

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 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 26 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30	Adolph Roemmelt
9:00	Antonio Caleca/Nicolo Altesi/Mimma Ciaccio/Maria Curatolo/Lina Casasanta/People of the Parish
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Peter Bojcenjuk
5:00PM	Intention of Francesco Sciortino
MON.	APRIL 27 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00	Rev. Msgr. John & Henry Maurer
9:00	Rev. Msgr. John H. Maurer
TUE.	APRIL 28 - STS. PETER CHANEL AND LOUIS GRIGNION deMONTFORT
7:00	Corona virus victims
9:00	Angie Ferzola
WED.	APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
7:00	Corona virus victims
9:00	Intention of Alana McConville
THU.	APRIL 30 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00	Corona virus victims
9:00	Dorothy Haufe
FRI.	MAY 1 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER/ FIRST FRIDAY
7:00	Maria DiFonte
9:00	Mary & Joseph Abbott
SAT.	MAY 2 - ST. ATHANASIUS/FIRST SATURDAY
9:00	Collective: Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls In Purgatory
5:00PM	Antoinette Santora
SUN.	MAY 3 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:30	Concetta & John Aversa
9:00	Giuseppe Caiazza/Geraldine Ciaccio/Lina Casasanta/
10:30	Angelina Ferzola
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Howard Buchman

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

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 Marchindondo, 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, John Walter,

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: Marie Hamill,
Vincent Ciuffo, Karen Guarascio,***

***Marianna Chiarenza, Vincenza Fodera,
Marie Schmenwitz, Josephine Fitapelli,***

***May they rest
in Christ's Peace!***

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojceniuk
at the request of Helen Bojceniuk.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojceniuk
at the request of Helen Bojceniuk.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojceniuk
at the request of Helen Bojceniuk.*

TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-11
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20, Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2, Jn 6:52-59 or Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24 Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 1Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ On the Road Again ~

This is the Third Sunday of Easter. (Easter is so important that we celebrate it for fifty days, all the way through Pentecost!) Once again, we are presented with a story about an appearance of the risen Christ.

The events of today's story, although mentioned briefly by St. Mark, are found in full only in the Gospel according to St. Luke, in which we find two dejected disciples walking on Easter morning to the town of Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. We're not told exactly why. Perhaps it was their hometown to which they were returning, their hopes dashed, their world shattered by the events of Good Friday and the despair of Holy Saturday. Perhaps, since St. Luke tells us that they were in deep discussion about recent events, they just needed some quiet time away from the other disciples to try to sort things out.

In any case, Jesus appears out of nowhere and starts to walk and talk with them. For some reason that St. Luke also leaves unexplained, they don't recognize Him, but they engage Him and listen to what He has to say as He explains from the Law and Prophets of Scripture the reason why what had happened had to occur. They listen politely and are anxious to hear more, to the extent that they invite Him to stay and share supper with them, and He agrees. In the intimacy of table fellowship, Jesus takes bread, says the blessing, breaks it, and gives it to them. And then, BINGO!!! The two disciples suddenly recognize Him as the Master, but just as suddenly, He disappears from view. The two rise up and run back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples, who are still hiding in the Upper Room, that they had encountered the Lord, only to be told that these others, too, had experienced Him.

If we take a close look at the story, perhaps we will see something so familiar to us that we haven't quite understood it: we will see the Mass in slow motion. The two disciples initially meet Christ in His explanation of the Scriptures. Little by little, they come to have a better understanding of the whys and wherefores of His mission, especially of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Yet, it is not until they witness Him taking, blessing, breaking, and giving the bread that they come to have a full understanding; that is, they have an experience of the Eucharist in which they recognize the Lord Jesus Christ, alive and risen from the dead.

In a sense you and I are on a journey, and a very sad one these days. So many of our hopes and plans have been dashed to pieces: gatherings, weddings, First Communions, Confirmation, graduations, even the simple celebrations of Sunday Masses and dinners. Many of our family members, friends, and neighbors, present just a short time ago, are no longer among us. The world that we knew seems to have been shattered. It certainly has been changed. There is no going back for us.

There **IS**, however, a way forward for us. That way lies in our faithful following of Jesus Christ, Who has conquered even death and opened the way for us to eternal life. He always is present to us, though we do not perceive Him. How foolish and slow of heart we are not to understand, not to believe! One day soon, we will share the disciples' excitement of encountering the risen Lord in His Word and in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood as we gather together again to celebrate the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, no longer virtually, no longer in hiding, no longer in empty locked churches. For God's faithful ones, life is changed, not ended.

We may never understand fully all the reasons for the whys and wherefores of the events of our lives, and, barring some miraculous appearance, we will not see Christ in the flesh until He calls us home to the House of the Father. Still, let us place our trust in God's love for us, a love from which nothing can separate us.

Until we meet again, be assured of my prayers and those of the other priests of the Parish for you and yours. Stay safe, and keep the Faith!

~Fr. Armato

**ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
APPEAL**

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign is underway. Our goal for this year has been set at just over \$80,015.

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, 69 families have pledged \$13,527 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 May. The first Mass here was celebrated on May 20, 1860. The celebration of the anniversary Mass and dinner-dance have been postponed because of the lockdown.

We will reschedule for sometime later this year. Meanwhile, think of what the Parish means to you. Drop us a note and let us know.

**PARISH
FINANCES**

Please try to keep up with your contributions by dropping your envelopes in the rectory mail slot or through e-giving like *Faith Direct*. Go to the icon on the website and follow the instructions to sign up; or you can go straight to *Faith Direct* website and enter our parish code NY299. You can change or drop out later on, as you wish.

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**

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

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!

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 had received, and all of you are remembered in our prayers.

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

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.

ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK

For each car, truck, or van running our not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle.

If you, a family member, or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call **718-491-2525** or
SVDPAULTO-BROOKLYNQUEENS.ORG

**IRS TAX DEDUCTION
FREE TOWING
ANY CONDITION
Thank you for your participation!**

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.