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**SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER
MAY 12, 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. ~ MAY 12 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER'S DAY	
8:00	William R. Roemmelt
10:00	Mothers Day Triduum/Geraldine Ciaccio/Maria Curatolo/Daniele Bussa/Francesca, Lina, Mary e Marisa Battaglini/In anore della Madonna diFatima/Benedetto, Barretta e Famiglia/Francesca, Giuseppe e Salvatore Casabianca e Famiglia/le amine del Purgatorio
NOON	The People of the Parish
5:00PM	Antoinette Santora
MON. ~ MAY 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA	
7:00	Mothers Day Triduum
9:00	Macri Grazia
TUE. ~ MAY 14 - ST. MATTHIAS	
7:00	Rosa Stalzer
9:00	Mothers Day Triduum
WED. ~ MAY 15 - ST. ISIDORE	
7:00	Int. Domenick Orsano
9:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo
THU. ~ MAY 16 - EASTER WEEKDAY	
7:00	Vincent & Carmela Verdi
9:00	Augusta Mundy (birth)
FRI. ~ MAY 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY	
7:00	Kathy Lenihan Kiernan
9:00	Bianca DiLorenzo (anniv)
SAT. ~ MAY 18 - ST. JOHN I, POPE	
9:00	Collective: Giuseppina Gennari/ Angelina Grillo/
5:00	Margaret Maloney (birth)
SUN. ~ MAY 19 - PENTECOST SUNDAY	
8:00	Ruth O'Hehir
10:00	Giuseppa Taverna//Michael Orsi/ Matthew Connolly
NOON	The People of the Parish
5:00PM	William Schoppner



OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA
MAY 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 ASSIGNMENT SHEETS ARE IN THE SACRISTY.

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, 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, Fr. Paul Wierichs, CP, Lorraine Colon, Martina Bruno, John Abel, Anthony Fiorello, Anthony DiChiara, Zofia Dirocco, Jerry Feldnan, Chris Rossi, Cathy Lynch, Virginia Biehl, Ben Armato, Olivia Calastro, Michael Crane, Stephen Crane, Michael Reilly, Frank Fuller, Nancy Gunshinan, Tim Scanlon, Marie Ashford, Chris Kearns, Lou Custini,

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:

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

Marine Angel Faican

Pray for peace.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

especially this week:

JOSEPH LOMBARDO

*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

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Theodore & Augusta Mundy
at the request of Barbara Mundy.*



SAINT
JOHN, I
POPE
MAY 18

TODAY'S READINGS

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
Cycle B - Hymnal # 918*

Acts 1:15-26

Psalm 103:1-20

I John 4:11-16

John 17:11-19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8

Psalm 68:2-7

John 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 1:15-26

Psalm 113:1-8

John 15:9-17

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38

Psalm 68:29-36

John 17:11-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30;23:6-11

Psalm 16:1-11

John 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13-21

Psalm 103:1-20

John 21:15-19

Saturday:

Acts 28:16-31

Psalm 11:4-7

John 21:20-25

Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1-34

I Corinthians 12:3-13

John 20:19-23

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Praying for the Gift ~

This past Thursday, as we commemorated the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven, the Church in most of the Catholic world also began a novena – nine days – of prayer in preparation for the great solemnity of Pentecost next Sunday.

Today's Gospel passage comes after the Last Supper. Jesus gave His disciples His farewell address, giving some closing instructions and assuring them that He would not abandon them but would send them another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, from the Father. He also prayed to the Father, asking for the preservation of unity among His disciples and also their protection from the wiles and ways of Satan. What He prayed for the Eleven 2,000 years ago, He also prayed for us.

Each time that I've read about the hours between the Last Supper and Christ's arrest, I've thought about the amount of stress that He must have been under at this point. The rambling verses are very difficult to read, no less to understand; at times they seem incoherent. Still, we can see the immensity of Christ's love for His disciples in His determination to bring to a faithful end the mission that He received from the Father: the redemption and sanctification of all Creation.

We, as Christ's disciples, have been chosen and set apart ("consecrated"), yet we do not live in some sort of isolated religious fantasyland. We live in the world, but we are not to be part of it, i.e., not to be so enmeshed in worldly cares and values that we forget that we are united to God by the power of His Holy Spirit dwelling within us and that we, too, have been entrusted with Christ's mission.

