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**SECOND
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2024**

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. ~ JANUARY 14 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Regina Guidoni
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Filippo,
Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/
Geraldine Ciaccio/Francesco
DeCapite/Vincenza, Mariano,
Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Antonino
Catalano/Daniele Bussa
NOON Herta Matschulat
5:00PM Jeffrey Matusiak

MON. ~ JANUARY 15 - WEEKDAY

7:00 ~ **NO MASS** ~
9:00 Anthony F. Coccaro (anniv)

TUE. ~ JANUARY 16 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Frances Kelly (anniv)
9:00 Sister Johanna O'Brien

WED. ~ JANUARY 17 - ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

7:00 Maria Sparacio
9:00 Anna & Wilhelm Nick

THU. ~ JANUARY 18 - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

7:00 Anthony F. Coccaro
9:00 Eta Tierney

FRI. ~ JANUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Davide Colalella
9:00 Rita M. Heilman

SAT. ~ JANUARY 20 - STS. FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN

9:00 **Collective:** Steven Weeks/Souls
In purgatory
5:00PM Intention of Gilbert Lopez

SUN. ~ JANUARY 21 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Anita Cacioppo
10:00 Maria Siragusa
NOON The People of the Parish
5:00PM Ida, Fannie & Josephine Spadafora

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.



**THE RECTORY WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 15
IN OBSERVANCE OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MASS IS AT 9AM ONLY**

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, The Valasquez Family, Pauline Vella, Maria Cermeli, Maria Colalella, Maria Barretta, Paula Kammer, Carol Hensley, Joan Hanahoe, Grace Sorrentino, Bob Bicknese, Janice McManus-Genevrino, Katie Bryzgornia, 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, Fr. Paul Wierichs, CP, Lorraine Colon, Martina Bruno, John Abel, Anthony Fiorello, Anthony DiChiara, Zofia Dirocco, Benjamin Armato,

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:

Angela Marino, Ignazio Merlo

*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 Anthony F. Coccaro
at the request of Terry Basedow.*

ALTAR CANDLES

are offered for the intention of Estella Aura.

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Erick Figueroa.

TODAY'S READINGS

***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B - Hymnal # 932***

I Samuel 3:3-19
Psalm 40:2-10
I Corinthians 6:13-20
John 1:35-42

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Samuel 15:16-23
Psalm 50:8-23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: I Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 89:20-28
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: I Samuel 17:32-51
Psalm 144:1-10
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: I Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Psalm 56:2-13
Mark 3:7-12

Friday: I Samuel 24:3-21
Psalm 57:2-11
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: II Samuel 1:1-27
Psalm 80:2-7
Mark 3:20-21

Sunday: Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 25:4-9
I Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

*“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”
~ St. Jerome*

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Come and See!”

“You can observe a lot just by looking.” That phrase, or words to that effect, is attributed to Yogi Berra. Jesus’ response of “Come and see” to the two disciples of St. John the Baptist (namely St. Andrew and, presumably, St. John the “Beloved Disciple”) in today’s Gospel passage, is more than an invitation to observe where He was going to spend the night. It was a call to discipleship.

St. John the Baptist had appeared in the tradition of the Old Testament prophets, especially Elijah, the great prophet whose return was to signal the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. John called the people to recommit themselves to being faithful to the ancient Covenant, to repent of their sins, bathing ritually as a sign of their conversion of heart and intention to reform their lives going forward.

In the scene just before today’s Gospel passage, the Baptist used a term with which the people would be familiar from their worship at the Temple. As Jesus passed by, John had commented about the “Lamb of God”, i.e., the sacrifice offered for the forgiveness of sins. Convinced that Jesus was the Lamb, he looked toward Him and, in the presence of his own two disciples, made the reference more directly and definitively. They were intrigued and took off after Jesus.

