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**FIFTH
SUNDAY**

IN

**ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 4, 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. ~ FEBRUARY 4 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	James Mancuso
10:00	Stella Ricovero/San Francesco diPaola/Alessio Atria/Giuseppe, Vincenza, Antonio e Vito Sanfilippo/Maria Siragusa/Frank Costanzo
NOON	Scout Sunday, George Bley, Arthur Rogers, Mr. Tate
5:00PM	Blanche Dathe
MON. ~ FEBRUARY 5 - ST. AGATHA	
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Charlotte Wintergerst (anniv)
TUE. ~ FEBRUARY 6 - ST. PAUL MIKI	
7:00	Phyllis Ragusa
9:00	Jennie Laudani
WED. ~ FEBRUARY 7 - WEEKDAY	
7:00	Hank Banker
9:00	Henry & Elizabeth Rader
THU. ~ FEBRUARY 8 - STS. JEROME AND JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	
7:00	Kay Visconti
9:00	Andy Logue
7:30PM	Holy Hour
FRI. ~ FEBRUARY 9 - WEEKDAY	
7:00	Mary Narky
9:00	Anthony F. Coccaro
SAT. ~ FEBRUARY 10 - ST. SCHOLASTICA	
9:00	Memorial Mass: Carmel Pagano, Mary Ellen Beaumont, Ignazio Merlo, Angela Marino, Edward Quadrino Jr., Harold (Hank) Banker, Chris Peccia, Dawn C. Puglisi
5:00PM	Ernest & Marie DeSabato
SUN. ~ FEBRUARY 11 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	The People of the Parish
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Phyllis Armato/Daniele Bussa
NOON	Intention of Betty Coccaro
5:00PM	Anita Wunsch



SAINT
SCHOLASTICA
FEBRUARY 10

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, Lee Falk, Justin James Quirke, Allen McConville, James Graff, The Mojica Family, The Valasquez Family, Maria Colalella, Joan Hanahoe, Grace Sorrentino, Bob Bicknese, Janice McManus-Genevrino, Katie Bryzgoria, 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, Jerry Feldnan, Chris Rossi,

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:

**CHRIS PECCIA, ANDREAN PASCULLI,
FRANK ALTESE**

*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

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Madeline Sepe.



SAINTS

JEROME

AND

JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FEBRUARY 8



TODAY'S READINGS

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B - Hymnal # 941*

Job 7:1-7
Psalm 147:1-6
I Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Kings 8:1-13
Psalm 132:6-10
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: I Kings 8:22-30
Psalm 84:3-11
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: I Kings 10:1-10
Psalm 37:5-40
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: I Kings 11:4-13
Psalm 106:3-40
Mark 7:24-30

Friday: I Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
Psalm 81:10-15
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: I Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Psalm 106:6-22
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-46
Psalm 32:1-11
I Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“(Not so) Ordinary Time”

Whether you've come to Mass on Sunday or watched it on TV recently, you should have noticed that the priest is wearing green-colored vestments. It's a sign that we have entered Ordinary Time. That doesn't mean that nothing special is going to happen. It just means that we've started to count, or number, the Sundays outside the special liturgical seasons. It is the longest of seasons, usually covering about thirty-four weeks, and is the only one that's interrupted by other seasons, namely Lent and Eastertide. It's also chock full of special celebrations, solemnities, commemorations, memorials, feasts, as well as plenty of activities, both religious and secular.

There is a more common usage of “ordinary time”, though. That's the one with which we're more familiar, because it's the one that covers most of our lifetime. Again, it is not that nothing extraordinary or special is happening (there certainly are plenty of “Kodak moments” in our lives), but rather that occasions occur in more outstanding fashion in the context of our daily routines.

Sometimes, the patterns and rhythms of our lives got very humdrum, even to the point where we might not have been certain what day of the week it is, they all seeming to blend together. It's particularly common among people who have been institutionalized in a hospital or health care facility. Perhaps we get like Job in today's first reading, getting depressed over our situation, and tossing and turning in endless nights that opened onto swiftly passing days. It was like that for me at times during the Covid lockdown. Were it not for my daily Masses and keeping up with praying the Breviary, I frequently could not tell one day from another. Yes, there was plenty of work to keep me occupied, but in a different way than usual.

