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PENTECOST

SUNDAY

MAY 19, 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 19 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 Ruth O'Hehir
10:00 Giuseppa Taverna//Michael Orsi/
Matthew Connolly/Famiglia
DePaola e Tardugno/Herlinda
Manrique/
NOON The People of the Parish
5:00PM William Schoppner

MON. ~ MAY 20 - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

7:00 Priest Ordination Class of 1995
9:00 Theodore T. Mundy (birth)

TUE. ~ MAY 21 - ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES

7:00 Michael Farrell
9:00 Sean Carthy

WED. ~ MAY 22 - ST. RITA OF CASCIA

7:00 Rita & Jim Minogue
9:00 Linda Maurer

THU. ~ MAY 23 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Cathal Freel
9:00 Robert Russo

FRI. ~ MAY 24 - WEEKDAY

7:00 The Gill Family
9:00 James Cacciatore (anniv)

SAT. ~ MAY 25 - STS. BEDE - GREGORY VII - MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI

9:00 **Collective:** Maurice & Bridie
Condon (anniv) Philomina Karcher
(birth)
5:00 Hank Banker

SUN. ~ MAY 26 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00 Raymond Stern
10:00 Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita
Palmeri/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria
Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino
Catalano/Anna Silaco
NOON Ann & Andrew Jenner
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 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 Bryzgornia, 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, Matthew Young, Anita Lanza,

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:

HALINA PLISNER, MARY RAGO

*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 honor of Benjamin Armato
on the occasion of his 100th Birthday.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Billy & Rita Heilman.



SAINT
RITA
OF CASCIA
MAY 22

TODAY'S READINGS

*Pentecost Sunday
Cycle B - Hymnal # 921*

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1-34
I Corinthians 12:3-13
John 20:19-23

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 3:9-20
Psalm 87:1-7
John 19:25-34

Tuesday: James 4:1-10
Psalm 55:7-23
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday: James 4:13-17
Psalm 49:2-11
Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: James 5:1-6
Psalm 49:14-20
Mark 9:41-50

Friday: James 5:9-12
Psalm 103:1-12
Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: James 5:13-20
Psalm 141:1-8
Mark 10:13-16

Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Psalm 33:4-22
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Come, Holy Spirit! ~

We have come to the end of the Easter Season as we celebrate this solemnity of Pentecost, the “birthday” of the Church. We commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ’s disciples with great power, under the appearance of tongues of flame, turning cringing cowards into bold proclaimers of the Gospel of reconciliation and life in Christ. It may be rather chilly for Pentecost this year, but the warmth of the Spirit is not impeded. Moreover, what He did for the first disciples, He also does for us.

We mark not only an ending but also a new beginning, or rather, a reawakening of what began in us at the time of our baptism as infants. We were baptized through the power of the Holy Spirit into the very life of God as His children and members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. Most of us also were infused further with this Gift at Confirmation. Why have we been given this wondrous, divine Gift?

The Holy Spirit is said to bestow spiritual “gifts” upon those who receive Him: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear (i.e., profound, awe-filled reverence) of the Lord. When we use these gifts properly, we grow in our experience of God’s grace, His presence, in our lives and deepen our relationship with Him. These individual gifts give us the strength and courage to live prudently and to act with righteousness, justice, and holiness. This, in turn, produces proper relationships with God and with one another. Each of us receives the same gifts, but they manifest themselves in each person differently (I Corinthians 12:4-11).

Living according to Christ’s teachings requires us to enter the Mystery of salvation: to die to self and sin, and to live as a new person for God in Christ (Romans 6:8-14). Doing so yields the “fruits” of a grace-filled life in the Spirit. The first nine fruits are found in St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians (5:22-23): charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Church adds another three to these: generosity, modesty, and chastity. The use of all of these strengthens us to live the cardinal virtues of faith, hope, and charity, all drawing us to God.

It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we celebrate the Sacraments, the presence of Christ among us. Besides the one-time celebrations of Baptism and Confirmation, we feel the Spirit’s effects through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. As we read in today’s Gospel account, Christ authorized His disciples to forgive sins. This authority has been passed down from generation to generation through those consecrated by the Holy Spirit to the ordained priesthood as ministers of God’s mercy and compassion. The same goes for the Sacrament of the Eucharist by which Christ continues through His priests to nourish His people and to strengthen us in the unity of His love. Finally, it is the same Spirit Who joins husband and wife in the bonds of holy Matrimony and Who heals in the Sacrament of Anointing.

We should note from today’s readings that the Gift of the Holy Spirit is tied to a call to action, whether it is the Apostles proclaiming the Gospel in Jerusalem, or St. Paul reminding his disciples that each one has a particular role to play as a member of the Body of Christ, or Christ giving His disciples the authority to forgive sins.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us for a purpose, for we have been called and set apart to act, to continue the mission of Christ to bring all of creation to the Father. It requires our cooperation in order to put all of that into effect. We could continue to sit back and wait for some great signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit, like an earthquake or a great gust of wind or tongues of flame resting upon us. How much richer the world around us, our parish, our family life, would be, if we were to trust God, to follow Christ Jesus, and to allow the Holy Spirit to direct our lives now!

He Who already dwells within us is but a prayer away from our taking action: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful; enkindle in them the fire of Thy love! O Lord, send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth! Come, Holy Spirit, come!

~ 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 - whatever your means may allow.

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

We're at **88 pledges so far, totaling \$55,241 (72.7% of our goal)**, with “just” \$20,773 to go. 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.**

PENTECOST

is a Christian holiday that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ and occurs 50 days after Easter.

Pentecost is often referred to as the “birthday of the Church” because it marks the moment when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and empowered them to spread the message of Jesus Christ to the world. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity and guides and inspires Christians in their faith.



THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN
MARY
MOTHER OF
THE CHURCH
MAY 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: the Holy Spirit; our Lady of Fatima; the mission of the family; vocations; 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.

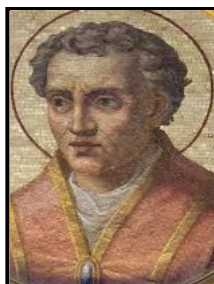
For more information, please call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

Thank you for your support and generosity for our 13th Annual Campaign for *The Bridge to Life*.

You donated \$2,500 in cash and checks as well as seventeen bags of infant and children's clothing.

This was our most successful effort thanks to friends and parishioners.



SAINT
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POPE
MAY 25