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**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE
UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 26, 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 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 Giulia & Carmelo Caruana

MON. ~ NOVEMBER 27 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Caroline Martin
9:00 Peter R. Gladritsch

TUE. ~ NOVEMBER 28 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Caroline Martin
9:00 Mark Lenihan

WED. ~ NOVEMBER 29 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Anthony Tavarone
9:00 Patrick Smith

THU. ~ NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW

7:00 Christine & George Wierzhowski
9:00 Andrew Jenner

FRI. ~ DECEMBER 1 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Thomas Foudy (anniv)
9:00 William Nichols

SAT. ~ DECEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Deceased Priest of the Brooklyn & Rockville Center Dioceses/Louis & Jane Normandia/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory/Mariele Aamilio (birth)/Arthur Citarrella
9:30 **Holy Hour**
5:00PM Carmel Pagano (anniv)

SUN. ~ DECEMBER 3 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 Robert Hawd
10:00 Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/
Geraldine Ciaccio/Rosaria, Rosario e Nunzio Taormina/Daniele Bussa
NOON Fred Basedow
5:00PM The People of the Parish



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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, 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

especially this week:

Domenica Vassallo

*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,*

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

WINE & HOSTS

*are offered in memory of Chester & Eleanor Kapica
at the request of Eileen Jenner.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Caroline Martin
at the request of the Rectory Staff.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Anthony Tavarone.

TODAY'S READINGS

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Cycle A - Hymnal # 1027***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Daniel 1:1-20
Daniel 3:52-56
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45
Daniel 3:57-61
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-28
Daniel 3:62-67
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 4:18-22

Friday: Daniel 7:2-14
Daniel 3:75-81
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Daniel 7:15-27
Daniel 3:82-87
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday: Isaiah 63:16-19;64:2-7
Psalm 80:2-19
I Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 12:33-37

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Sooner or later...”

As the civil year draws to a close and we prepare to celebrate “the holidays”, so also the end of the liturgical year is marked with today’s Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast, formerly celebrated at other times of the year, was placed here on the liturgical calendar after the Second Vatican Council. It is a fitting climax that is centered on the Person of Jesus Christ and a reminder that, as we profess in the Creed, He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Just when is He coming, though? The best answer one can give is, “Sooner or later,” for no one knows the day or the hour. Indeed, every generation of Christians has expected the Parousia (His return at the Second Coming) in their own time, and every generation is called to prepare for the Great Event of the end of time by the way in which we live as His disciples, believing in the resurrection of the dead, trusting in God’s promise of eternal life, and offering charity for all in need.

There is an expression that, technically, “one cannot set foot in the same river twice” (the water keeps moving past us). Nevertheless, while life situations constantly change and develop, they always present opportunities to cooperate with God in accomplishing the various corporal and spiritual acts of mercy.

The corporal acts are given to us rather dramatically in today’s Gospel: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, tending the sick, and visiting the imprisoned, to which usually is added burying the dead. The spiritual acts, drawn from various other Scriptures, also should be part of the Christian’s lifestyle: teaching the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving others willingly, comforting mourners and the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead.

These are our duties as disciples of Christ and children of God. Life provides ample opportunities for acting according to Jesus’ teachings. They have in common the idea of turning outward from ourselves in order to serve others with the talents and gifts that we’ve received from God. How many we do or how often we do them depends on the varied circumstances and situations of each person’s life, but each of us will be given ample occasions to act upon the needs of others.

As Christians we are supposed to see the Person of Jesus Christ in the people around us, as is made pellucidly clear in today’s Gospel: in serving other people, we serve Christ, and in ignoring others, we ignore Christ. Moreover, we are to be the face and presence of Christ to others. The Gospel also is very clear that we will be judged by how we react to the opportunities: either we will be deemed blessed and admitted into eternal life in Heaven for having responded to them charitably, or we will suffer eternal damnation for having turned away and ignored them.

Now, it seems to me that we can disregard our responsibilities toward one another, but that just produces a miserable life of hell on earth. Or we can carry out our duties reluctantly and grudgingly, fearful of damnation for failing to do so, which is little better. Or, we can embrace them with a joyful heart, grateful that God has entrusted us with participating in His own works of mercy and, by doing so, to bring a taste of Heaven into the here and now.

Lord knows, we have prayed for others, attended the sick, and buried our dead. We’ve consoled mourners and the frightened, counseled those who doubt in God’s loving presence, taught and shared the Faith with our children, welcomed strangers, provided for the hungry and thirsty, and more besides.

This is no time for us to slack off or lessen our efforts. Sooner or later, the Lord will come, not only at the end of *all* time, but also at the end of *our* time. May He find us doing what He has asked us to do and living as He has commanded us to live, so that we may hear Him say, “Come, you who are blessed of My Father, and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!”

~ 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

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 137 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 average 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.

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. 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: 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

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.