

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon, through Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

Confessions: Saturday—1-2 PM in the
Parish Center or by appointment.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mark 4: 26-34

June 13, 2021

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the Parish Office
will be open limited hours during the week

Mon, Tue & Wed 9am to 1pm

Any meeting will be by appointment Only.

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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship As stewards of the Faith, we can help spread the Kingdom of God here on Earth by simply being kind and compassionate to one another.

Sacrificial Giving

Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

	2019	2020	2021	#
Collected at Mass	9,532 ⁷⁴	0	4,621	138
Mailed Envelopes	1,295	7,311	3,055	61
Electronic Donations	2,121	5,659	2,425	36
Total Collection	12,948⁷⁴	\$12,970	\$10,101	235

Mass Attendance	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	100	113	165	113	491
2020		No	Public	Mass	
2019	196	171	223	230	820

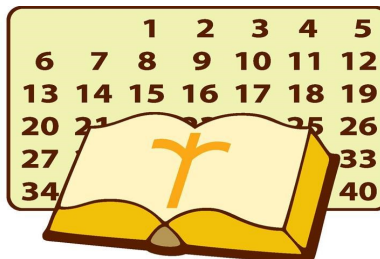
Readings for Next Sunday

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Jb 38: 1, 8-11

Second Reading2 Cor 5: 14-17

Gospel.....Mk 4: 35-41



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries, or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

BAPTISMS: Prospective parents should telephone the Parish Center about three months before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your child's baptism. Health restrictions currently limit the number of babies at each ceremony, held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Some forms, the child's birth certificate and the godparent's "sponsor certificate" are needed (godparents must be Confirmed practicing Catholics) before a date can be finalized.

Please note the change of office hours due to COVID 19 Pandemic.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment—x131.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

Thursday 10 am – 2 pm. Or call for appointment— x119.

Masses for the Week

As We Resume Public Masses, all attending: please observe social distancing

Monday - June 14th

Richard Cremmins

Tuesday - June 15th

William R. Robbie

Wednesday-June 16th

Harry Aretakis

Thursday, - June 17th

Amelia Silvestro

Friday - June 18th

Saturday - June 19th

11^{am} Video Mass

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners
5^{pm}

William Van Cise

Patrick Whelan

Sunday – June 20th

8^{am}

Josette & Joseph Perconti

10^{am}

Father's Day Remembrance

12^{pm}

Precy Damasco Ranis

Ronnie Iadanza

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as



Logan Baar

Marilyn Vacchio

John & Patricia Friscina

Estelle Beauchamp

Lucy & Sarah Behie

Virginia Butler

Eric Cohen

Lorraine Vogel

Laura Durant

Frank Guttilla

Joseph Kiely

Warne Family

Anne Logan

Dominic Percoco

Laura Positano

Patricia Wolk

James Reynolds Jr.

Maryann Manelski

Terri Persina

Alyssa Baisch

Jillian Brown

Robert J. Heege

Kathleen Weiss

Steven Vacchio

June Tamillow

Robert Valletta

Sharon Klyn

Michael C. Liotta

Christine Mc Cusker

Gina Rosenberg

De Santis Family

Natasha Roucoulet

John Reynolds

Marie & Tony Caruana

Veronica Sheridan-Cox

Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri

Christina & Baby Muller

James & Catherine Reynolds

Babies Greyson & Aubrey

Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri

Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note—due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Since Feb. 17, we have journeyed through Lent, celebrated Eastertime, and then had the richness of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and the Body and Blood of Christ on three consecutive Sundays! This Sunday, the church returns to “Sundays of Ordinary Time.” “Ordinary” here does not mean “unimportant.” It means Sundays that come sequentially – 11th Sunday, 12th Sunday, etc. During them, we listen this year to the Gospel of Mark in a sequential order until the end of the Church year in November. Having a normal order is something that we can truly appreciate, given the disruption from Covid-19 for over a year and wondering what the new normal will be.

As we pick up in Mark’s gospel, we are given a parable that is in tune with the summer season underway in the northern hemisphere. Today’s liturgy invites us to pause and appreciate the simple, extraordinary processes of creation. It is the only parable that no other Gospel repeats: the seed which grows on its own. In contrast to suggesting that our goal is to succeed or even to please God, this parable focuses on the divine power that perpetually bursts forth, giving life to the seeds of the kingdom of God.

Mark offered this parable to help his community stand in the midst of chaos and believe that an incomprehensible mystery was germinating out of sight and very near them. Like them, we are invited to grow in trust that the divine dynamic is at play in our environment, accepting that there are moments when we are powerless to do anything more than plant whatever seed we have, then go on, sleeping and rising, night and day, seeking to be faithful to the Lord. ~ Fr. Jim

PANDEMIC PROCEDURES UPDATES

Pew Cleaning. Since the Church reopened last June, parishioners have been very generous and faithful in disinfecting the pews, on Sundays and during the week. This unexpected “ministry” has been a practical sign of caring for our parish family, and greatly appreciated! However, as understanding of this coronavirus has grown and vaccination has become widespread, the Diocese wrote that this ministry is no longer needed. Thank you to all who have been part of it.

