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FIFTH SUNDAY

IN LENT

MARCH 18, 2018

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN. MARCH 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7:30 Lydia J. Kramer
9:00 Calogero e Salvatore DiMaggio/
Giuseppa e Calogero Caruso/Maria
Ruggeri/
10:30 Fred Basedow
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM Megan Garczynski

MON. MARCH 19 - ST. JOSEPH

7:00 Patricia McKenna
9:00 People of the Parish - English/Italian

TUE. MARCH 20 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Maria D'Amato
9:00 Henry, John & Lillian Rader
9:30 Stations of the Cross - Italian

WED. MARCH 21 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Frank Cesare
9:00 Margaret & Frank Marino
9:30 Stations of the Cross - English

THU. MARCH 22 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Emma Putillo
9:00 Fran Riscica

FRI. MARCH 23 - ST. TURIBIUS

7:00 Antoinette Composto
9:00 Vincenza Mariano/Salvatore Palmeri
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English

SAT. MARCH 24 - BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO

9:00 COLLECTIVE: David J. McConville/
Giacomo & Giuseppina Gennari/John
Laskowski/
3:30PM Confession
5:00PM People of the Parish

SUN. MARCH 25 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30 Eileen Flynn & Geraldine Ward
9:00 Daniele Bussa/Vincenzo, Giuseppe e
Lina Giresi/Filippo e Leonardo Curatolo/
Natale DiGiovanna/Giuseppe Battaglia/
Salvatore Giorlando/Salvatore Fazzolari/
Giuseppe e Carmela Valone/Mariano,
Maria e Victoria Siragusa
10:30 Michael, Catherine, Tom & Rosaleen
Reilly
NOON Phyllis Armato
5:00PM Grazia Macri

PARISH INFORMATION

If you're not registered, please visit the Rectory office, which is open from Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 7:30 pm.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4-4:45 pm or by appointment with a priest.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mondays after the 9am Mass.

MORNING PRAYER daily from Monday through Friday at 8:45 am.

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child.

WEDDINGS MUST be scheduled at least six months in advance by appointment with a priest or a deacon. Please call the rectory office. For marriage preparation information visit www.pre-cana.org.

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Convent meeting room. Call Ann at 718-326-7785.

THE ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Tuesday, at 7 pm in the Church. Tenors and baritones needed!

IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearses on Thursday, from 6-7 pm in the Church. For more info, DnDsingit@aol.com

BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 meets on Tuesdays from 7:15-9 pm in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome, age 10 1/2 & up. Call Mr. Krzewski, 718-894-4099.

CUB PACK #119 meets on Mondays from 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. New members welcome, age 6 to 10-1/2. Call Mr. Krzewski, 718-894-4099.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karen Guarascio, Connie Faccibene, Eileen Hinrichs, Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, John Downer, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Scott White, Baby McKinley Kelleher, Sean Harrison, Justin James Quirke, Parish Wert, Michael Hirst, Elizabeth Ott, Marion Caracciola, Baby Keila Mary Champoli, Brooke and Alexa Renda, The Ferrugio Family, Sandra Slattery, Shirley Chesley, Jim Daniels, Lola Anderson, George McGarry, Michael Mavin, Denis Fink, Marc Pagnozzi, John Vannata, Richard Santangelo, Joseph Simon, James Taylor, James Leung, Dr. Joan Virostko, Alfie Poje, Margaret Cosentino, Ann Pompeo, Gloria Mojica, Larry Dumbra, Bob Marvin, Joseph O'Brien, Katie Bryzgornia, Daniel Fox, Domenica Millitello, Caterina D'Anna, Evelyn Mojica, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Carol Arevalo, Jim O'Driscoll, Victoria Lippolis, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Charles Schaaf, Joseph Russo, Alvaro Andres Gonzalez, Marie Powell,

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.**

**Please pray for our men and women
from our Parish serving in the defense
of our country:**

**Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

*Epecially, Josephine Zino,
Josephine Curcio, John Jacobovics,
Mario Vaccaro, Marie Franzese,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Phyllis Armato at
the request of Ben Armato.*

MEMORIALS

*are available for the
altar candles, sanctuary lamps, and
bread and wine.*

Make arrangements at the Rectory.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

*Please use the envelopes provided on the
radiators in church for your Easter Flower
memorials and donations.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts
(Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Psalm - Create a clean heart in me, O God
(Psalm 51).

