

# **ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
MAY 3, 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**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>MAY 3 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY</b>
7:30	Concetta & John Averna
9:00	Giuseppe Caiazza/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Lina Casasanta/ Angelina Ferzola
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Howard Buchman
5:00PM	
<b>MON.</b>	<b>MAY 4 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Geraldine & John Ward
9:00	Patricia Dundas
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Gloria Prima
9:00	Intention of Dominick Donna Orsano
<b>WED.</b>	<b>MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Rose Stalzer
9:00	Edward & Madeline Korth
<b>THU.</b>	<b>MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Steven Dominic Belviso
9:00	Elia & Maria Prantil
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>MAY 8 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Emma Putillo
9:00	Rev. Joseph O'Donnell, C.M. (BIRTH)
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>MAY 9 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Deceased Priests of the Dioceses of Brooklyn & Rockville Centre/ Pat O'Brien/Angelina Grillo/Giuseppina Gennari/ Antoinette Santora
5:00PM	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>MAY 10 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ MOTHER'S DAY</b>
7:30	Anna Nick and Stalzer Families
9:00	In honore per la Madonna di Fatima e DiBenedetto e Baretta famiglia/Francesca, Giuseppe e Salvatore Casabianca/Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina Margaret M. Forte
10:30	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	

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

## **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](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

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, 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***

*May they rest  
in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

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

*are offered in memory of Angelina Ferzola  
at the request of St. Margaret Seniors.*

### **ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Angelina Ferzola  
at the request of St. Margaret Seniors.*

### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit in memory of Angelina Ferzola  
at the request of St. Margaret Seniors.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

Acts 2:14A, 36-41  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-6  
1 Pt 2:20b-25  
Jn 10:1-10

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3 Ps 43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3,4-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Act 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11ab Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd,4 Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

**~On the Good Shepherd, the Gate, and our Lady ~**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally has been observed as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. The Gospel themes for today’s feast change a bit, and today we read about Jesus referring to Himself not as the shepherd of the sheep but as the gate through which they must pass in order to enter the sheepfold. He’s using an image to state that there is no salvation, no way into Heaven, except through Himself: no good works, no prayers, no philosophies, no teachings, no Torah, no Prophets can get us there without Him. He is the only Way into eternal life.

We’re not too familiar with sheep and shepherds here in Middle Village, where the last sheep grazing in a neighborhood field probably went to the dinner table around the time that I was born many years ago. Nor are we familiar with the ways of sheep, how they will follow only the shepherd whom they recognize, nor with the ways of shepherds, who will risk personal danger in order to protect, shelter, and nourish their sheep. The latter describes Christ. The former should describe us, who, despite the distractions and allurements and dangers around us, should keep our eyes and ears fixed on the Good Shepherd, Who has come that we “might have life and have it in abundance.”

In the trials and tribulations of ordinary life, no less in those of this current fearful period of rampant disease, death, and stay-in-place orders, we should turn to the Good Shepherd for His protection. This also goes for priests, who are called to image the Good Shepherd, Who gave His life for His sheep.

There is a petition in the *Liturgy of the Hours* which asks the Lord, basically, “Do not let Your people be without their shepherds; do not let Your shepherds be without a flock.” That’s become heartbreakingly difficult for us to achieve, what with everyone under lockdown and we shepherds finding ourselves under the same restrictions as our people. Still we serve as best we can, whenever we can, whether attending to the sick in hospitals, or burying the dead and comforting the mourners, or celebrating Mass and praying privately for you, our people. Pope Francis has said, “The shepherd should smell of the sheep.” Pope St. Paul VI said, “When it rains on the sheep, the shepherd should get wet.” Both are making the same point: that priests are to be bonded to their people by humble, sacrificial love. As we pray for you, so pray for us and for those who are called come after us in service to the People of God, that we may carry out the mission that has been entrusted to us as good and faithful shepherds in the manner of the Good Shepherd Himself.

This past Friday, the USA (along with Canada) was reconsecrated to our Blessed Mother under the title “Mother of the Church”. She already has been our national patroness under the title of the Immaculate Conception since before our Parish existed. She is also the patroness of our Diocese and seminaries under this latter title, and Our Lady of Guadalupe is patroness of the entire Western Hemisphere as “Empress of the Americas.” Still, it never hurts to honor our Lady or to seek her motherly intercession, and protection. So, the bishops of both countries have taken the first day of May, the month of Mary, to call upon her once more and to place both countries under her tender care in a time of great need.

How wonderful that our Good Shepherd gave us, through His Beloved Disciple, His own Mother to be ours, as well! As children of such a Mother, let us call upon her often in our needs and in our joys each day, beginning with the morning *Angelus* or *Regina Caeli*, in the Rosary and the Litany of Loreto, and so many other times, to draw us close to our blessed Lord through His beloved Mother.

Until we meet again, be assured of my prayers and those of the other priests of the Parish for you and yours. Be assured, too, of the assistance and protection of Christ the Good Shepherd and our Lady. 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 \$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, 72 families have pledged \$13,822 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 month. 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.

## 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 our website and follow the instructions to sign up; or you can go straight to the ***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**

## 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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW!**

## BUILDING OUR DATA BASE

We have names, street addresses, and phone numbers, but very few email addresses on record. Help us to build up our database of email addresses so that we can communicate better, especially during this medical emergency. Just email us at:

**[stmargaretmv@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretmv@gmail.com)**

Include your first and last name and a brief note to let us know how you're doing. Share with us what you would like to see in the parish - whether spiritual, social, or otherwise - once we are able to gather together again.

## **SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

As the pandemic continues, we also continue to find ourselves with time on our hands. Use some if 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.

### **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.*

### **ON THIS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office, **718-827-2454** or email: **vocations@diobrook.org**

## **PRAYER FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

*Ezekiel 34:14-16*

Lord, You are the Good Shepherd. Your Word says that You feed me in good pasture, in a fold in the high mountains of Israel! To me this means that You will bring me to good places in life; to the best places to feed on spiritually and emotionally!

Lord, I am assured that You will feed me and make me lie down; it is in You that I find rest.

You seek what is lost and bring back what was driven away; bind up the broken and strengthen the sick!

Thank You Lord, Amen.

### **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.