Seating. With the number of parishioners coming to Masses growing, the roping in the front center part of the church has been removed. Please be aware of keeping some distance in the pew if needed.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Saturdays ~ 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Due to the need for privacy without using an enclosed room, we are using the Parish Center foyer. A screen divides the foyer between the priest and the penitent. There is no chair or kneeler since we could not disinfect them. You simply come in, stay standing, confess, receive your penance and depart.



In warm weather, the red front door is propped open.
If you see someone in the foyer, do not come up the walkway! Remain on the sidewalk (or in your car) to keep a safe distance.



Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Adriana Joann Malloy, O’Mia Camilla Corridon,
Rebecca Ann Holdridge,
Jackson Thomas Likewise

Welcome to our new Pastor!

Bishop Barres has assigned Monsignor Robert Batule as Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Church. In his more than thirty-five years as a priest, Monsignor Batule has been pastor of Holy Family Church (Hicksville) and Corpus Christi (Mineola). In addition, he has taught in St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers and has held various Diocesan positions.

Please keep Monsignor in your prayers as he prepares to join our parish family on June 23rd.

New Parishioner?

Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____

Faith Formation



Please consult future bulletins or our website regarding fall registration.
Have a Happy and Blessed Summer!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. ~ Amen.

SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5pm Saturday and 8am, 10am and Noon, the Sunday Mass continues to be streamed each weekend. There are two ways to watch it:

First, on our website WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM. Click the "Learn More" link on the "Online Masses and Latest Bulletin" page. It will take you to an info page; click link for "Online Mass." All the Masses since March are available. (In addition to our Mass, there is a link for the masses celebrated each day from St Agnes Cathedral.) **Second**, there is a St. Margaret of Scotland channel on YouTube. Go to the YouTube app, search for St. Margaret of Scotland and look for our logo. (There are other parishes with the same name.) Only the video for the current weekend is available.



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St. Gerard Majella Adult Enrichment Series

Pathways of Grace: The Sacraments

Presented by Father Greg Rammazzisi,

Deacon Frank Dell'Aglio & Deacon John Grebe



Monday Evenings 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall*

(*Zoom Option available)

10 sessions beginning June 21*

Spend some time this summer deepening your knowledge of our Catholic Faith!

June - 21, 28

July - 12, 19, 26

August - 2, 9, 16, 23 30



Registration Form - Complete and Return to the Parish Office

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Please include a donation of \$10 for study guide

I will be attending: *check one* [] in person

[] via Zoom link

Make checks payable to St. Gerard Majella R.C. Church. Please mail or return form to the church office in a sealed envelope marked Sacraments Course.

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Sunday, Jun 13, 2021 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Surprising yields ahead

Many have been glad to shake off the past year with good riddance. We're quick to write off difficult situations as sinkholes of our personal efforts, with nothing to show for our suffering. Every plague, war, and famine of history has caused its multitude of lost lives, endless grief, and economic devastation. Yet Jesus promises us that underneath the soil of human experience, the kingdom of God is always at work, pushing new life and fresh hope into existence. Many are working hard right this moment to promote a new vision for humanity. Commit to the new seed of Kingdom Coming. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34 (92)*. "And through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."

Monday, Jun 14 Make an offering

It is fitting that today is both Flag Day in the United States and World Blood Donor Day. Many have shed their blood for the ideals a flag represents, and while most of us are not called to make the ultimate sacrifice for our country, many of us can make the small sacrifice of donating blood to save the lives of others. In some areas, the blood supply has become low because of fewer blood donations during the pandemic, and blood donation remains essential everywhere. If you are able to donate, or be supportive of someone who can, it will contribute to our much-needed healing in these hurting times. TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365)*. "Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."

Tuesday, Jun 15 With respect to elders

It's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Pope Francis marked the observance last year by describing a shameful and painfully obvious truth: "The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that our societies are not organized well enough to make room for the elderly, with proper respect for their dignity and frailty. When the elderly are not cared for, there is no future for the young." Eighty percent of COVID deaths have been people 65 or older. What does your parish or local community do to support and engage seniors? If programs are not in place, can you help initiate them? TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366)*. "I say this not by way of command, but to test the genuineness of your love by your concern for others."

