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**SUNDAY OF
DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 19, 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 19 - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
7:30	Rosanna Maurer
9:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Mimma Ciaccio Lina Casasanta
10:30	Sal Puglese
NOON	Florence & Daniel O'Donnell
5:00PM	Patrick & Mary (Kett) Morrissey
MON.	APRIL 20 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00	Lina Casasanta
9:00	Rose D'Amato
TUE.	APRIL 21 - ST. ANSELM
7:00	Josefa Gramer
9:00	William & Bella (Tollis) Kunz
WED.	APRIL 22 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00	Ida Lento/Maria Falsetta
9:00	Augie DeSimone (ANNI)
THU.	APRIL 23 - STS. GEORGE AND ADALBERT
7:00	Elfriede Sommer
9:00	Angelina Fischetti (BIRTH)
FRI.	APRIL 24 - ST. FIDELIS
7:00	Frank & Maria Schober
9:00	Intention of Allen McConville
SAT.	APRIL 25 - ST. MARK
9:00	Collective: Mary & James Hanrahan/ Tom Cordero/Corona virus victims/ Marie DeSabato
5:00PM	
SUN.	APRIL 26 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30	Adolph Roemmelt
9:00	Antonio Caleca/Nicolo Altesi/Lina Casasanta/Mimma Ciaccio/Maria Curatolo
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Peter Bojcenjuk
5:00PM	Intention of Francesco Sciortino

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

PARISH INFORMATION

**The Rectory Office
IS 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 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 **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 Especially:

*Ernest Smith, Jenny Cerar,
Ulrich Zender, Raymond Stern, Marie
Hamill, Fr. William T. DeBiase, OFM,
Sr. Marcella Purpura, CSJ, Robert Thoering,
Victoria Friscioni, Lovro Pehar,
Marianna Chiarenza, Herbert Konig,
Vincent Ciuffo, Gloria Moschitta,
Marie Schmenwitz*

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Lina Casasanta
at the request of Phyllis Claussen.*



***DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY
APRIL 19***

TODAY'S READINGS

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31
Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-9
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14
Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Jesus Christ, the Divine Mercy of God ~

This Sunday is the Octave, or Second Sunday, of Easter. It also is celebrated, by instruction of our late Holy Father, Pope St. John Paul II, as Divine Mercy Sunday, from the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish mystic nun who died just before WWII. She had numerous vision of Christ during the 1920s and 1930s.

In one such vision, He appeared to her with two beams of light streaming from His heart: one white and one red, representing the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. He ordered her to have a painting made of this vision. It is the basis of images that are venerated in most churches and many homes today.

Many Catholics have a deep devotion to “the Divine Mercy” and offer the Chaplet prayers, for which an ordinary set of Rosary beads can be used. We pray the Chaplet here at St. Margaret’s Monday through Saturday, before the 9:00AM Mass. Whether or not we pray the Chaplet, we certainly avail ourselves of God’s mercy whenever we go to confession and receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Moreover, we celebrate this great gift every time we gather to celebrate and partake of the holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

What, then, is “the Divine Mercy”? First of all, “it” is not a thing, but a Person, the love of God the Father poured out for us in the very Person of His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The cleansing waters of Baptism and the blood Sacrifice of the Eucharist have come forth from Him, both Sacraments bringing us to newness of life in Him and through Him. This is the very life of God the Father, which Christ shares with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

As with most prayers, it becomes quite easy for us simply to rattle on through the Chaplet as we offer the Father “the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of [His] dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,” and plead for His mercy: “For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world!” We are supposed to meditate on the love Christ has for us, to strive to cooperate with His grace for our own conversion of heart, and to bestow upon those who have offended us the mercy that we have received from God for the forgiveness of our own sins and transgressions.

The Chaplet ends with the “Trisagion”, or “Thrice Holy”, an ancient prayer of the Church honoring God that is repeated three times: “Holy God! Holy mighty One! Holy immortal One! Have mercy on us and on the whole world! (The same prayer is used in the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday.)

Today, as we find ourselves in the midst of a vile pandemic, we also cry out to God for His mercy, for healing and protection and deliverance from the virus that has taken so many lives and disrupted life for the rest of us. It is good for us to remember at this time the words from the Book of Lamentations:

“I will call this to mind as the reason to have hope:

The favors of the LORD are not exhausted; His mercies are not spent;
they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness.

My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore, I will hope in Him.

Good is the LORD to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.”

This time of testing and suffering also can be a time of profound renewal of our spirit and a rededication of our lives. Let us trust in God’s divine mercy and carry out with hope the teachings of His Son by the grace of the Holy Spirit!

Until we see one another again and are able to celebrate more fully the Sacraments of God’s mercy for us in Christ Jesus, be assured of my prayers and those of the other priests of the Parish 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 \$80,015.

With about 650 families registered in the Parish, it comes to an average donation of \$125 per family. Even in these difficult times, it's certainly not a burden if we ALL pitch in between now and Christmas. **So far, 67 families have pledged \$12,997 toward our goal.**

Please think and pray about your response 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 year the first Mass here having been celebrated on May 20, 1860. Unfortunately, the restrictions placed on us by the civil authorities because of the pandemic prevent us from celebrating public Mass or holding a dinner-dance as we had planned. Both will be rescheduled for later this year

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**

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!

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Contact the Vocation Office, **718-827-2454**

or

email: **vocations@diobrook.org**

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

As the pandemic continues, we also continue to find ourselves with time on our hands. Use some of it for daily prayer: watch the Mass on TV or streamed on the internet by any of the parishes, pray the Rosary or your favorite devotions, or read and meditate on the Scriptures of the day shown on page 3 of this bulletin.

Once we are able to resume public Masses, we will have an opportunity for memorial Masses for those who have died since our quarantine began in March.

Although the church remains closed for now, the priests of the Parish are celebrating Mass privately for all of the requested intentions that we have received, and all of you are remembered in our prayers.

WHAT NEXT?

The pandemic will not last forever, and neither will our isolation. What would you like to see in the Parish - whether spiritual, social, or otherwise - once we are able to gather together again? Drop us a line at:

stmargaretmv@gmail.com

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.

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

Dear Parishioners:

We, the four Sisters who live in St. Margaret's Convent, pray daily for your safety and well-being. It is very difficult for all of us to be so isolated and fearing we may receive or spread the virus. Many of us are also grieving the lost of family members, community members or friends.

We want you, our community of faith, to know that we pray for you daily before the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel.

If you have special intentions that you would like us to pray for you can drop them in our mailbox (66-25 79th Place). We will check our mailbox a few times each day.

During this Easter season may we come to know the Risen Lord in a new and deeper way. May we take His words to heart "do not be afraid and . . . I am with you always." May He strengthen this community of faith and fill us with hope and comfort.

With much love and prayer,
Sr. Bridget, Sr. Claudia,
Sr. James, Sr. Barbara