Second Reading - Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him
(Hebrews 5:7-9).

Gospel - If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a; Rom 4:13, 16, 18, 22
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:31-42
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47
[15:1-39]

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Please note that we will take up a second collection immediately after the first at all Masses on Palm Sunday, 3/25, and Easter Sunday, 4/1. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the mission of this Parish!

HOLY WEEK **SCHEDULE 2018**

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, confession from 3:30 to 4:30pm

Saturday, Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am (Italian),
10:30am, 12:00 Noon and 5:00pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confession from 7:30 to 9:00am;

3:00 to 5:00pm; and 7:00 to 9:00pm

This is the last chance for confession before Easter

HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00pm

Adoration until 11pm in the Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am

Mid-day Prayer w/Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon

Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

NO 5:00PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am

12:00 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

SIGN-UP FOR ADORATION

After the Mass of the Lord's Supper on
Holy Thursday, March 29th, we will have Adoration
in the Church from 9:30pm to 11:00pm. If you

would like to commit to

keeping vigil and praying for 1/2 hour
during that time, please call the Rectory,

718-326-1911, and leave your name.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2018

WEEKDAYS OF LENT:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of
self-denial are recommended.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY:

These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat, (this
includes chicken). There is a limit of one full meal on
these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain
totally from meat.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION:

After they have received their First Holy Communion,
Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy
Communion at least once a year. This precept should be
fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also
bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year,
but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO

Although Romero had been considered a
conservative before his appointment as Archbishop in
1977, he denounced the regime of dictator Gen. Carlos
Humberto Romero. The Archbishop also refused to
support the right-wing military-civilian junta that
replaced the deposed dictator. Further, his outspoken
defense of the poor, who were powerless victims of
widespread violence, brought readiness to sacrifice his
life for the "redemption and resurrection" of El Salvador.
His unreserved advocacy for human rights made him a
hero to many, and he was nominated for the 1979 Nobel
Prize for Peace by a number of U.S. congressmen and
118 members of the British Parliament. The following
year Romero was assassinated at the hands of an
unknown assailant while saying Mass.

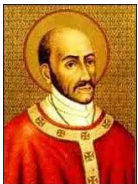
Romero's focus on the Church's "preferential option
for the poor" principle and his call for an end to their
oppression by the regime led some Latin American
Catholic theologians who were associated with the
liberation theology movement to view him favorably. It
is unclear, however, how closely Romero associated with
the movement, which integrated Marxist philosophy with
Catholic social ethics and emphasized the struggle of the
poor for justice. In 2015, 35 years after Romero's death,
Pope Francis I declared him a martyr. Romero was
beatified later that year.

SCHOOL NEWS!

The students in our academy are busy working on many great projects. Our Drama Club will present "Robin Hood and His Merry Men" on Friday, March 23, in the Parish Hall at 7pm. Admission is \$5.00. All welcome.

Registration is ongoing; don't miss your spot in our great school! Call our office (718-326-0922) to schedule a tour. We have many great programs to offer including our newly added **STEM** lab and **Repole Tech Center**. Scholarships are available. Contact us for more information.

Save the Date....Join us for a Night of Mystery, Mayhem and Murder! Friday, June 1, 2018 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$55 includes a buffet dinner and interactive show. Refreshments available for purchase. Dress up like you are attending a wedding.....bring your friends for a night of fun!!!



SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

Together with Rose of Lima, Turibius is the first canonized saint of the New World, serving the Lord in Peru, South America, for 26 years. Born and educated for the law, he became so brilliant a scholar that he was made professor of law at the University of Salamanca and eventually became chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada. He succeeded very well, but he was not a sharp enough lawyer to prevent a surprising sequence of events.

