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**ELEVENTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 16, 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 16 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FATHER' DAY	
8:00	Linda Castagna
10:00	Father's Day Triduum/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Daniele Bussa/Calogero Ciaccio/Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Salvatore, Rocco Concezio e Vincent Fazzolari/ Antonino Catalano/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina
NOON	Anthony Santora
5:00PM	Daniele Fitzgerald
MON. ~ JUNE 17 - WEEKDAY	
7:00	Father's Day Triduum
9:00	Hank Banker
TUE. ~ JUNE 18 - WEEKDAY	
7:00	Anne Abbruzzese
9:00	Father's Day Triduum
WED. ~ JUNE 19 - ST. ROMUALD	
7:00	Pat & Joe DiChiaro
9:00	Andrew Jenner (anniv)
THU. ~ JUNE 20 - WEEKDAY	
7:00	Josephine & Joe Fitapelli
9:00	Hank Banker
FRI. ~ JUNE 21 - ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA	
7:00	Joe VanSchiak
9:00	Hank Banker
SAT. ~ JUNE 22 - STS. PAULINUS OF NOLA - JOHN FISHER - THOMAS MORE	
9:00	Collective: Angelina Grillo/ Steve, Ivica, Jozo, Zupan and Ivo Vuckovic
5:00PM	
SUN. ~ JUNE 23 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	The People of the Parish
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Anna Silaco/Matthew Connelly
NOON	Lottie Andrzejewski
5:00PM	Ed Blake



“The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he sets, not only for himself, but for his family”

Happy Father's Day

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 Bryzgoria, 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, John Santoro,

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:

Michele Mateo

*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

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Hank Banker
at the request of Mary Pascale.*



SAINT
ALOYSIUS
JUNE 21

TODAY'S READINGS

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B - Hymnal # 959*

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:2-16

II Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Kings 21:1-16
Psalm 5:2-7
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday: I Kings 21:17-29
Psalm 51:3-16
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: II Kings 2:1, 6-14
Psalm 31:20-24
Matthew 6:1-18

Thursday: Sirach 48:1-14
Psalm 97:1-7
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday: II Kings 11:1-20
Psalm 132:11-18
Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday: II Chronicles 24:17-25
Psalm 89:4-34
Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday: Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:23-31
II Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Walk by Faith”

“Faith” is one of the most overworked and overused words in the Christian vocabulary. It can trip off the tongue so casually that we might use it without even thinking. We speak about our parish as a “community of faith”. We call the Creed the “Symbol of Faith”. We are baptized into “the Faith”. St. James tells us that, “faith without works is dead.” And on and on it goes.

Christ spoke to His disciples very often about faith: If they had faith the size of a mustard seed, they could uproot trees and even mountains. He took people to task, including His own disciples, for their lack of faith (“O, ye of little faith!”); He challenged His disciples (“You have faith in God; have faith also in Me.”); He also commended others for demonstrating their faith (“Go; your faith has saved you.”).

St. Justin the Martyr put it rather bluntly in one of his expositions on what it takes to be a Christian and, thereby, able to receive Communion: “No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of Baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.” It is a matter of living the Faith that is received and professed. Talk is cheap. Do our actions match our words, or do we say one thing piously and act quite differently?

You and I claim to be people of faith, but what does this mean? Hopefully, we accept the various articles of the Creed that we profess each Sunday, but there is more to it than that. We are to accept the teachings of the Catholic Church, the “deposit of the Faith” that has been handed down from generation to generation, but, again, there is more to it than that. That “more” is the way that we live as disciples of Christ, entrusting ourselves to His care and acting in accord with His teachings. Simply assenting with the mind is relatively easy; entrusting ourselves to Christ can be an entirely more difficult matter that even might lead us to doubt and separation from God. Yet, it is God Who sows the tiny “mustard seed” of faith in our souls so that we might produce the fruits of a holy life for His Kingdom.

It might help if our lives were peaceful and serene, the road smooth, and the seas calm, but that’s not the way that life is, is it? We know all too well from personal experiences that there are many difficult moments in our lives: problems within families or between friends, personal health issues, employment and financial difficulties, etc. The list is as varied and complex as we are. “These are the times that try men’s souls,” Thomas Paine wrote during some of the darkest days of the American Revolution. Our times are no less dark and no less trying.

St. Paul, writing yet again to his disciples in Corinth in Greece, exhorted them to hold fast to living a Christian lifestyle and reminded them, “We walk by faith, and not by sight.” When we see the storms coming, striking each and every one of us sooner or later, we are to put our faith into gear, entrusting ourselves to the Lord and recognizing that He is always with us just as He has been with countless Christian individuals and the Church in general over the centuries. “Faith” is an encounter with a Person, and, for us, that Person is Jesus Christ for Whom we are to live and in Whom we have become new creations: children of God.

Faith and reason are not contradictory but, rather, support and strengthen one another. The sooner we entrust ourselves to Christ, the more at ease we become in weathering the storms. It takes practice and work on our part to be open to the grace of God and the power of His Holy Spirit. We deepen our relationship with Christ gradually (almost imperceptibly, like the seeds of the Kingdom in today’s Gospel), through prayer, opening our minds to the words of Sacred Scripture, and a proper and frequent reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. It is the work of a lifetime. Walk by faith and see the Kingdom come to 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 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, as 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 **100 pledges so far, totaling \$66,726 (87.8% of our goal)**, with “just” **\$9,288** 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 difficulty caring for or using it) 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

*to Saint Margaret Catholic Academy,
Graduating Class of 2024!*

*We wish you many blessings and success
in your future endeavors.*

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 of June; relics; faith and science; teenage mental health issues; programs for kids and the whole family to enjoy together.

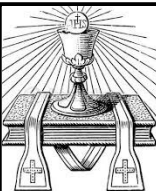
The app can be downloaded very easily to your computer or ROKU and also to your cell phone or iPad so that you can enjoy the presentations wherever you happen to be.

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.



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.

Happy retirement! May you now enjoy the future God has in store for you.
Congratulations!

FATHERS DAY MASSES

Remember to include your father and grandfathers in the Masses for Fathers Day!

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.

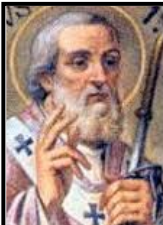
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ESTATE PLANNING

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 PAULINUS OF NOLA

Born near Bordeaux, he was the son of the Roman prefect of Gaul. Paulinus became a distinguished lawyer, holding several public offices in the Roman Empire.

With his Spanish wife, Therasia, he retired at an early age to a life of cultured leisure.

The two were baptized by the saintly bishop of Bordeaux and moved to Spain. After the death of their only son, they began a life of great austerity and charity, giving away most of their Spanish property. Paulinus was unexpectedly ordained a priest at Christmas by the bishop of Barcelona.

He and his wife then moved to Nola, near Naples. He had a great love for St. Felix of Nola, and spent much effort in promoting devotion to this saint. Paulinus' last years were saddened by the invasion of the Huns.

His liturgical feast is celebrated on June 22.