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**SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 28, 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 28 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Mary Hawd
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Pasqua LaMonica
NOON	Maureen Mara
5:00PM	Angelina Taclay
MON. ~ JULY 29 - STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS	
7:00	John D'Amato
9:00	Aldona Zukas
TUE. ~ JULY 30 - ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS	
7:00	Pat & Joe DiChiaro
9:00	Regina Gockley
WED. ~ JULY 31 - ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	
7:00	Ralph Kistner
9:00	Eta M. Tierney
THU. ~ AUGUST 1 - ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI	
7:00	Robert Gockley
9:00	Mary Westman
FRI. ~ AUGUST 2 - STS.EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI - PETER JULIAN EYMARA	
7:00	Joseph Cimino
9:00	Madeline Sepe
SAT. ~ AUGUST 3 - WEEKDAY	
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priest of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/ Souls in Purgatory
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00PM	Luis Fernando Rodriguez Gutierrez
SUN. ~ AUGUST 4 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Margaret Roemmelt
10:00	Guido & Anna Carosi/
NOON	The People of the Parish
5:00PM	Rosemarie Sparacio

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - July 28

*Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents with long life,
happiness, and health.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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, Cindy Oginsky, Judy Dumbra,

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:

BRUCE COREY

*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 Anna Braccioforte (birth)
at the request of Caracci, Braccioforte & Musca Families*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Anna Braccioforte (birth)
at the request of Caracci, Braccioforte & Musca Families*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Anna Braccioforte (birth)
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TODAY'S READINGS

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B - Hymnal # 977***

II Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jeremiah 13:1-11
Deuteronomy 32:18-21
John 11:19-27

Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8-13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10-21
Psalm 59:2-18
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5-14
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-24
Psalm 69:15-34
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 78:3-54
Ephesians 4:17-24
John 6:24-35

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

SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

JULY 30

St. Peter was born in the town of Imola, near Bologna, Italy. We know little of his formative years but he was baptized, educated and ordained deacon by Cornelius, bishop of Imola, and was elevated to the Bishopric of Ravenna in 433. He must have made quite an impression to move up the clerical ladder that quickly in the church.

At that time Ravenna was the capital of the Western Roman Empire. Though Christianity had been recognized since 313 by the emperor Constantine, there still remained a great amount of paganism and pagan practices in Peter's day. He made it his mission to root out these vestiges of the past. His piety and zeal won him universal admiration. He shared the confidence of Leo the Great and enjoyed the patronage of the Empress Galla Placidia.

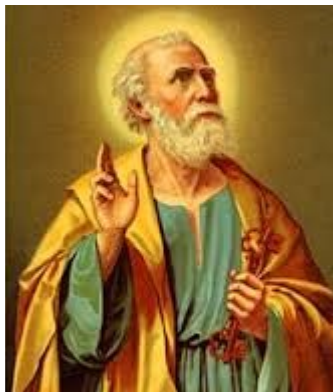
Felix, bishop of Ravenna (707-17), wrote down a collection of 176 of Peter's homilies. They explain biblical texts and are brief and concise. He explained the mystery of the Incarnation, the heresies of Arius and Eutyches, and the Apostles' Creed, and he dedicated a series of homilies to the Blessed Virgin and St. John the Baptist.

Peter's sermons and homilies do not contain great originality of thought. They are, however, full of moral applications, sound in doctrine and historically significant in that they reveal Christian life in fifth-century Ravenna.

Thirteen centuries after his death in Imola, where he had returned at some point, he was declared a doctor of the church by Pope Benedict XIII. A man who had earnestly sought to teach and motivate his own flock was recognized as a teacher of the universal church.

In addition to his zeal in the exercise of his office, Peter Chrysologus was distinguished by a fierce loyalty to the Church, not only in its teaching, but in its authority as well. He looked upon learning not as a mere opportunity but as an obligation for all, both as a development of God-given faculties and as a solid support for the worship of God.

Quite likely, it was St. Peter's attitude toward learning that gave substance to his exhortations. Next to virtue, learning, in his view, was the greatest improvement to the human mind and the support of true religion. Knowledge is neither more nor less a source of pride than physical, administrative, or financial prowess. To be fully human is to expand our knowledge, whether sacred or secular, according to our talent and opportunity.



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 **113 pledges so far, totaling \$68,434 (90.0% of our goal)**, with “just” **\$7,580 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!**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

**THE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED ON
WEDNESDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF
AUGUST, ONLY. WE WILL BE OPEN ON ALL
SATURDAYS FROM 9:00am to 12 Noon.**

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.**

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.



**SAINTS MARTHA,
MARY AND
LAZARUS
JULY 29**

[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 our Lady of Fatima, the Sacraments, Scripture study, videos to keep the kids occupied during Presidents Week, and much more.

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

**THE GIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED
THE MONTH OF AUGUST**



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 ALPHONSES LIGUORI - AUGUST 1

Alphonsus was a successful young lawyer in Naples, Italy. As a result, he became proud and spoiled. He neglected his prayer life, and enjoyed his popularity in society. He made a huge mistake in a legal case and admitted his faulty defense. He was devastated and did not eat for days. He gradually came to realize that he had been counting too much on himself and not enough on God's grace. This made him decide to change his life. He started to pray daily and sought God at every moment. Eventually he came to realize that God wanted him to become a priest.

Soon, he was popular because of his plain and simple preaching at missions around Naples. He also became known as a good confessor who gave valuable advice to the penitents. For him, nothing was as important as our personal relationship with God, our prayer, and the way we live with him.

This brought him to being quite austere with regard to himself. He lived a very simple life, and sold his possessions to feed the poor. He founded the order of the Redemptorists and later was made a bishop. Alphonsus was opposed to rigorism, and told his priests to treat penitents who asked for God's forgiveness, as souls to be saved rather than as criminals to be punished.