

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**THIRTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 19, 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 19 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 Walter & Kathleen Weiner Family  
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Salvatore Fazzolari/SanFrancesco diPaola/Alessio Atria/Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonino, Vito, Antonio Sanfilippo/Vincenzo, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Paolo Armano  
NOON Fred Basedow  
5:00PM Lt. Michael Maloney, FDNY (birth)
- MON. ~ NOVEMBER 20 - WEEKDAY**  
7:00 Lena & Joseph J. Mazzola  
9:00 Paul Battaglini
- TUE. ~ NOVEMBER 21 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
7:00 Joe VanSchaick  
9:00 Intention of Sal & Frances Dortenzio
- WED. ~ NOVEMBER 22 - ST. CECILIA**  
7:00 Hilda Vannata  
9:00 Richard Garczynski
- THU. ~ NOVEMBER 23 - STS. CLEMENT & COLUMBAN / THANKSGIVING DAY**  
7:00 ~ No Mass ~  
9:00 Carmine DiDonato
- FRI. ~ NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC**  
7:00 ~ No Mass ~  
9:00 Giovanni Paolilli
- SAT. ~ NOVEMBER 25 - ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA**  
9:00 **Collective:** Joseph Martino/Steven Dominick Belviso (anniv)/William Viewig/Patricia Tomitz  
5:00PM Patricia Green/Julia Dunigan
- SUN. ~ NOVEMBER 26 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
8:00 Anne McGinnis  
10:00 Charles Frick/Calogero Troia  
NOON The People of the Parish  
5:00PM Giula & Carmelo Caruana



Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day and this Friday only at 9:00am, and the Rectory offices will be closed until Saturday morning in observance of the holiday.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

## 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](http://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 Fleisch, Sue Cerbone, M. Ann P., Jamie Allison, Alana Cermeli, John Mattia, Mary Lou Simon, Craig Pacheco, Mike DeCarlo, Vicki Zelinski, R. Soto, James Buchanan, Elizabeth Devaney,

***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***

*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 Mary Benevento  
at the request of Mary Lodato & Family.*

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Lena & Joseph J. Mazzola  
at the request of Ben Armato.*



SAINT  
CECILIA  
NOVEMBER 22

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1024*

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Maccabees 1:10-63  
Psalm 119:53-158  
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: II Maccabees 6:18-31  
Psalm 3:2-7  
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: II Maccabees 7:1, 20-31  
Psalm 17:1-15  
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: Sirach 50:22-24  
I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Luke 17:11-19

Friday: I Maccabees 4:36-59  
I Chronicles 29:10-12  
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: I Maccabees 6:1-13  
Psalm 9:2-19  
Luke 20:27-40

Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-17  
Psalm 23:1-6  
I Corinthians 15:20-28  
Matthew 25:31-46

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Stay Alert!”***

How do we demonstrate our love? If one is romantic, perhaps it takes the form of a bouquet of long-stem roses, or a beautiful piece of jewelry, or dinner for two in a fancy restaurant, or a quiet, candle-lit evening at home with soft music and a bottle of good wine. Okay, snap out of it and get back to reality!

We demonstrate our love for others mainly through simple, everyday things that we say and do, with the emphasis on the latter. Thus, the wife in today's first reading is praised for the way that she takes care of her husband and acts upon her concern for those in need. She applies her talents in service to others, and she fears (i.e., reveres) God. Her talents are not hers to keep to herself. She is merely the steward of the gifts, using them wisely and reverently, in return for which she receives the love of her husband and family, as well as public praise and recognition.

In a similar way, the first two servants in the Gospel parable show their love and respect for their master by being his good agents, immediately using the entrusted assets in his service and interests. They are just the stewards, not the owners, of the funds. To do anything less than what they are seen to do would be irresponsible and an insult to their master, as we see is the case with the third servant. The rewards and punishment are administered accordingly. It is a representation of the Last Judgment.

Less dramatically, you and I are called to use the gifts (the time, treasure, and talents) that God has given us. No two of us have been given exactly the same set of gifts or responsibilities, yet we are to use whatever gifts we've received in the same manner: in faithful service to God and love for one another. To do anything less is irresponsibility on our part, an insult to God, and a slighting of our neighbor. Sooner or later (we “know neither the day nor the hour”), the Lord will come suddenly “like a thief in the night”, not only at the end of *all* time but also at the end of *our* time, and He will demand an accounting of how well we have lived our lives. There is no escaping that eventuality, however long it may be delayed.

We have been created in the image and likeness of a loving and generous God, Who is so loving and so generous that He gives us not only physical life, but also a share in the joy of His own divine life. Furthermore, He has given us the means – the grace and the intellect – by which to live, to love, and to serve. He will ask us how loving and faithful we have been during the time that He's given us.

Hopefully, we will show forth a long list of the good things that we have done and the lives of others that were made better for our having had contact with them. It may not contain anything spectacular as the world rates events and deeds, and no monuments are likely to be erected in our memory nor stories be written in our honor. The faithful wife in the first reading is praised for having done simple things with fidelity and generosity; St. (Mother) Teresa of Kolkata used to remind us that, while we may not be called to do great things, we are called to do all things with great love.

The more that situations change, the more they stay the same. Our basic duties and obligations are different in detail and specifics from those of the good wife and the parable's servants, but they remain the same in their essence. You and I still are called to serve God and one another to the best of our God-given abilities, with love as the guiding force and reason for our actions.

The time for us to act grows short. As this year is about to end and another begin, we realize how quickly time goes by. Of the gifts of time, treasure, and talents with which God has entrusted us, time is the one that limits us the most, since we do not know how much of it we are given.

There is no time, then, for us to slack off and let the good go undone. Therefore, “let us stay alert and sober”, working as children of the light and of the day for the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, for the greater glory of God, and for one another, demonstrating our love by what we say and do. Then, we shall be prepared to receive our Lord and Master unafraid whenever He comes, for He will find us doing what He has given us to do and living as He has commanded us to live. May He welcome us to share His joy!

~ *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, December 2.**

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!

### 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*

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to the **138 families** who have participated so far, we have gone over our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign goal. So far, **\$78,910 has been pledged. That's 103.8% of our goal of \$76,014, with an overage of \$2,896!**

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.

Pledge forms are available in church. **Please be sure to designate St. Margaret Parish (#4117) for your donations.**

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS

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

## 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, 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, 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: Advent preparation; coping with death and "The Art of Dying Well"; Season 1 of "The Chosen" series with a Catholic commentary; saints of November and children saints; Jesus and the Eucharist; Catholic marriage; videos for children; family activities; and many others.

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](mailto:stmmvcalendar@gmail.com)**

## ***YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED***

*to join our adult and children's  
choirs for an afternoon of*

## ***Lessons and Carols***

*which will be dedicated to a peaceful  
resolution to the conflicts of the world  
and for the well being of our children,  
now, and in the future.*

*This prayerful and spiritual service will  
take place on Sunday, December 10, 2023,  
at 3:00pm in the Church.*

*The singing of hymns is one of the best ways to put  
ourselves in tune with the "Spirit of the Lord"*



## 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.