Job's depression over his situation in today's first reading contrasts sharply against St. Paul's enthusiasm for proclaiming the Gospel, the Good News of God's love for us in sending His Son as our Savior and Redeemer. In fact, Christ IS the Gospel personified. St. Paul was excited about the prospect of sharing in His very life. It is something that he felt compelled to share with others. We also are called to shake off the Job and to put on the Paul, to make good use of the opportunities that come to us in the simple moments of life to proclaim our faith in Christ Jesus by living as He taught us: with self-sacrifice, trusting in God's presence and the grace He assists us in accomplishing our role in the work of the “Great Commission”: the sanctification and redemption of the world.

It is very tempting for us just to slip into the easy chair and vege in front of the tube, but that is not the way of Christian discipleship. How easy it would have been for Jesus to tell Peter not to answer the door so that He could eat His supper in peace, but there were real needs of the people that had to be addressed and healing to be done. So we, too, are called to be active in living our Faith in charity.

At the same time, it's not that we always must be “gotta-run-gotta-do”. That's a great way to burn out. We see in today's Gospel passage that even Jesus found that He had to go someplace quiet from time to time in order to recharge Himself in prayer with the Father, the way that people today might go on a spiritual retreat or just spend some time in prayer in church, or at home, or in another conducive place. We also need to find a balance: to be active in serving the Lord and one another and to have our service strengthened and supported by our prayer life.

Ordinary Time will be interrupted in just ten days from now on Ash Wednesday with the start of Lent, the period of preparation for the great solemnity of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Do not waste the time you have been given by God, and do not enter into Lent “cold turkey”. Begin now, not only to plan your activities and prayer life for Lent and beyond, but also to get them started, lest you find yourself in the doldrums like Job instead of the joy of Paul.

No time that God gives us is truly “ordinary”. Yes, every one of our days are numbered, but every moment is an opportunity for us truly to live in Christ for the sake of the Gospel, so that we, too, may have a share in it, in Him.

~ *Fr. Armato*

YOUNG ADULTS HOLY HOUR

Our next holy hour for young adults (18 through 30-something) will take place on Thursday, February 8 at 7:30pm in the church.

All are welcome!

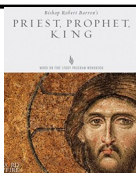


PRAYERS FOR PEACE

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!

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

Lent is coming soon!
We invite you to participate in our
Lenten Study Series
Bishop Robert Barron's Video



“Priest, Prophet, and King”

This program will help us to understand those who foreshadowed Jesus, the perfect Priest, Prophet and King!

We will be able to deepen our understanding of how each of us, as Baptized Christians, participate in the life and work of Christ, sharing in this three-fold office of priest, prophet and King.

The program will be held on Wednesdays at Noon and on Thursdays at 7pm, in the Convent Meeting room.

The dates are as follows:

Wednesdays, 2/21 - 2/28 - 3/6 - 3/13 and 3/20

Thursdays, 2/15 - 2/22 - 2/29 - 3/7 - 3/14 and 3/21

Father Joseph will facilitate the discussions. We look forward to your presence and participation!



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14

will be upon us before we know it. We ask that you bring your old palm to church, next weekend, so it can be burned and used for Ash Wednesday services.

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. See listing on page 2.**

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.



SAINT

AGATHA

FEBRUARY 5

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 the our Lady of Fatima, the Sacraments, Scripture study, videos to keep the kids occupied during Presidents Week, and much more.

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.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

IRISH NIGHT

HONORING NANCY MOTTO

Saturday, March 2, 2024
5:00pm Mass followed by
reception until 11pm

Traditional Irish dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea

Music by: The Cunningham Brothers

\$75p/p. For info. or tickets call: Susan Conte,
646-330-8451; Anne Lenihan, 718-350-9448;
Bridie Mitchell, 917-302-3569 or
Maureen Postel, 917-589-6804.

**Looking forward to seeing you again.
Let's keep the tradition ALIVE!!**

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.

Maggie's Little Theater Presents Robert Harling's

**STEEL
Magnolias**

LAST PERFORMANCE DATES

Saturday, February 10 at 8:00pm
Sunday, February 11 at 2:30pm
Friday, February 9 at 8:00pm

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS AT

www.maggieslittletheater.org,
or by calling 347-286-8508

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