

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
MAY 10, 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

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| SUN. | MAY 10 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ MOTHER'S DAY |
| 7:30 | Anna Nick and Stalzer Families |
| 9:00 | In honore per la Madonna di Fatima e DiBenedetto e Baretta e famiglie/ Francesca, Giuseppe, e Salvatore Casabianca/Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Geraldine Ciaccio/Philip, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo Mothers Day Triduum |
| 10:30 | Margaret M. Forte |
| NOON | Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer |
| 5:00PM | People of the Parish |
| MON. | MAY 11 - EASTER WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | William T. & Carolyn Collins & Family |
| 9:00 | Mother's Day Triduum |
| TUE. | MAY 12 - STS. NEREUS, ACHILLEUS, AND PANCRAS |
| 7:00 | Mother's Day Triduum |
| 9:00 | Robert and Marion Hartmann |
| WED. | MAY 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA |
| 7:00 | Ida Lento, Maria Falsetta |
| 9:00 | Paulina Kania |
| THU. | MAY 14 - ST. MATTHIAS |
| 7:00 | Corona virus victims |
| 9:00 | Robert Bender |
| FRI. | MAY 15 - ST. ISIDORE |
| 7:00 | Corona virus victims |
| 9:00 | Intention of Dominick Orsano (BIRTH) |
| SAT. | MAY 16 - EASTER WEEKDAY |
| 9:00 | Collective: William Schoppner |
| 5:00PM | People of the Parish |
| SUN. | MAY 17 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ |
| 7:30 | Margaret Roemmelt |
| 9:00 | Maria Santissima dell'udienza/Salvatore e Anna Armato/Giorgio e Concetta Giudice/ Antonino Cicio/Gaspere LaManno/Gaspere Tamburello/Filippo Verde/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Judith Conte (ANNI) |
| 10:30 | People of the Parish |
| NOON | Augusta Mundy (ANNI) |
| 5:00PM | |

***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

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 Pittelli, 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: John P. Curran,
Rose Esposito, Michael Aptacy,
Maria Martello, Anna Polenz,
Maria Barruzzo, Anita Cacioppo,
Assunta Guarnaccia,***

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Lou Morello
at the request of Linda Makowski.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Anna Carosi.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Herta Kapp Caravello
at the request of her parents.*

TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a |
| Wednesday: | Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8 |
| Thursday: | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17 |
| Friday: | Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17 |
| Saturday: | Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100 1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21 |
| Sunday: | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20, 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21 |

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Service to the Church ~

The Fifth Sunday of Easter finds the Lord about to take His leave. We also are introduced to some new Bible characters about whom we know very little except for St. Stephen, although St. Philip does get a second cameo appearance. Tradition holds that these are the first deacons of the Church at Jerusalem, chosen to answer the needs of ethnically Greek, non-Jewish Christians, who felt that they were being treated like second-class disciples. Initially, these seven men were charged with attending to the material needs of the community, freeing up the Apostles to concentrate on praying, preaching, baptizing, and celebrating the Eucharist.

When a man is ordained to the diaconate today, he receives “the title of service to the Church.” Our deacons, whether transitional (i.e., on the way to ordination to the priesthood) or permanent, still serve the community’s needs like visiting the homebound and bringing them Communion, or aiding the poor, but they also participate in assisting the priest in the celebration of Mass and, in their own right, sometimes administer Baptism and officiate at weddings.

Whether ordained or not, every Christian is called to the service of the Church, to use whatever gifts and talents we have received for building up the Mystical Body of Christ, thereby aiding in the proclamation and promotion of the Gospel. That is as true today as it was from the start, twenty centuries ago. We are to work, as Jesus told His Apostles the night of the Last Supper: “whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these because I am going to the Father.” True discipleship means that we all participate as best we can, depending on our station and the situations of our life. Faith in Christ requires action on our part. Complacency has no place here. Catholicism is not a spectator sport; it requires that we express our faith actively by the ways that we carry out Christ’s commandments to lead lives of holiness and charity.

Even under our current lockdown situation and “social distancing”, we can serve Christ in serving one another: phoning the lonely and homebound, homeschooling our children in the Faith as well as in their academic subjects, caring for the sick and afraid, and praying for so many intentions, to name but a few ways.

We often draw inspiration to serve from the saints whom we admire and love. We can draw our inspiration from those whom we have known in our own lives, too, especially our mothers, who serve us with tender love. This Sunday is Mothers Day, a formal observance by which we show our love and gratitude for our mothers. We often demonstrate this by giving Mom a gift, or taking her out for dinner, or at least relieving her of the responsibility of cooking for one day out of the year. This year may be a bit strange for some, as many mothers and their children are cut off from being together by stay-in-place lockdowns. For others of us, the separation is even sharper, as the Lord, Who has gone to prepare a place for them and for us, has taken our mothers to Himself in the House of the Father.

Whether our mother is alive or deceased, one thing that we always can and should do is to pray for them, that God may bless and strengthen the living and grant eternal peace to those who have died. When I was a child, this was done through “spiritual bouquets”: so many holy Communion, Masses, Rosaries, and other prayers that we offered for them. It’s still a good idea, and one in which we all can participate, whether young or old. Prayer, sacrifice, and acts of loving service never go out of style. One way or another, show your Mom that you love her. One way or another, show Christ that you love Him, too.

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 our Blessed Lord and the Virgin Mary, our Mother. 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, 85 families have pledged \$19,367 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. Meanwhile, think of what the Parish means to you. Drop us a note and let us know.

PARISH FINANCES

The needs of your family must take precedence during this difficult time. Still, your contributions to the Parish are what enable us to be here to provide the ministries that you require of the Church. The Parish cannot continue to exist without your help.

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**

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

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.

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.

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 parish, (we're working now on streaming Masses from here), 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.

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!

“Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these.”

Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?
If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocations Office **718-827-2454** or email vocations@diobrook.org

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!**