Wednesday, Jun 16 Be well intentioned

Jesus' admonition to perform good deeds in private and pray alone in our rooms can be difficult to figure out when we belong to a church that calls the community's public gathering for Mass the "source and summit of faith." So here's the deal: Jesus isn't telling us to hide our faith but instead to check out *why* we do what we do. He frowns on giving alms to get attention or making a big public display of our prayer, as if to prove we are closer to God than our neighbor. Instead, we are called to pray, fast, and give alms simply to draw closer to our Lord. In public or private, let's pray with the best of intentions. TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367)*. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites."

Thursday, Jun 17 Time to move beyond temptation

The Lord's Prayer, introduced in today's gospel, is the best-known Christian prayer the world over. Two years ago, a change in the way French Catholics say the prayer made headlines. The new translation avoids "lead us not into temptation" in favor of "do not let us fall into temptation." The point is that God doesn't lead us to sin. Rather, God gives us the strength to resist it, overcome it, learn from it, move beyond it. The next time you pray the great prayer, picture the Creator extending a hand to pull you away from sin into grace and light. TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368)*. "This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven . . .'"

Friday, Jun 18 Get some rest

Saint Augustine of Hippo captures the human condition perfectly when he says in his *Confessions*: "Lord, . . . our heart is restless until it rests in you." Christian prayer practices are designed to protect us from spirit-dulling anxiety and bring us to the peace of Christ. Try meditating on these words from Saint Francis de Sales for starters: "The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreads, and anxious imaginations." TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369)*. "Store up treasures in heaven."

Saturday, Jun 19 MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT A simple practice for inner peace

Romuald was a 10th-century Italian monk and teacher. He started life as a wealthy aristocrat but soon found his life of pursuing comfort and pleasure unsatisfying. He sought refuge in a monastery and discovered peace as a monk. Wishing to help others achieve fulfillment, he founded the Camaldolese Order of monks and established several monasteries, instructing the monks to practice intellectual stillness and interior receptivity in meditation. "Take every opportunity you can to sing the Psalms in your heart," he wrote in his rule, "and to understand them with your mind." Take a moment today and give it a try. TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370)*. "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."



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Pope Francis has declared December 2020 ~ December 2021 as The Year of St. Joseph

Born in 1845, St. Andre Bessette was known as the “Miracle Worker of Montreal” He was instrumental in the construction of the Basilica of St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, Canada and promoted an efficacious love for and devotion to St. Joseph in his practical deeds of daily charity as a doorkeeper. As a doorkeeper at a Holy Cross Catholic school in Montreal, Brother André opened the door to Jesus Christ every time he opened the door physically for the students, families, and Cross-carriers he encountered.

We have a number of Doorkeeper Saints in the history of our Catholic Church that meditated, prayed, contemplated and lived these biblical passages on doors. They include the Jesuit brother St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1532-1617), the Dominican brother St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639), and the simplex Capuchin priest Blessed Solanus Casey (1870-1957) These Doorkeeper Saints who opened the door to Christ and greeted Christ as they listened to and served suffering humanity, encourage us to reflect on the doors in our own lives and how we open them to others. As these Doorkeeper Saints opened physical doors to Catholic schools, monasteries, and residences, they did so with exquisite reverence for the people which the opened door revealed, though the crowds and long lines often led to exhaustion.

Reflect for a moment on the door of the home you grew up in and all the traffic that went in and out of it. Reflect on the door of where you live now. Reflect on your room door or your office door. Reflect, in these Covid-19 times, on the door or portal of the computer you use every day. How do we answer the doors of life? As we open these doors, do we greet Christ and the person representing Christ with warmth, openness, steadfast charity, humility, and magnanimity?

As we answer the doors of life, are we accompanied by St. Joseph and the Holy Family, striving to greet Jesus Christ in every providential dimension of humanity that the Holy Spirit sends to us?

In every door-opening moment, St. André Bessette opened the door to Jesus Christ with the help, assistance, and intercession of his friend St. Joseph.

He sought the intercession of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Guardian of the Holy Family, and model for all husbands, fathers, and family members. St. André sought the intercession of St. Joseph, the Dreamer and Contemplative, and asked St. Joseph to intercede for his prayer life and the prayer lives of those he served.



He sought the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, who teaches us to give Glory to God in the sanctification of every detail of daily work.

St. André sought the intercession of St. Joseph, the Just Man – faith-filled, rock-solid, mature, reliable, constant, hardworking, contemplative, and prayerful, always trusting in God as he faced the most difficult and perplexing situations and curve balls of life.

As we remember and celebrate the stories and vast panorama of spiritual, physical, and emotional healings of which St. André Bessette and St. Joseph together were God’s humble instruments, we “go to Joseph” in the Year of St. Joseph. We ask their intercession to help us pray, deepen our daily charity, and open every door in life to Jesus Christ and the neighbors he sends to us.

Bishop John Barres ~ Condensed from the LI Catholic 2/2021