

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

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**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**TWELFTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 23, 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 23 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 The People of the Parish  
10:00 Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/  
Anna Silaco/Matthew Connolly  
NOON Lottie Andrzejewski  
5:00PM Ed Blake
- MON. ~ JUNE 24 - THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
7:00 Joe & Joan Henn  
9:00 Anthony F. Coccaro
- TUE. ~ JUNE 25 - WEEKDAY**  
7:00 Rosemarie Sparacio  
9:00 Salvatore Fischetti (Anniv)
- WED. ~ JUNE 26 - WEEKDAY**  
7:00 Mathias Gramar  
9:00 Angelo Martino
- THU. ~ JUNE 27 - ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA**  
7:00 Dcn. Vincent & Dolores DiBiase  
9:00 Grace Liguori
- FRI. ~ JUNE 28 - ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP**  
7:00 Sr. Jean Redigan  
9:00 Florence Wojciechowski
- SAT. ~ JUNE 29 - STS. PETER AND PAUL**  
9:00 **Collective:** Joan McShea/Int. of  
Domenick Orsano, Jr./  
Joan Meyers  
5:00PM
- SUN. ~ JUNE 30 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 Robert Hawd  
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrochia/  
NOON John Mastranadi  
5:00PM Frank Lackner



SAINT  
CYRIL  
OF  
ALEXANDRIA  
JUNE 27

## 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](http://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 and 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, 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, 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:*

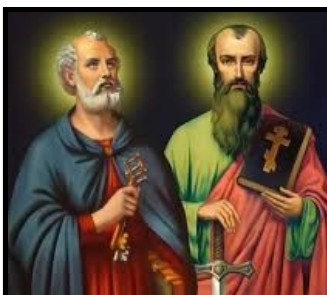
***EDWIN GONZALEZ, ARGENTINA MANFRE***

*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 for the intention of Rev. Robert J. Armato  
at the request of Kristiana Wolfe.*



**SAINTS  
PETER  
AND  
PAUL  
JUNE 29**

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle B - Hymnal # 962*

Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:23-31

II Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 139:1-15

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-80

Tuesday:

II Kings 19:9-36

Psalm 48:2-11

Matthew 7:6-14

Wednesday:

II Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

Psalm 119:33-40

Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday:

II Kings 24:8-17

Psalm 79:1-9

Matthew 7:21-29

Friday:

II Kings 25:1-12

Psalm 137:1-6

Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday:

Acts 12:1-11

Psalm 34:2-9

Timothy 4:6-18

Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday:

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Psalm 30:2-13

II Corinthians 8-15

Mark 5:21-43

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

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

***“The Old Have Passed; New Things Have Come”***

In last week's column, I indicated that Christian faith is not merely an assent of the mind to doctrines and dogmas but, more especially, is a matter of entrusting ourselves to God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, in Whom we have come to new life as members of His Body and children of God. This is the work of a lifetime, with the doctrines and teachings of the Church to assist us.

As we grow in our relationships with the people around us, entrusting ourselves to them more fully over time, so it should be with our relationship with Christ. Uniting ourselves with Him not only helps us along the roads of life when things are going well, but also enables us to get through the tough, difficult, and crazy times that always seem to find us. Sadly, it sometimes takes a matter of desperation before we place ourselves fully into the hands of the Lord.

Such is the case in today's Gospel. In this case, it's a matter of desperation in which the powerless Apostles panic yet trust in Christ's power to save them from the raging waters. Their plea is tied to a determination and a conviction about Christ's ability and His desire to oblige in dire situations. The same Christ desires to heal us and to bring us through our troubles and into the fullness of life.

The first reading today reminds us that God is God and we are not. As developed as our modern science may be, there are times when it does not offer us a suitable explanation for the whys and wherefores of life. There remain great mysteries, many of which we never will comprehend until we stand in the presence of God. They need not be profound, though many powerful and unexplainable healings have occurred at Lourdes or elsewhere. Perhaps we remember the words of Christ to a number of people whom He cured: “Go your way. Your faith has saved you.” It also has been said, “For those who believe, no explanation is necessary; for those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.”

Our lives as people of faith are supposed to be different from those who do not believe. We are new creations in Christ, St. Paul reminded his Corinthian disciples. As such, we are to live by grace, to continue the reconciling mission of the One Who died for all, living not for ourselves but for Him by following His example of self-emptying, sacrificial love. This is not an easy thing to do by any stretch of the imagination. So many saints as well as sinners have struggled with that challenge. The difference between them is that the former have surrendered themselves to the grace of God and allowed the strength of His Holy Spirit to guide and direct them; the latter have rejected His powerful presence.

Sinners though we be, let us embrace Christ and entrust ourselves more fully to His mercy, not just when the tempestuous waters of life threaten to capsize our boats, i.e., our lives, but especially to receive Him with great love and devotion each day, and then to use the power of His presence to live the life of our calling as members of His Body and children of God!

Rather than hearing Christ question us about being terrified people of little faith, let us strive to live each day in His love, even in the darkest of times and most troubling of life's situations. May we hear Him say to us one day, “Your faith has saved you!”

***~ Fr. Armato***

***[Note: These weekly Pastor's columns sprang from my desire to continue to instruct my parishioners during the time of the pandemic, when our churches were shut tight against them. It was my hope that they might serve to strengthen people's faith during stressful times. I now bring these articles to a temporary close as I prepare to retire from administrative responsibilities next week. God willing, I will take to the keyboard again soon, once I have set up my office at home. Please keep me in your prayers and be assured of mine for you and your loved ones.]***

## 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 still at **100 pledges 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.



**SAINT  
IRENÆUS,  
BISHOP  
JUNE 28**

## [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 Bible; suffering in our lives; the mission of the family; Catholic parenting; Jesus and the Eucharist; St. Anthony of Padua; marriage; confession; 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](http://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](http://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.

## 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](mailto: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 NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist spent his adult life preparing the way for Jesus and proclaiming that "the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." He was born to Zachary and Elizabeth, an elderly, married couple. The Angel Gabriel had visited Zachary and told him that his wife would bear a child, even though she was already past the child-bearing age.

Elizabeth was Mary's cousin and Zachary was a priest of the Temple in Jerusalem. As a baby, John recognized Jesus' presence in Mary's womb when Mary visited Elizabeth soon after the Annunciation. Both women were expecting at the same time.

As a young adult, John lived as a hermit in the desert of Judea until about A.D. 27. When he was 30, he began to preach on the bank of the Jordan, calling for repentance and baptizing people in the river waters. When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John recognized Jesus as the Messiah and baptized Him, saying, "It is I who need baptism from you."

John continued to preach after Jesus was baptized, but was imprisoned not long after by Herod Antipas, after he denounced the king's adulterous marriage with Herodias, wife of his half-brother Philip.

John was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias. Many came to know Jesus through John, namely the Apostles Andrew and John. His feast day is June 24.