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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 26, 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 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/ Giuseppe Gagliano
NOON	Ann & Andrew Jenner
5:00PM	The People of the Parish
MON. ~ MAY 27 - ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY - MEMORIAL DAY	
7:00	~ No Mass ~
9:00	Deceased Members of the US Armed Forces
TUE. ~ MAY 28 - WEEKDAY	
7:00	Alois Kropf
9:00	Marie Gigante
WED. ~ MAY 29 - ST. PAUL VI, POPE	
7:00	Roseann Agosta
9:00	Lina Sciotti
THU. ~ MAY 30 - WEEKDAY	
7:00	Gerald McDonald (anniv)
9:00	Schug & Martinkat Families
FRI. ~ MAY 31 - THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
7:00	Sr. Jean Redigan
9:00	Rita Hayden
SAT. ~ JUNE 1 - ST. JUSTIN	
9:00	Collective: Dcd. Priests Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00	Joseph Ronan
SUN. ~ JUNE 2 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI	
8:00	Adeline Mancuso
10:00	Guido & Anna Carosi
NOON	The People of the Parish
5:00PM	Velma Begy



**THE RECTORY WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY,
MAY 27
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

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, Sr. Pat Mullen,

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:

KATHLEEN ANN PLUT, MICHELE SGROI

*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 Rafael Barrio
at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Don Competello.*



THE VISITATION
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN
MARY
MAY 31

TODAY'S READINGS

*The Most Holy Trinity
Cycle B - Hymnal # 923*

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Psalms 33:4-22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 10:17-27

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 111:1-10
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: I Peter 1:10-16
Psalm 98:1-4
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: I Peter 1:18-25
Psalm 147:12-20
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday: I Peter 2:2-12
Psalm 100:2-5
Mark 10:46-52

Friday: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Isaiah 12:2-6
Luke 1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20-25
Psalm 63:2-6
Mark 11:27-33

Sunday: Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 116:12-18
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-26

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“A Profession of Faith, a Prayer, a Way of Life”

“In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity!” What a profound profession of faith and awesome prayer this is! This belief is central to our faith and our lives as Catholic Christians. Millions of men, women, and even children, to this very day, have died rather than deny this fundamental belief. Furthermore, a person cannot be considered to be a true Christian without this statement about the very essence of God.

Today in particular we celebrate liturgically the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: one God in three divine Persons. It is, perhaps, a strange and confusing idea for us just as it was for the people of ancient times and has been for every generation of believers and non-believers ever since who have pondered over the theology of it.

We are baptized in the Name of and into the life of the Trinity. Catholics and Orthodox begin and end our prayers and offer our blessings with the sign of the Cross and the invocation of the Trinity. We offer the Mass or the Divine Liturgy to the Father, in union with the Son, through the Holy Spirit.

Theologically, God is called a “*comunio personarum*”, i.e., a communion of three distinct Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in eternal relationship with one another, yet only one God, not three, united in a bond of eternal, reciprocal love. The Holy Spirit is that bond, uniting the Father and the Son.

We try to express our belief in words and art (see the icon of the Trinity by St. Andrei Rublev, realizing that the Trinity is Mystery, a truth that we never will grasp fully until we stand before God, see Him face to face, and are united perfectly with Him. At the same time, we are called to accept now in faith that this is the way that God has chosen to reveal Himself to humanity, through the revelation of the eternally begotten Son, incarnate in the Person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All well and good for profound concepts, but we also are affected on a personal level, for the Mystery of the Trinity reveals to us who we are as human beings, created in the image and likeness of God. We have a rational soul with the ability to think and to reason. Most especially, we have the capacity to love. When we relate properly to others through exercising these defining qualities, we image God, Who has created us to share, not only in His divine likeness, but also in His very essence.

In opposition to these qualities that make us truly human and draw us into the truly divine stands the reality of sin, by which we fail to love, refusing to share in the divine nature and, with false pride, attempt to live without it. Refusing to participate in the life of the Trinity through a life of mutual and reciprocal love adversely affects our relationships with one another as well as with God Himself. Simply put, purposely and intentionally living outside the reality of the Trinity is nothing less than diabolical, for Satan himself is divisive in his rejection of God's love.

In short, the Trinity is not so much to be understood as to be experienced. We DO experience the Trinity whenever we love, giving ourselves freely to the other. Love leads us to act rightly with true justice, and true justice leads us to the peace that the world cannot give, which is a sharing in the very life of God. When we live together in love as the Trinity abides in Itself, God abides in us, and we in Him.

We never can be truly alive outside of the reality of the Trinity, Whose very essence is mutual love. Trying to do so leads to fear, hatred, and envy of the other, and to every other attribute that divides and rends our society, whether familial, civil, or religious. We need look no further than the reports of injustice, war, and civil unrest that we find in the media day after day to see what comes of our rejection of participating in the life of the Trinity. Sadly, Satan continues to laugh perversely, as he sees our society being torn apart, the opposite of the way in which we should be living as children of God.

May you and yours be blessed and protected this day and forever in the Name of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit! It's a profession of faith, a prayer, and a way of life.

~ *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 next 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 off to a good start with **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.

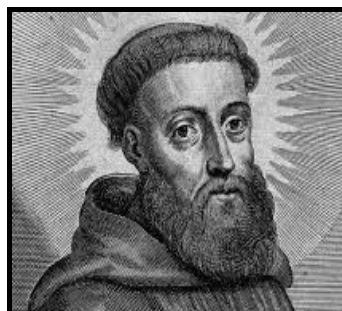
**The next memorial Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday, June 8 at 9am.**

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



Sunday, June 2, is the solemnity of Corpus Christi. We will have a brief period of Eucharistic adoration, followed by a procession with the Sacrament *inside the church*, and concluding with benediction, immediately following the 12 Noon Mass. A brief period of adoration with benediction will conclude the other Masses.

All are encouraged to participate.



**SAINT
AUGUSTINE
OF
CANTERBURY
MAY 27**

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: how to read the Bible; St. Rita of Cascia; the mission of the family; The Chaplet of Divine Mercy; true stewardship; teenage mental health issues; programs for kids and 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 **NEXT Sunday, June 2, 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; 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 VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Celebrated on May 31, the Feast of the Visitation commemorates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. The meeting of these two women was a unique event. Both found themselves pregnant in unusual circumstances - Elizabeth in her old - age, and Mary by the Holy Spirit.

Going beyond the surface, Mary "sees" the work of God in history with the eyes of faith. Her Magnificat remains the truest and most profound interpretation of history. Let us bring the same sentiments of praise and thanksgiving of Mary to the Lord: her faith, hope, and docile abandonment in the hands of Divine Providence.

May we imitate her example of readiness and generosity in the service of our brethren. Indeed, only by accepting God's love and making of our existence a selfless and generous service to our neighbor, can we joyfully lift a song of praise to the Lord.