When the Archdiocese of Lima required a new leader, Turibius was chosen to fill the post. He cited all the canons that forbade giving laymen ecclesiastical dignities, but he was overruled. Turibius was ordained priest and bishop and sent to Peru, where he found colonialism at its worst. The Spanish conquerors were guilty of every sort of oppression of the native population.

He began the long and arduous visitation of an immense archdiocese, studying the language, staying two or three days in each place, often with neither bed nor food. Turibius confessed every morning to his chaplain, and celebrated Mass with intense fervor. Among those to whom he gave the Sacrament of Confirmation was the future Saint Rose of Lima, and possibly the future Saint Martin dePorres. After 1590, he had the help of another great missionary, Francis Solanus, now also a saint.

Though very poor, his people were sensitive, dreading to accept public charity from others. Turibius solved the problem by helping them anonymously.



LIVE:

TKA AND JUDY TORRES

Friday, April 20th - doors open at 8pm

St. Margaret Gym

\$50.00 p/p (includes 1 drink)

For tickets call

Katy, 718-326-0922

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal is about to begin, calling for the participation of every family in the Parish to support the needs of the Church in the Diocese of Brooklyn, including here in Middle Village. Our Parish goal has been set at \$69,365, which will help the Diocese to provide social services, assistance to the elderly, assisted living housing for retired priests, youth outreach, and other services. Whatever we raise above our goal will be returned to the Parish to help us address our own local needs, which are various and many.

Previous donors will receive a direct mailing from the Appeal offices; envelopes will be provided in the Church during the registration period for anyone making a first-time donation.

Please consider prayerfully your own level of participation and respond as generously as you can once the Appeal begins. Some can make a large donation; many can give but a little; everyone can give something. We can achieve our goal together!

SAINT MARGARET GIFT SHOP

Open Wednesdays, 12pm - 4pm
Saturdays, 4pm - 5pm and
Sundays, 9am - 1pm

We have a selection of religious goods: Rosaries
- Medals - Gifts - Crucifixes - Statues - Bibles
other 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 us: StMargGiftShop@yahoo.com



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Monday, April 16, 2018

The bus will be in front of the Church and will leave
promptly at 9am. The cost is
\$23.00p/p. For reservations/information call
Betty, 718-326-0198

**ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL WIN
A FREE RIDE ON OUR MAY TRIP**

FAITH DIRECT

Fast. Pray. Give. We invite you to help your parish
save money by enrolling with *Faith Direct*. This
will provide St. Margaret Parish with consistent
support and simplify your giving without the
wasteful envelopes.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our Church code:
NY299.

Thank you for your continued support of our
parish family! May God, Who is never outdone in
generosity, bless you!

~Fr. Armato



THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY

is located at 66-25 79 Place

**The pantry is open on
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10am to 12 Noon.**

The food pantry is now in need of juice,
coffee, tuna, rice, canned fruit and
pasta sauce.

As always, we thank you
for your generosity.

THE 6TH ANNUAL BRIDGE TO LIFE CAMPAIGN

Sponsored by The St. Vincent dePaul Society.

WHEN: now through Good Friday, March 30th.

WHY: To help women in a crisis pregnancy
choose life over abortion.

DONATE: Cash or check written to "Bridge to
Life". Envelopes marked Bridge to Life are on
the radiators in the Church. Put them in the
collection basket or Rectory mailbox.

HELP PROTECT THE UNBORN



WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

On Good Friday, March 30, 2018, Communion
and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross
over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will
congregate for the First Station at St. James
Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10am. After a station on the
Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the
cross to a Third Station at City Hall Park in
Manhattan, and a Fourth Station near Ground Zero.
The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on
Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30pm. At each
station, there will be readings from the Passion, a
meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited.
For more information, please call Communion and
Liberation at **212-337-3580** or visit its website at
www.wocbrooklynbridge.org