If we are to make the world holy, we must recognize that everything that we do must begin and be centered in our relationship with God, and be brought to fruition in Him. This doesn't mean that we spend our entire lives on our knees or in church, rattling off prayers. It does require, however, prayer to be integral and preliminary to our actions, just as it was for Christ and His Apostles, and just as it has been for Christians all down through the centuries. Thus, we need to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, entrusting ourselves to the care of a loving God and Father through His Son, Who intercedes for us.

We received the divine Gift initially in the Sacrament of Baptism; most of us also were sealed with the same Gift in Confirmation. Everything that we do as a Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is the result of that Spirit moving in us and through us, even to the point of crying out to the Father the prayers of the heart that we are unable to put into words. Sadly, it is also an underused and unappreciated Gift that we too often push aside, like a sweater or shirt that doesn't appeal to us and that we don't intend to wear.

Yet, how different our individual lives would be, were we to place ourselves at the disposal of the Holy Spirit! How transformed our parish would be, if we truly were committed to living our lives guided by the Spirit, the essence of God! How powerful our witness as Christ's disciples would be in sanctifying the world, bound together by the same Spirit of love Who unites the Father and the Son!

Christ's "priestly prayer" is not just one instance of historical record. It is His on-going prayer for us to be one, joined in love just as He and the Father are one. It requires our cooperation in order to be fulfilled. We have been chosen and set apart to love one another, offering ourselves to each other in humble service!

Although, liturgically speaking, we are between the Lord's Ascension and the Descent of the promised Holy Spirit, we are not limited to these relatively few days to ask for the Gift of the Spirit in order to carry out our responsibilities as followers of Christ, united in peace and the bond of charity.

As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit Who unites us is just a simple prayer away every day: Come into my heart, Holy Spirit! Amen!

~ 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 10:30am on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, June 1.

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!

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the regular and special collections, whether through e-giving or in the collection basket! Nevertheless, we are far from meeting our regular expenses. Our Diocesan bills alone account for over 150% of our weekly in-pew collections.

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The goal for our 2024 Campaign is \$76,014 once more. I ask every member of the Parish to consider participating in the 2024 Appeal with a “fair-share gift” of \$125 or more, as your means may allow.

The Appeal helps our senior citizen and youth programs, seminarian and Senior Priests. Your generosity will help both our Parish and our Diocese to serve the spiritual and physical needs of our people.

We have received **80 pledges so far, totaling \$48,639 (64% of our goal)**. Envelopes are available in church, if you haven't received one by mail

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, June 8 at 9am.**

SAINT ISIDORE - MAY 15

St. Isidore, the Farmer, was born in 1070 in Madrid. At a very young age, he became a farmer. He married Maria de la Cabeza who also became a saint. Together, they had a son who died at a very young age.

St. Isidore would attend Mass every morning before going to work. As he worked, he would pray, dedicating himself to a life of work and prayer. He died in 1130 and was canonized in 1622.

He is the patron saint of farmers and rural areas, as well as the patron of Madrid.



*“A mother is clothed with
strength and dignity, laughs
without fear of the future.
When she speaks, her words
are wise and she gives
instructions with kindness.”*

Happy Mother’s Day!

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: St. John Paul II; our Lady of Fatima; priesthood, marriage, and religious life; Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; teenage mental health issues; programs for toddlers and kids as well as videos for the whole family to enjoy together.

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.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

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

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a Blood Drive on **Sunday June 2, 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.

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

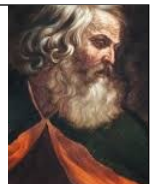
ESTATE PLANNING

Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefit and potentially even a source of income?

If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate, or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone. You can sustain our beloved parish with a planned gift while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family.

For more information, please call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.

SAINT MATTHIAS MAY 14



*Saint Matthias,
God's chosen Apostle,
we pray to you for your
wisdom and guidance.*

*Help us to follow your path of faith and
dedication to Jesus. Inspire us to serve our
neighbor with love and generosity.
Give us the strength to face challenges with
courage and determination, and protect us
from the temptations of anger and jealousy.
May we always reflect your light and goodness,
Amen*