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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 2, 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. ~ 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

MON. ~ JUNE 3 - ST. CHARLES LWANGA

7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Rev. Salvatore F. D'Anna

TUE. ~ JUNE 4 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Maria Curatolo (birth)
9:00 Alberino DiCenso

WED. ~ JUNE 5 - ST. BONIFACE

7:00 Jimmy & Madeline DiCenso
9:00 O'Sullivan Family

THU. ~ JUNE 6 - ST. NORBERT

7:00 Joseph Sparacio
9:00 Anna & Giovanni Paolilli

FRI. ~ JUNE 7 - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:00 Angela Lenihan
9:00 Joseph & Elisabeth Sustar
9:30 Holy Hour

SAT. ~ JUNE 8 - THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 **Memorial Mass:** Michael & Mary Columbia, Michele Sgroi, Lina Sciotti Calogeria Eletto, Joseph Lombardo, Halina Plisner, Mary Rago, Kathleen Ann Plut,
5:00 Maria & Hermann Kirmaier

SUN. ~ JUNE 9 - TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 John Murphy
10:00 Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio
NOON Andrew & Loretta Campbell
5:00PM The People of the Parish

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.

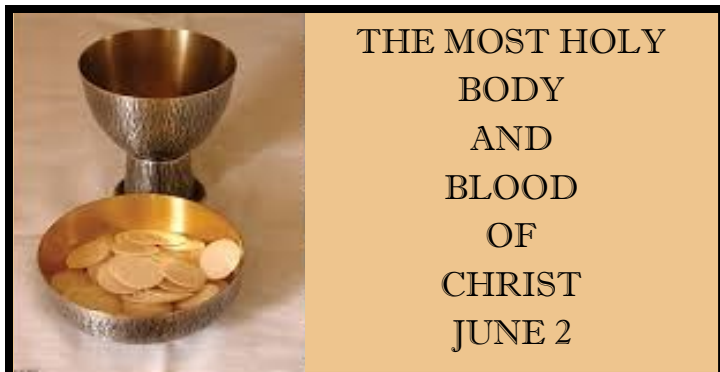
SENIOR CITIZENS - meet the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30am, Parish Center.

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, Charles Biehl, Matthew Young,

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:

DIANE COVERLY

*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 Angela M. Lenihan
at the request of Terry Basedow.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Rev. Salvatore F. D'Anna
at the request of Ben Armato.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Mary Prescott
at the request of St. Margaret Choir.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Cycle B - Hymnal # 926*

Exodus 24:3-8

Psalm 116:12-18

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-26

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

II Peter 1:2-7

Psalm 91:1-16

Mark 12:13-17

Tuesday:

II Peter 3:12-18

Psalm 90:2-16

Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday:

II Timothy 1:1-12

Psalm 123:1-2

Mark 12:28-34

Thursday:

II Timothy 2:8-15

Psalm 25:4-14

Mark 12:28-34

Friday:

Hosea 11:1-9

Isaiah 12:2-6

Ephesians 3:8-19

John 19:31-37

Saturday:

II Timothy 4:1-8

Psalm 71:8-22

Luke 2:41-51

Sunday:

Genesis 3:9-15

Psalm 130:1-8

II Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Adore, Receive, and Live!”

Today Catholics in the USA celebrate yet another central Mystery of the Faith: the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, aka Corpus Christi. It should be a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving for so great a Gift. Sadly, it seems that while we got a bit of a “bump” right after reopening post-COVID, fewer people participate at Mass today than just five years ago.

Nevertheless, there remains hope and prayerful anticipation among many of us clergy that the numbers of Mass attendees eventually will rise, little by little, becoming a more committed, if smaller, Church. There is a constant hunger in the human soul, sometimes expressed openly but more often endured silently and painfully, for the transcendent. The Gift of the Eucharist is what satisfies that desire for Catholic and Orthodox Christians.

