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~ MASS BELLS ~

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 5, 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.	APRIL 5 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD All public celebrations are cancelled
7:30	Mary Hawd
9:00	Salvatore Fazzolari/Daniele Bussa/ Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/ Giuseppe Valenza/Stefano, Francesca, Calogero, Matilda e Michela Marino/ Adriana e Andrea Sciulara/Geraldine Ciaccio/Lina Casasanta/
10:30	The Flanagan Family
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Carl Dokter/Louise Moeller
MON.	APRIL 6 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Welfare of Lauraine McConville
TUE.	APRIL 7 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7:00	Guido Carosi
9:00	Dorothy Haufe
WED.	APRIL 8 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7:00	Corona virus victims
9:00	Rev. Msgr. Nicholas W. Sivillo
THU.	APRIL 9 - HOLY THURSDAY All public celebrations are cancelled
FRI.	APRIL 10 - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD/FAST All public celebrations are cancelled
SAT.	APRIL 11 - HOLY SATURDAY All public celebrations are cancelled
SUN.	APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD All public celebrations are cancelled

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

PARISH INFORMATION

**Rectory Office Hours
CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

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.

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 **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.**

**Pray for first responders and
medical personnel.**

**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***

*May they rest
in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Joseph Ruggiero
at the request of The Barbaro Family.*



***PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION OF
THE LORD
APRIL 5***

TODAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14, Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Holy Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday:	Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday:	Gn 1:1-2:2 Ps 104:1-14, 24, 35 Gn 22:1-18 Ps 16:5, 8-11 Ex 14:15-15:1, Ex 15:1-18 Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2-13, Is 55:1-11; Ps 19:8, 11 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Mt 28:1-10
Easter Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Mt 28:1-10

From the Pastor's Desk:

~On Joy in the Midst of Suffering~

There's a strange thing about Palm Sunday. The sacred Liturgy begins with us being all excited as we hear the Gospel account of Christ's triumphal entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem, but by the time we walk out the doors of the church an hour later, waving a fistful of palm fronds (sorry, none will be distributed this year), we will have heard the sorrowful account of the Lord's Passion and death. The liturgies for the rest of the week keep us focused on this same Mystery each day as we move towards the Holy Triduum and the Passion account by St. John.

Now, if we were reading or hearing the story for the first time, we might have a tendency to get more than a little depressed. Certainly, our Lady and the Apostles and the other disciples shared that horrible sentiment as the events unfolded around them. Nevertheless, with 20/20 hindsight, we go through the narrative and the liturgies with a sense of hope founded on faith. We DO know the end of the story, and it doesn't take place on Good Friday afternoon. We await in joyful hope the celebration of the Lord's victory in His Resurrection on Easter morning. We do not remember simply the events of two thousand years ago, but the Mystery of God's love for us in Christ. Every day for us is a participation in His great victory of grace over sin, of light over darkness, of hope over despair, and of life over death.

One might say that we, indeed, that the whole world, are in a period of the Passion. We move hour-by-hour and day-by-day in a world that is beset by fear and confusion, dread sickness and death. This is not the springtime that we expected or envisioned when we put away our shovels and winter gear and prepared, perhaps, to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion, graduations and weddings. Good Friday has taken hold; Holy Saturday is somber and sad; the glory of Easter is, perhaps, the last thing on our minds.

Nevertheless, we DO know the story. We DO know about the victory of Christ, and it DOES give us hope to deal with our own sufferings and fears. The pandemic that is upon us is quite serious, and no one should be taking it or our necessary response lightly. At the same time, none of us should be giving in to the despair that is fostered by the seemingly endless briefings of statistics and gloom-and doom reporting by the media and politicians. This suffering, too, shall pass.

We are, as I wrote last week, at war with an almost invisible enemy, and we must do all that we can to defeat it by acting rationally and with determined perseverance. We need to observe the precautions prescribed by the medical and civil authorities. We also must continue to pray, especially the Rosary and to our patron saints, for so many intentions: the end of the pestilence, the safety of our loved ones, the healing of the sick, the repose of the souls of the dead, the comfort of mourners, the strength and courage of our first responders and medical personnel, the insights of clinicians and scientists as they search for preventative measures and remedies, and the wisdom of all of our leaders. Let us pray for one another, too, that we may place our trust in God, Who loves us, Who bears our sufferings, and Who brings us into the fullness of life won for us by Christ.

There is no Easter without the sufferings and cross of Good Friday, but truly Good Friday is succeeded by the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. So it was two thousand years ago, and so it shall be for us.

Although we cannot celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week publicly this year, the priests of our Parish and throughout the world will observe them, and you can pray them in your homes each day, meditating on the readings on page 3 of this bulletin. Until we see one another again (and may that day be soon!), 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, 60 families have pledged \$11,537 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.

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.

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!

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 18th - 10am to 11:30am

To sign up google **St. Margaret Dragons**
any questions email stm_volleyball@aol.com

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,
and follow the instructions.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW!

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

While the church will remain closed on Palm Sunday and all of Holy Week, 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 the Scriptures of the day shown on p. 3 of this bulletin.

Blessed palms will **NOT** be distributed this year. Please decorate your front door or window with a sprig of greenery as a reminder of what we celebrate in prayer.

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.

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.

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.

TEMP BOILER REMOVED

Now that we've passed the point of overnight freezing, there is no need for the temporary boiler that has served us so well this winter, and it is being removed. Thank you for your continued generosity in offsetting the rental and fuel oil expenses!