The question that John’s disciples posed to Jesus, which we read as, “Where are you staying?”, is better rendered as, “Where have you pitched your tent?” Again, we have an Old Testament theme, for God had “dwelt” with His people in intimate relationship in a tent during the Exodus and the early days in the Promised Land. It also is a throwback to the words of St. John the Evangelist in the preamble to his Gospel account, that “the Word became flesh and dwelt [literally, pitched His tent] among us.” Like God during the centuries since Moses, the long-awaited Messiah now dwelt in the midst of His Chosen People. The two disciples heard “Come and see” and boldly took up Jesus’ invitation.

The details of what was said around the campfire that evening as the two stayed and ate with Jesus, listening to what He had to say, are not recorded. The encounter, however, was enough to move them to change teachers, to follow Jesus, and to return home, sharing with their families what they had experienced.

Jesus’ invitation to Andrew and John the Beloved is the same invitation that He extends to each of us today: Come and see! We use this expression to invite young people to attend formal retreats during which they try to discern by prayer whether or not God is calling them to serve His Church as priests and/or consecrated religious. It also invites each one of us as we go about our daily activities to spend some quality time with Christ in prayer and to discern His presence in our lives and where He is leading us. Each time that we enter a church and kneel before the Blessed Sacrament or sit quietly in prayer wherever we happen to be – whether in church, at home, in our place of business, in school, on a bus or train, or some peaceful setting – is an opportunity to “come and see” Jesus in order to deepen our relationship with Him.

Christ invites us, knowing of our desire for something more than the world has to offer. Let us accept His personal invitation. In addition, we should remember that we are called to share with others the fruits of our prayers and reflections, just as Andrew (given the title “the First Called”) shared his discovery with his brother Simon (aka Peter) and John went home to share with his parents and brother James. Our participation in the evangelical mission of the Church requires us to witness to others our encounters with Jesus Christ by living a new life as His committed disciples. The life examples that we give are the sincerest and most effective ways to invite others into an intimate relationship with the Lord.

Come and see, then, and reflect upon the presence of the Lamb of God in your life and how He’s calling you! Come to know Him in your reflective study of the Word of God in Scripture, in the teachings of the Church, and, most especially, in the “breaking of the Bread”, the Most Holy Eucharist that we celebrate and share at every Mass. May God bless you along your journey of faith!

~ *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, February 3.

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!

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

Would like to thank all who donated food to our pantry for the Holidays, and to all who donated toys and clothing to our Christmas Giving Tree.

The gifts were distributed within St. Margaret Parish, The Sisters of Life, Trinity Human Services and to St. Pius V Church.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to the **156 families** who have participated so far, we have gone over our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign goal. So far, **\$86,540** has been pledged. That's **113.9%** of our goal of **\$76,014**, with an average of **\$10,526!**



SAVE THE DATE

and join the Celebration!

IRISH NIGHT

Saturday, March 2, 2024
5:00pm Mass followed by
reception at 6:00pm

Looking forward to seeing you again!

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

Most needed are **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, February 10.**

Maggie's Little Theater Presents Robert Harling's

STEEL
Magnolias

PERFORMANCE DATES

Saturdays, February 3 & 10 at 8:00pm

Sundays, February 4 & 11 at 2:30pm

Friday, February 9 at 8:00pm

RESERVE YOUR TICKET AT

www.maggieslittletheater.org

or by calling 347-286-8508

**Tickets: Adults, \$22 - Seniors 65 & over \$20 -
Children 11 & under \$20**

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 Padre Pio and the saints of January; the Holy Eucharist; marriage; what the Church teaches about our bodies; Scripture studies; and more for children and the whole family.

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.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the regular and special collections this Christmas, 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.

ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP



**open Sunday,
9am until 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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for tax purposes

**WILL BE ISSUED
ONLY UPON REQUEST**

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911

If you would like a statement mailed to you.

Letters will go out after February 5th.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

There is an **URGENT NEED** for blood donations and the New York Blood Center is asking, again, for our help.

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a Blood Drive **TODAY, January 14, 2024 from 9am til 3pm, in the Parish Hall**. Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

It is requested that you schedule an appointment by calling **800-933-2566**. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Bring a mask; requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines.