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**TENTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 9, 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 9 - TENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 John Murphy
10:00 Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/
Elizabeth Mary Huber
NOON Andrew & Loretta Campbell
5:00PM The People of the Parish

MON. ~ JUNE 10 - WEEKDAY
7:00 Grace Liguori
9:00 Anthony F. Coccaro (birth)

TUE. ~ JUNE 11 - ST. BARNABAS
7:00 Sister Eileen Friel
9:00 Alanna Conneely

WED. ~ JUNE 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00 Frances Kelly (birth)
9:00 Phyllis Durante

THU. ~ JUNE 13 - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
7:00 Anthony Raso
9:00 ** Anthony Tavarone
7:30PM Holy Hour

FRI. ~ JUNE 14 - WEEKDAY - FLAG DAY
7:00 Roberta B. Polce
9:00 Jayne Russo

SAT. ~ JUNE 15 - WEEKDAY
9:00 **Collective:** Giacomino Gennari/
Vittorio Grillo/Wilson Zamora
5:00PM The People of the Parish

**SUN. ~ JUNE 16 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME -
FATHER'S DAY**
8:00 Linda Castagna
10:00 Father's Day Triduum/Filippo,
Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/
Calogero Ciaccio/Geraldine Ciaccio/
Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore
Palmeri/Antonino Catalano/Daniele
Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio
Taormina/Salvatore, Rocco,
Concezio e Vincent Faccolari
NOON Anthony Santora
5:00PM Daniel Fitzgerald

**Italian/English



SAINT
ANTHONY
OF
PADUA
JUNE 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 - WILL BE CLOSED in July & August. Will resume in September.

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, 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, Anita Lanza, Sr. Pat Mullen, Charles Biehl, Matthew Young, Wayne Espanet,

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

*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 for the intention of Rev. Robert J. Armato
at the request of Lucille & Charlie Krzewski.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit for the intention of Rev. Robert J. Armato
at the request of Lucille & Charlie Krzewski.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered for the intention of Rev. Robert J. Armato
at the request of Lucille & Charlie Krzewski.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B - Hymnal # 956*

Genesis 3:9-15

Psalm 130:1-8

II Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

I Kings 17:1-6

Psalm 121:1-8

Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday:

Acts 11:21-26; 12:1-3

Psalm 98:1-6

Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:

I Kings 18:20-39

Psalm 16:1-11

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday:

I Kings 18:41-46

Psalm 65:10-13

Matthew 5:20-26

Friday:

I Kings 19:9-16

Psalm 27:7-14

Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday:

I Kings 19:19-21

Psalm 16:1-10

Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:2-16

Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Devil’s Works vs. God’s Grace”

Those of us who are of a certain age may remember the comedian Flip Wilson portraying a character that he called “Geraldine”, a woman of (let us say) questionable repute. Whenever confronted with having committed some sinful behavior or another, “Geraldine” would shirk personal responsibility and respond, “The Devil made me do it,” and we would laugh. Many, if not most, people today seem to be of the same frame of mind, if we even bother to recognize that our behavior has been sinful in the first place. The reality of sin, however, is deadly and no laughing matter.

Prompted by Satan, the sin of Adam and Eve, who were created in the image and likeness of God, was the attempt to displace God in their pride. It appears that things haven’t changed from the time of the Fall. We, too, rather than following God, make the final words of the poem “Invictus” our own: “I am the master of my fate; I am the master of my soul.” Yes, we have responsibilities in life, but we do not have the authority to go against God. False pride thrives, and not only in the month of June.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Jerusalem scribes accused Jesus of performing works, especially in driving out demons, as a minister of Satan. Their reasoning was totally out of whack. Thus Jesus responded with the famous “house divided” analogy, which was used by Abraham Lincoln in an 1858 debate about the future of our country, which, he insisted, could not survive half slave and half free. Our Civil War would bear him out. The charge made by the scribes was more than a personal offense against Jesus. It was an offense against the Holy Spirit: attributing evil acts to the very Font of grace.

We live in a very confused time in a world that is turned upside-down, when evil deeds – like abortion, transgender medications and surgeries, sexual relations outside of marriage, “marriage” other than between one man and one woman, euthanasia, etc. – are promoted as being good, while good measures for the protection of human life, the dignity and responsibilities of the human person created in the image and likeness of God, and the sanctity of a permanent, unifying, faithful, and procreative marriage are disregarded and demeaned as being repressive of “human freedom”.

Sadly, supporters of a moral way of life are deemed to be not simply mad or insane or out of touch, but actually oppressors of those who live contrary to the Divine will and commandments. We may be ignored, or derided as being irrelevant and antiquated, or marginalized by “progressive” legislation or executive decrees, or even jailed by aberrant court rulings.

Christ, speaking to those around Him in today’s Gospel, said that there is a relationship that surpasses even the fundamental bond of blood kinship, i.e., to do the will of His Father, Who wants to share with us His own divine and eternal life as His beloved children by adoption. Our lives as faithful Catholics requires more than sentimentally keeping a Rosary in our pocket or making the Sign of the Cross. We are called to live in the light of the Spirit and to act with the freedom of the children of God to do what is right, good, holy, true, just, and beautiful in His sight.

By God’s design, we are not left to our own devices and limitations. As St. Paul reminded his disciples in Corinth, God granted them and “more and more people” (including us) “grace bestowed in abundance”. Rather than getting discouraged at opposition and our own human setbacks and failings, therefore, we should take heart in the knowledge that we can be renewed each day by this grace and that God has prepared an eternal dwelling for His faithful ones in Heaven. He is merciful and ready to forgive all who turn to Him freely in an attitude of truly contrite repentance.

The Passion and Resurrection of Christ have paid the price of our redemption. We are called to accept this wondrous outpouring of God’s love and to respond by undergoing the radical change of heart that will align us to live more perfectly with Christ through the power of His Spirit working in and through us.

We might be inclined, like wayward “Geraldine”, to attribute our sinful behavior – whether through our thoughts and our words, or the evil that we have done, or the good that we have failed to do – to the works of Satan, but it is far better in the long run to allow the powerful grace of God, which surpasses all understanding, to guide and form us into a newer, truly freer, and more lasting life.

We have received the Spirit of adoption. Therefore, we should live in faith by that Spirit not only in our celebration of the holy days that have passed recently but also in the common yet complex situations of daily life. If we do so, God “will raise us also with Jesus and place us ... in His presence.”

~ 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, especially during vacation months. 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 **96 pledges so far, totaling \$66,061 (86.9% of our goal)**, with “just” **\$9,953** 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.**



BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the recent request for much needed blood donations.

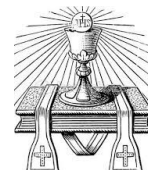
The drive at St. Margaret on Sunday, June 2 was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** We are happy to report that **68 units of blood were collected**, a great testament to the dedication of the members of our community. We commend the New York Blood Center staff for a job well done!

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; Saints Rita of Cascia and Maximilian Kolbe; teenage mental health issues; programs for kids and 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.



FOR EACH CAR, TRUCK OR VAN, RUNNING OR NOT

The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn will give back to our Parish, \$75/\$200 per vehicle.

If you have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call **718-491-2525** or **SVDPAUTO-BROOKLYNQUEENS.ORG**

**IRS TAX DEDUCTION
FREE TOWING
ANY CONDITION**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

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 ANTHONY OF PADUA

Was a Franciscan friar, Doctor (teacher) of the Church, and patron of the poor. Padua and Portugal claim him as their patron saint, and he is invoked for the return of lost property.

Anthony was born into a wealthy family and was raised in the Church. He joined the Augustinian canons in 1210 and probably became a priest. In 1220 he joined the Franciscan Order. On his way to Morocco, he became seriously ill and was forced to return home. Because of his poor health, he was not allowed to pursue his missionary work. Instead, he taught theology at Bologna, Italy and in southern France. He won great admiration as a preacher and was noted for his simple yet profound teaching of the Catholic faith. He died en route to Padua, Italy where he is buried. His feast day is June 13.