

# **ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

~ MASS BELLS ~

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**FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT  
MARCH 29, 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 29 - FIFTH SUNDAY 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

**MON. MARCH 30 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
(7:00) Carol McDonald (ANNI)  
(9:00) Thomas & Delia Waters

**TUE. MARCH 31 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
(7:00) Thomas Foudy  
(9:00) Marie D'Amato

**WED. APRIL 1 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
(7:00) Vilma DiFonte  
(9:00) Kim Licari

**THU. APRIL 2 - ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA**  
(7:00) Kathleen Waters  
(9:00) John Maunsall

**FRI. APRIL 3 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/  
ABSTINENCE**  
(7:00) Lena Vecchione  
(9:00) Jerzy Siemonczyk

**SAT. APRIL 4 - ST. ISIDORE**  
(9:00) **Collective:** Deceased Priests of the  
Dioceses of Brooklyn & Rockville Centre/  
Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory/  
Corona virus victims/  
(5:00PM) People of the Parish

**SUN. APRIL 5 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**  
(7:30) Mary Howd  
(9:00) Geraldine Ciaccio/Salvatore Fazzolari/  
Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio  
Taormina/Giuseppe Valenza/Stefano,  
Francesca, Calogero, Matilda e Michela  
Marino/Adriana e Andrea Sciuvara/Lina  
Casasanta/  
(10:30) The Flanagan Family  
(NOON) Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer  
(5:00PM) Carl Dokter/Louise Moeller

***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** prattica 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,  
Giuseppe Scibilia, Ernest Smith,  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

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

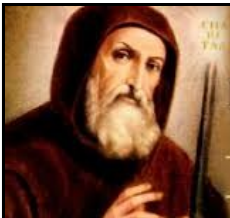
*are offered in memory of Geraldine Ciaccio  
at the request of Maria & Filomena Polce.*

### **ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Geraldine Ciaccio  
at the request of Maria & Filomena Polce.*

### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit in memory of Geraldine Ciaccio  
at the request of Maria & Filomena Polce.*



**ST. FRANCIS  
OF PAOLA  
APRIL 2**

## TODAY'S READINGS

### *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Ez37:12-14  
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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9  
Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21  
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56,  
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9  
Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13  
Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5,6,7  
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28  
Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13  
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11  
Is 50:4-7  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,  
23-24  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26:14-27:66 or  
Mt 27:11-54

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

**~ On the Corona Virus, Part II~  
“The times that try men's souls”**

“These are the times that try men's souls.” Thomas Paine penned these words in December 1776, some of the darkest days of the American Revolution, when it was at the point of collapse. The Continental Army under General Washington had been driven out of New York and across New Jersey. Food supplies were low, as were ammunition and basic necessities like shoes and clothing. Paine went on to describe “the summer soldier and sunshine patriot” who slinked away when things got rough. He also wrote, though, of the true patriots who would stand up for the Cause and rallied many to stay and serve and see the conflict through.

Today, we are engaged in another kind of war, one with an all but invisible enemy that is causing unforeseen casualties among us. Listening to so many political and media personalities who unfortunately seem to delight in the announcement of adverse statistics, fanning the flames of panic and worry, it would seem that the war is lost and that we should just lie down and fade away. Better, though, to turn off the TV and go read a book.

At the same time, so many heroes have arisen in our midst, from the valiant first responders in our neighborhoods to medical personnel and chaplains who remain beside the sick in hospitals, from major industrialists revamping their production lines to the countless unnamed caregivers in our homes cooking and cleaning for the homebound, and neighbors looking in on one another. On the spiritual side, at a time when almost all places of public worship have been closed as a safety precaution, priests still are celebrating Mass in private, social media is being used to televise Masses and other services, and people are being encouraged to pray, and are praying, whether in groups linked only by the internet or as individuals.

There is no telling just how long this medical emergency will last, or how great a toll it will take on us. One thing is certain: it will end, and life will continue, differently for sure, for we all are being changed by this experience, but life will continue, nonetheless.

Our Catholic faith reminds us, too, that for God's faithful people, “Life is changed, not ended”. We are not created to live for a mere 100 years or a thousand times 100 years, but to share all eternity with God. As we draw near to the observance of Holy Week and celebrating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must bear in mind that it's not simply the marking of annual feasts and holy days. It's a reminder of our participation, today and every day, in the great Mystery of God's love for us and of our redemption in Christ. It's a reminder that our sufferings, too, can have redemptive value when joined to those of the Master.

So, do not panic or hoard, but follow the instructions of the civil authorities and stay safe. Continue to pray (you are never alone in prayer) and keep the Faith! This, too, shall pass. Even the flowers and trees blossoming all around Middle Village remind us that, indeed, for all of Creation “life is changed, not ended”.

Until we see one another again, be assured of my prayers for you and yours. Let us keep one another in prayer!

*~Fr. Armato*

**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, 56 families have pledged \$9,927 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.

**E-GIVING IS HERE!**

Have you signed up yet with *Faith Direct* or another e-giving service? It benefits both you and our Parish. Enrollment is friendly, safe, and trouble-free, **AND you can change your intended giving anytime that you wish.**

To sign up go to the icon on our website, **[www.stmargaretmv.com](http://www.stmargaretmv.com)**, and follow the instructions.

**MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS**

**HAS BEEN SUSPENDED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP**

**IS CLOSED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

**THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL  
FOOD PANTRY**

**IS CLOSED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

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

**HAVE BEEN POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

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

**PARISH FINANCES**

As you can imagine, our finances are taking a terrible hit with the suspension of public Masses: no Mass, no collections, no regular income to the Parish. Neither our bills nor our obligation to pay them, however, has been suspended. We'll stay afloat for now, drawing on our limited reserves. **Please try to keep up with your contributions** by either dropping your envelopes in the rectory mail slot or through e-giving like *Faith Direct*. (Go to the icon on our website and follow the instructions to sign up; you can change or drop out later on). As always, thanks for your generosity!



## 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.

**A DISPENSATION FROM THE LAW OF ABSTINENCE FOR THE FRIDAYS OF LENT FOR THIS YEAR, HAS BEEN GRANTED BY BISHOP DiMARZIO.**

### 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.

### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Although the church will remain closed for the duration of the medical emergency, we all are finding ourselves with plenty of time on our hands. Use some of it for prayer, whether the Rosary, or your favorite devotions, or reading and meditating on Scripture.

### CORONA VIRUS RESPONSES

As you know, in response to growing concern over the Corona virus all Masses have been suspended. All scheduled Mass intentions will be honored and celebrated privately, by the priests of the parish. All activities have been suspended in our facilities.

During this trying time please stay inside if you do not feel well, if you have symptoms see your doctor, when venturing out cover your mouth and nose if you have to cough or sneeze.

Take care of yourself, family and your community. Above all, let us pray for the end of this terrible virus.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - 2020

### PALM SUNDAY

**All public celebrations are cancelled.**

### HOLY THURSDAY

**All public celebrations are cancelled.**

### GOOD FRIDAY

**All public celebrations are cancelled.**

### HOLY SATURDAY

**All public celebrations are cancelled.**

### EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

**All public celebrations are cancelled.**

## 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 PRAYER

Most Merciful and Triune God, We come to You in our weakness. We come to You in our fear. We come to You with trust. For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world. We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to our doctors. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus I trust in You, Jesus I trust in You,  
Jesus I trust in You.  
Amen