

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

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY**

**IN**

**LENT**

**MARCH 22, 2020**

## **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 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
(7:30) Robert Hawd  
(9:00) Daniele Bussa/Giuseppe Valenza/  
Giovanna Ferrara/Mimma Ciaccio/Lina  
Casasanta/Joseph Battaglia/  
(10:30) Michael, Catherine, Tom and  
Rosaleen Reilly  
(NOON) People of the Parish  
(5:00PM) Intention of Francesco Sciortino
- MON. MARCH 23 - ST. TURIBIUS**  
(7:00) Eva Bove`  
(9:00) Albert & Julia Paetzig
- TUE. MARCH 24 - ST. OSCAR ROMERO**  
(7:00) Nancy DiFonte Biggins  
(9:00) Angie Ferzola
- WED. MARCH 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
(7:00) Albert DiCenso  
(9:00) Phyllis Armato
- THU. MARCH 26 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
(7:00) Maryann Salvato  
(9:00) Andrew Jaipaulsingh
- FRI. MARCH 27 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ ABSTINENCE**  
(7:00) Angie Ferzola  
(9:00) Dorothy Haufe
- SAT. MARCH 28 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
(9:00) **Collective:** Giacomino & Giuseppina  
Gennari/Corona virus victims/  
(5:00PM) Marie DeSabato
- SUN. MARCH 29 - FIFTH IN LENT**  
(7:30) Harvey Karcher (BIRTH)  
(9:00) Giuseppe Valenza/Geraldine Ciaccio/Lina  
Casasanta/Philip Curatolo/  
(10:30) John Maunsell  
(NOON) Geraldine Ciaccio  
(5:00PM) People of the Parish

**ALL SCHEDULED MASS  
INTENTIONS WILL BE  
HONORED AND CELEBRATED  
PRIVATELY, BY THE PRIESTS  
OF THE PARISH**

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

**Rectory Office Hours**  
**Monday - Friday - 9 am to Noon, and  
1 pm to 5pm**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday evenings  
5-7pm**  
**Saturday - by appointment**  
**Sunday - closed**

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

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

**THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY** devotion are prayed every morning in the church at 8:30am. **SUSPENDED**

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

**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](http://www.pre-cana.org).

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

**IL CORO ITALIANO** pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana. **SUSPENDED**

**THE YOUTH CHOIR** rehearses on Monday, from 6-7 pm in the Church. For more info, [DnDsingit@aol.com](mailto:DnDsingit@aol.com) **SUSPENDED**

**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. **SUSPENDED**

**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. **SUSPENDED**

**SENIOR CITIZENS** meet every Wednesday at 12 Noon in the Parish Center. **SUSPENDED**

# PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karen Guarascio, Connie Faccibene, Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Scott White, McKinley Kelleher, Sean Harrison, Justin James Quirke, Elizabeth Ott, Mary Harrison, John Murphy, Anne McGinnis, Norma Voyer, Vicky Turato, Julio Pelaez, Maritza Gutierrez, Graciela Mora, Cindy Mulore, Salvatore Tuttolomondo, Gloria Mojica, Gloria Pemaj, Anne Gorian, Allen McConville, Joseph Simon, Jack Marchindiondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pitelli, Marion Caracciola, Giovanni Campo, Edward Stoltzenberg, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Carol Arevalo, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoll, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, Cathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Anthony Pittelli, Josephine Hartnett, Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirichs CP, Hannah Lehman, Daniel Wilson, John Austin Bryzgoria, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney,

***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***

*Especially,  
Hilda Helm, Josephine Filippi  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

### **WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Geraldine Ciaccio at the  
request of Barney & Maria Giudice & Family.*

### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

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



**THE  
ANNUNCIATION  
OF THE LORD  
MARCH 25**

## TODAY'S READINGS

### ***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

1 Sm16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9,  
13-17m 34-38

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

**~On the Corona Virus, Part I~**

By now, you are well aware of the severity of the Corona virus and its impact on our society and throughout the world. Medical experts tell us to brace for an increase in the problem and the spread of the virus; the worst is yet to come.

There are practical, common sense precautions that we should take, like proper hygiene in washing our hands often and well, covering up when we cough or sneeze, minimizing direct physical contact with other people, staying hydrated by drinking water, and avoiding concentrations of people. There are others, which we can find in the newspapers and on TV. Pay careful attention to them.

You also may be aware of steps that have been taken by the Diocese of Brooklyn (though the press lumps us together, we are not part of the Archdiocese of New York) and locally here at St. Margaret's. Among these are the cancelling of all public Masses other than funerals, and the suspension of our obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. Unfortunately, this will apply right through Easter; i.e., we will not celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter publicly. Our parish priests will offer Mass in private to honor all requested Mass intentions. Likewise all communal devotions, including the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary, are cancelled. Furthermore, celebrations of Confirmation and all baptisms and weddings have been postponed indefinitely.

These are particularly painful measures for Catholics as a sacramental people, especially when it comes to deprivation of receiving the Eucharist other than in emergency situations that require the last rites of the Church. They are extreme but necessary measures, taken in cooperation with those of the civil authorities to try to contain the spread of the virus and minimize its damage to all human life. Do we like them? No. Are they temporary and necessary inconveniences? Yes.

There are a number of things that we should NOT do. Among these is to panic, which does no one any good and only serves to increase anxiety and mental stress. Another is to despair. God has not abandoned us; neither is He inflicting some kind of wrathful punishment on the human race. Human choices and actions result in particular consequences; some are good, and some are bad. When we abuse the gift of free will, the result is sin; when we experiment improperly with biology, things can go terribly wrong, resulting in all sorts of biological nightmares.

