am Masses.

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.

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. 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. Our in-pew collections fluctuate from week to week and continue to 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: human sexuality; coping with death; Catholic parenting tips; Season I of "The Chosen" series; Christ-centered dating and marriage; forgiveness; children 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 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

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Once again, the St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring the Christmas

"Giving Tree"

Proceeds will go to less fortunate children in our parish and neighboring parishes.

WHAT: New, **unwrapped** toys or clothing for children ages infant to 12 years.

WHEN: Through December 6

WHERE: Please choose a gift card, (or two) from the vestibule of the church and return your gifts to the black bin in the church, or the convent, (66-25 79 Place) on Wednesday or Saturday from 10am to 12Noon.

Thank you for your generosity. May you have a blessed Christmas!



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.*



ATTENTION!!

2024 calendars will be available starting on December 2 in the entrance way of the church. In addition to English, we also have a limited number of calendars in Italian and Polish.

ATTENZIONE!!

I calendari 2024 saranno disponibili a partire 2 Dicembre all'ingresso della chiesa. Oltre all'inglese, abbiamo anche un numero limitato di calendari in Italiano e Polacco.

UWAGA!!

Kalendarze na rok 2024 beda dostepne od poczatku 2 grudnia w wejsciu do kosciola. Oprócz języka angielskiego mamy także ograniczona liczba kalendarzy w języku włoskim i pòlskim.