More disturbing, however, is that recent surveys indicate that belief by Catholics (even by those who do come to Mass regularly) in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist is abysmally low, even though the Communion lines remain relatively long. One might wonder: What exactly do people think they're receiving? What brings people to commit sacrilege?

About 100 years ago, when told by a friend that the Eucharist is just a symbol, the devout Catholic American novelist Flannery O'Connor is said to have replied, “Well, if it's ‘just a symbol’, then the hell with it!” NO! It is NOT “just a symbol”. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is no mere symbol pointing to a greater reality. As O'Connor firmly believed, it IS the very Reality itself of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in a way unlike any other, instituted by Him for His disciples at the Last Supper as the perpetual Sacrament of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

While other religious leaders may be “present” to their followers through their writings or images, it is only Jesus Christ Who is really, truly, and substantially present to His disciples under the appearance of bread and wine that have been consecrated and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit through the ministry of His ordained priests.

Over time, Christians have defied oppressive authorities and striven to celebrate and to receive the Eucharist, even to the point of dying in the attempt. Priests have risked their lives to celebrate Mass and to administer the Sacrament in homes and catacombs, in forests and caves, on ships, battlefields and hillside “Mass rocks”. Today, we have become cowardly in the face of tyranny and evil, and many people have grown indifferent or complacent toward this essential practice of the Faith.

While there is grace to be found in every truly devout and pious religious act, watching a Mass on TV or streaming media is NOT the same thing as being physically present at Mass in church. Offering up “a prayer of spiritual communion”, regardless of how uplifting and profoundly sincere it might be, is NOT the same thing as receiving Jesus Christ present par excellence in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. In short, there is no suitable substitute.

Ours is a sensate religion, i.e., a religion of taste and touch and smell and hearing. Furthermore, in the Eucharist, we become what we reverently receive in faith: the very Body of Christ present in the world today. While the appearances remain unchanged to our senses, the Reality is transformed, and so are we.

So many people prayed during the pandemic for the day of being able to come to Mass again. That day arrived long ago! If you're not coming to Mass regularly, begin now; if you have been coming, bring someone else with you. In any event, believe that you are receiving the Lord Jesus, Who said, “Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you will not have life within you. Whoever eats My Body and drinks My Blood will have eternal life, and I will raise them on the Last Day.”

Come to the Body of Christ! Adore, receive, and live!

~ *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, July 6.

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 **92 pledges so far, totaling \$56,836 (74.8% of our goal)**, with “just” **\$19,178** 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, July 13 at 9am.**

THE ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY



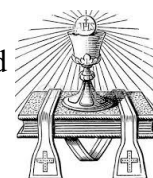
Speech and Hearing Center will be offering **FREE** Speech and hearing screenings, as well as “**Hearing Aid Help**” (if you are experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it), from June 3 through August 1, 2024.

Please call the center at **718-990-6480** to schedule an appointment. The Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing NY.

A FOND FAREWELL!!

On Sunday, June 23, our Pastor, Fr. Armato, will celebrate his last Mass at St. Margaret at 12 Noon. Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall. We hope to see you there to wish Father well.

Father Bob, happy retirement!
May you now enjoy the future God
has in store for you.
Congratulations!



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; suffering in our lives; the mission of the family; Catholic parenting; Jesus and the Eucharist; 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 **TODAY, 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; 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 BONIFACE

was an English Benedictine monk. Born around 675 he played a crucial role in organizing and establishing the Church in Germany.

Pope Gregory III appointed him as the bishop of Mainz, and his efforts to reorganize and regulate the Frankish Church helped shape the Latin Church in Europe.

In 754 he was martyred in Frisia along with 52 others. His remains were returned to Germany, where they rest in a sarcophagus, a site of Christian pilgrimage.

Boniface is venerated as a Saint in the Church. He is known as the "Apostle to the Germans", and is celebrated as a unifier of Europe. Catholics in Germany and throughout the German diaspora still honor him today. His feast day is June 5.