There also are a number of things that we SHOULD DO. Among these are establishing a daily routine, especially when our usual patterns are disrupted. With the exceptions noted above, stay as close as you can to your usual activities, combining times for work, play, study, and relaxation; stay well nourished and get some fresh air whenever possible, weather permitting. Check on your neighbors, especially the elderly and those who live alone; a phone call may be all that they need to feel that they're still connected and not abandoned.

In terms of our spiritual life, although access to the Sacraments is suspended for the most part, continue to pray, whether it is your favorite devotion, or the Rosary, or reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures, especially the daily readings for Mass (see the listing on page 3 of this bulletin). Also, celebrations of Mass are televised daily on several cable TV channels and on YouTube; watch one piously and offer an act of spiritual communion.

Our parish church will be open daily (6:30AM to 5:00PM Monday to Friday, and 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon on Saturday and Sunday) for those who wish to come and pray privately in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. I'll try to provide more information and suggestions for prayer opportunities in the coming weeks.

Above all, let us pray, pray, pray! It's not *all* we can do, *but it is the best!*

*~Fr. Armato*

**ST. MARGARET**  
**GIFT SHOP**

**IS CLOSED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

**ANNUAL**  
**CATHOLIC APPEAL**

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign is underway. Our goal for this year has been set at just over \$80,000.

With about 650 families registered in the Parish, it comes to an average donation of \$125 per family. That's less than the cost of a daily latte, or one pack of cigarettes, each week. It's certainly not a burden if we ALL pitch in between now and Christmas.

So far, 45 families have pledged \$8,392 toward our goal.

Please think and pray about your response this year so that we may continue to serve the needs of our Parish and our Diocese. Materials have been mailed out to those who participated in last year's campaign; other material will be available in church in the coming weeks.

***MAGGIE'S LITTLE THEATER***  
***The Envelope, Please***



Due to the current public health concerns and suspensions of public events, Maggie's Little Theater has decided it would be prudent to postpone our musical review.

We are hopeful to re-schedule this presentation sometime this Spring.

Thank you, from all at Maggie's Little Theater.  
Please be safe.

**MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS**  
**HAS BEEN SUSPENDED**  
**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**160TH ANNIVERSARY**

Our Parish will be 160 years old this May, the first Mass here having been celebrated on May 20, 1860. We will celebrate with a Mass of thanksgiving **Saturday evening, May 16**, followed by a *jubilee dinner-dance* to benefit both the parish and the Academy. Save the date and plan on celebrating with your fellow parishioners.

A committee is working on the dinner-dance. Details will follow shortly.

**THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY**  
**CLOTHING PICK-UP**

**Sunday, March 29**, from 8:30am to 12 Noon  
The truck will be on 79th Place for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS**  
**AT THE RECTORY DOOR**

**ST. MARGARET SPORTS ASSN.**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL VOLLEYBALL**

for girls 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade  
March 28, April 4 & 18 - 10am to 11:30am.  
To sign up google **St. Margaret Dragons**,  
any questions email [stm\\_volleyball@aol.com](mailto:stm_volleyball@aol.com)

**CORONA VIRUS RESPONSES**

In response to growing concern over the Corona virus, public celebration of Mass except for funerals has been suspended until further notice.

Please also use common sense:

- ~ Stay home, if you do not feel well;
- ~ See your doctor, if symptoms persist;
- ~ Cover your mouth and nose, if you have to cough or sneeze;

Let us pray through the intercession of St. Michael that the disease may spare us, our loved ones, and all people!

## LENTEN REGULATIONS 2020

### WEEKDAYS OF LENT:

There is no obligation to fast except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 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, preferably during the Lenten/Easter Season.

## **ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIPS**

**HAVE BEEN POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### PARISH FINANCES

As you can imagine, our finances are taking a terrible hit with the suspension of Masses: no Mass, no collections, no regular income to the Parish. Neither our bills nor our obligation to pay them, however, has been suspended. For the time being, we'll try to stay afloat by drawing on our limited reserves. Please try to keep up with your contributions whether now or once the emergency has passed. As always, thanks for your generosity!

### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Although our previously intended plans for confessions and organized prayer are suspended because of the current medical emergency, the church will remain open each day for PRIVATE prayer: Monday to Friday from 6:30am to 5pm, and 9am to 12 Noon on Saturday and Sunday.

## **Academy News....**

Congratulations to our Scholarship Award winners of the class of 2020! The students listed below have been awarded \$175,000 in scholarships to the following Catholic High Schools as of February 14, 2020:

*Maggie Meenan - Continuing Catholic Education Grant, \$1,000*  
*Filip Bielecki - St. Francis Prep, \$38,220*  
*Dominic Franco - Cathedral Prep, \$36,000*  
*Bianca Frascino - Moreau Grant to Holy Cross H.S., \$8,000*  
*Amanda Fricke - The Mary Louis Academy, \$14,000*  
*Marguerite Mauceri - St. Francis Prep, \$38,220*  
*Matthew Shalvey - Molloy, \$1,000*  
*Patricia Tyszuk - St. John's Prep, \$10,000*  
*Amber Osoy - Notre Dame, \$14,000*  
*Angelie Paredes - Morris Catholic H.S., \$6,000*

### THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY

is located in the Convent, 66-25 79th Place

**THE PANTRY WILL REMAIN OPEN EVERY  
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY  
FROM 10:00AM TO 12:00 NOON**

Please remember that we are still in need of coffee, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, mayo, tuna, cookies and cooking oil.

For more info. call Terry, **718-326-0188**

Thank you for your generosity!

### *Prayer for Healing*

*Lord* we ask You to lift up those who are facing illness today.

*We* ask You to bring *Healing, Comfort and Peace* to their body, mind and soul.

*We* ask You to calm their fears and let them feel the *Healing* power of your *Love*.