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**THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY**

IN

ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 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 12 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 The People of the Parish
10:00 Daniele Busa/Rosaria, Rosario e Nunzio Taormina/Linda A. Maurer
NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM Ethel Mieszkowski
- MON. ~ NOVEMBER 13 - ST. FRANCES CABRINI**
7:00 Angie & Rick Ferzola
9:00 John Bohan (anniv)
- TUE. ~ NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY**
7:00 Horst G. Walter
9:00 Basilia e Giuseppe Scala
- WED. ~ NOVEMBER 15 - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT**
7:00 Brina e Giuseppe Ruggiero
9:00 Frank Shaklo
- THU. ~ NOVEMBER 16 - ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND**
7:00 Intention of Dr. Marvin Piper
9:00 Anthony & Vita Sparacio
- FRI. ~ NOVEMBER 17 - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**
7:00 Brina e Giuseppe Ruggiero
9:00 Joseph Russo
- SAT. ~ NOVEMBER 18 - THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS. PETER AND PAUL/ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE**
9:00 **Collective:** Fred Basedow/Maria & Hermann Kirmaier/Frank Lackner/ Giuseppa Gennari
5:00PM Thomas Mazza
- SUN. ~ NOVEMBER 19 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 Walter & Kathleen Weiner
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Salvatore Fazzolari/SanFrancisco DiPaola/ Alessio Atria/Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonino, Vito, Antonio Sanfilippo/ Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Paolo Armano
NOON Fred Basedow
5:00PM Lt. Michael Maloney FDNY (birth)



SAINT
FRANCES
CABRINI
NOVEMBER 13

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:

Linda Ann Maurer, Calogero Troia

*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 Romolo Fabiilli
at the request of Louisa Fabiilli.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Olivia, Giuseppe e Carmino
at the request of Louisa Fabiilli.*

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lectors should pick up a 2024 workbook at the
Sacristy. Please sign for your copy.

TODAY'S READINGS

***Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1021***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wisdom 1:1-7
Psalm 139:1-10
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23-3:39
Psalm 34:2-19
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11
Psalm 82:3-7
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: Wisdom 7:22-8:1
Psalm 119:89-175
Luke 17:20-25

Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Psalm 105:2-43
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 128:1-5
I Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Live Wisely”

Current events continue to take a grueling toll on us all: warnings of a possible resurgence of COVID (along with the emergence of a batch of other illnesses for which to be inoculated); new waves of angry riots; constant news reports of wars and possible threats to our safety; economic problems and political turmoil; even the confusion of the recent and bewildering “Synod on Synodality for a Synodal Church” in Rome. The list of cares and worries seems to grow daily.

So, it seems more and more imperative that we should place ourselves in the hands of God, overcoming our arrogance and misguided senses of independence, omnipotence, and self-importance, and our lack of charity and wisdom. In short, we need to use God’s gift of wisdom and return to Him humbly and lovingly.

Wisdom is personified in the first reading; it represents a life of grace and good works in the Gospel parable. It does not mean being able to understand the mysteries of the universe but rather knowing what God expects of us. It doesn’t come automatically, but develops through reflecting on the experiences of our lives through prayer and the Word of God in Scripture, guided by the teachings of the Church and by the lives of the saints we honor and the good people whom we have known and admired. Wisdom is readily available to those who pursue it, but its attainment requires us to persevere in our relationship with God as we reflect on life’s situations. There is nothing magical about its acquisition.

The five foolish virgins in today’s parable had misused the gifts that all ten had received to present their good works (represented by the lamp oil) at the great wedding feast of the Bridegroom, i.e., the coming of Christ at the end of time – the final event for which no one knows the day or the hour. The wise virgins came prepared, having responded to God’s grace by producing the good works that He expected of all ten. Alas, their works could not be transferred or shared!

We can be like either set of virgins: foolish, if we improperly waste the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that God has granted us to use in His service; wise, if we use those gifts well to build up the Kingdom of God in service to one another. We easily can “fall asleep” in a state of unpreparedness when we cease to practice our faith each day. On the contrary, we also can “stay awake” by putting that faith into action, acting responsibly according to our station and situation in life, supported by our prayer life and regular celebration of the Sacraments.

Indeed, God does give us the gifts – everything that we need to carry out His will for us. Some day, sooner or later, He will ask each of us to give an accounting as to how we’ve used them. This being said, though, we should not live in fearful anticipation of imminent doom, but rather in joyful hope, trusting in God’s love for us and recognizing the trust that He places in each one of us to carry out His will for our present good as well as our long-term happiness with Him in Heaven. If He expects much of us, it is because He has entrusted us with much in order to accomplish His loving intentions and desires for each of His children.

We are approaching the end of another liturgical year, and the Church’s focus has turned once more to the four last things: death and judgment, Heaven and Hell. Too often we ignore these realities as being in the far distant future, but, whether we acknowledge them or not, they are very real and will come to pass in God’s good time. Without obsessing or becoming morose over it, though, we should live in such a way as to be prepared to receive Christ whenever He comes at the end of our own time in this life, by knowing and doing the will of the Father.

One day we each must stand before the throne of God for personal judgment, as we shall see in the Gospel in two more weeks. While we wait in joyful and trusting hope for that day, let us live wisely before it is too late and we be caught off guard, using well the gifts of grace that He lovingly pours out on us in order to draw us ever closer to share in His eternal life.

~ Fr. Armato

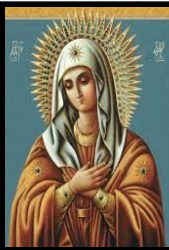
SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, November 23, 9:00am Mass
Blessing of Food for Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 2, 5:00pm
Confirmation Candidacy commitment

Sunday, December 10, 3:00pm
Lessons and Carols

Saturday, January 13, 5:00pm
*SM School/Academy 160th Anniversary
Mass followed by Dinner-Dance*



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 137 families who have participated so far, we have gone over our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign goal. So far, **\$78,810 has been pledged. That's 103.7% of our goal of \$76,014, with an average of \$2,796!**

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 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.

2024 MASSES & MEMORIALS

The 2024 book for requesting Masses and memorials for your loved ones will open **THIS** 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.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERISHABLE
ITEMS IN THE BIN IN 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, December 9 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 and continue to fall 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; "The Art of Dying Well"; Season I of "The Chosen" series with a Catholic commentary; saints of November and 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 12 Noon.

Thank you for your generosity and may you have a blessed Christmas!

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 numbers 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 wejsci do kosciola. Oprócz języka angielskiego mamy także ograniczona liczba kalendarzy w języku włoskim i polskim.



SUPERMARKET BLITZ

DATE: November 17

TIME: Doors open 6:30pm

TICKETS: \$15.00 p/p

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,
please bring them to the School.*