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**SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 21, 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. ~ JULY 21 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	The People of the Parish
10:00	Caterina Diraimondo
NOON	Hank Banker
5:00PM	Eamon Blake
MON. ~ JULY 22 - ST. MARY MAGDALENE	
7:00	Zina Sisto
9:00	Well being of Fr. Peter Okajima
TUE. ~ JULY 23 - ST. BRIDGET	
7:00	Charles G. Haslach
9:00	Madeline Sepe
WED. ~ JULY 24 - ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF	
7:00	Kay Visconti
9:00	Liz Talfer
THU. ~ JULY 25 - ST. JAMES, APOSTEL	
7:00	Rosemary Hoye
9:00	John D'Amato
FRI. ~ JULY 26 - ST. JOACHIM AND ANNE PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
7:00	Anita Wunsch
9:00	Fred Basedow
SAT. ~ JULY 27 - WEEKDAY	
9:00	Collective: Scott White/
5:00PM	Irene Mary Dell/Gerry Mora
SUN. ~ JULY 28 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Mary Hawd
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Pasqua LaMonica
NOON	Maureen Mara
5:00PM	Angelina Taclay



SAINTS
JOACHIM & ANNE
PARENTS OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY
JULY 26

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 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 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, Richie Sawchuck, Dennis Leane, Camille Birken, Brian Chan, Donna Sawchuck, Patricia Johnston,

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:

ROBERT HOWE

*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 The St. Vincent dePaul Society.*

ALTAR CANDLES

are offered for the intention of Maria Krzewski.



SAINT
MARY
MAGDALENE
JULY 22

TODAY'S READINGS

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B - Hymnal # 974*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Song of Solomon 3:1-4

Psalm 63:2-9

John 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Micah 7:14-20

Psalm 85:2-8

Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jeremiah 1:1-10

Psalm 71:1-17

Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday: II Corinthians 4:7-15

Psalm 126:1-6

Matthew 20:20-28

Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17

Jeremiah 31:10-13

Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday: Jeremiah 7:1-11

Psalm 84:3-11

Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday: II Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

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

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN - JULY 23

The church celebrates the feast day of St. Bridget of Sweden on July 23. Bridget received visions of Christ's suffering many times throughout her life, and went on to found the order of the Most Holy Savior.

Daughter of Birger Persson, the governor and provincial judge of Uppland, and of Ingeborg Bengtsdotter, Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. From the time she was a child, she was greatly devoted to the passion of Jesus.

When she was only ten, it is recorded that she had a vision of Jesus on the cross and heard him say, "Look at me, my daughter." "Who has treated you like this?" cried little Bridget.

Jesus answered, "Those who despise me and refuse my love for them." From that moment on, Bridget tried to stop people from offending Jesus.

When she was 14, Bridget married an 18-year old man named Ulf. Like Bridget, Ulf had set his heart on serving God. They had eight children, of whom one was St. Catherine of Sweden. Bridget and Ulf also served the Swedish court, Bridget as the queen's personal mail. Bridget tried to help King Magnus and Queen Blanche lead better lives, however for the most part, they did not listen to her.

All her life, she had marvelous visions and received special messages from God. In obedience to them, she visited many rulers and important people in the Church. She explained humbly what God expected of them.

After her husband died, Bridget put away her rich clothes and lived as a poor nun. Later, in 1346, she began the order of the Most Holy Savior, also known as Bridgettines. She still kept up her own busy life, traveling about doing good everywhere she went. And through all this activity, Jesus continued to reveal many secrets to her, which she received without a bit of pride.

Shortly before she died, the saint went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. At the shrines there, she had visions of what Jesus had said and done in each place. All St. Bridget's revelations on the sufferings of Jesus were published after her death. St. Bridget died in Rome on July 23, 1373. She was proclaimed a saint by Pope Boniface IX in 1391.

"True wisdom, then, consists in works, not in great talents, which the world admires; for the wise in the world's estimation, are the foolish who set at naught the will of God, and know not how to control their passions."

Saint Bridget of Sweden



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, August 3.

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 **111 pledges so far totaling \$68,396 (88.8% of our goal)**, with “just” **\$7,718 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, August 10 at 9am.

GIFT BEARERS

We have resumed gift bearers of bread, wine and monetary gifts (the collection) at all weekend Masses. If you are interested in participating, please let an usher know 15 minutes before Mass begins.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY**



**Lifting Each Other Up
in Christ**
2024 Mission Appeal

ATTENTION USHERS!!

We request all ushers, existing and potential, to join Fr. Peter for a brief meeting, in the Convent meeting room, at 9:45am on Saturday, July 27.
We look forward to seeing you there.

[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 mystery of the Eucharist; the transforming power of Confession; where do relics come from; the Catholic parent; various saints; marriage; teenage mental health; programs for kids and 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.

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



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 on **Sunday, August 11, 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.



SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE - JULY 25

Apostle James was one of the first of the 12 apostles to be recruited by Jesus while he was fishing on the sea of Galilee with his brother, John. He was called to help spread the gospel and together with Peter, Andrew and John. James formed the inner circle of Jesus, the agony at Gethsemane, and the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus.

After Jesus was put to death and ascended into heaven, his apostles moved far and wide to spread the gospel and James' travels took him to Spain. Unfortunately, his preaching was not received with open arms, and he was arrested in Grenade. He was soon released and took his message to Galicia.

In January 40A.D., James was preaching the gospel on the bank of the Ebro river in Spain. While he was there, Mary the mother of Jesus, appeared to him on a pillar and advised him to return to Jerusalem once the Church had been built. The pillar remains today and is placed at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar in Zaragoza, Spain.

James returned to Jerusalem in 44 A.D. and was taken prisoner upon his arrival under the rule of King Herod Agrippa I. The king put James to death, making him a martyr, and his body was taken by his devotees and was buried at the Santiago de Compostela in Galicia.