

# **ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
MAY 17, 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> 7:30 9:00	<b>MAY 17 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Margaret Roemmelt Maria Santissima dell udienza/Salvatore e Anna Armato/Giorgio e Concetta Giudice/Antonino Cicio/Gaspare LaManno/Gaspare Tamburello/Filippo Verde/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Judith Conte (ANNI)
10:30 NOON 5:00PM	People of the Parish Augusta Mundy (ANNI)
<b>MON.</b> 7:00 9:00	<b>MAY 18 - SAINT JOHN</b> Rose D'Amato Joseph & Elizabeth Sustar
<b>TUE.</b> 7:00 9:00	<b>MAY 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b> Ruth O'Hehir Theodore Mundy, Sr. (BIRTH)
<b>WED.</b> 7:00 9:00 7:30PM	<b>MAY 20 - ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA</b> Corona virus victims Ordination Class of 1995 People of the Parish
<b>THU.</b> 7:00 9:00 7:30PM	<b>MAY 21 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> Corona virus victims Mary & Peter Parlak Corona virus victims
<b>FRI.</b> 7:00 9:00	<b>MAY 22 - ST. RITA OF CASCIA</b> Rita & Jim Minogue Joseph Palakal, Sr.
<b>SAT.</b> 9:00 5:00PM	<b>MAY 23 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b> <b>Collective:</b> Anna Nick/Rose Stalzer/ Mike VanAken (BIRTH)/ Margaret Maloney (BIRTH)
<b>SUN.</b> 7:30 9:00 10:30 NOON 5:00PM	<b>MAY 24 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> People of the Parish Geraldine Ciaccio Patricia & Allen Gill Severio, Teresa & Felicetta LaManna Kenneth W. Smith

***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](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,

*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**  
*John Walter,*

*May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

### ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Augusta & Theodore  
Mundy at the request of their daughter,  
Barbara Mundy.*



**THE  
ASCENSION  
OF THE LORD  
MAY 21**

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20  
1 Pt 3:15-18  
Jn 14:15-21

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15  
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b  
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3  
7c-8  
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1  
Ps 148:1-2, 11-14  
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18  
Ps 47:2-7  
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28  
Ps 47:2-3, 8-10  
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9  
Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20

## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

### **~ It's Not What We Had in Mind ~**

There are three commemorations coming up this week, though not the way we had in mind. The first is a celebration of the whole Church: The Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday, keeping the ancient tradition of celebrating forty days after Easter. While the turnout is usually low for this holy day of obligation (dispensed with this year), Masses were added to accommodate usually busy workday schedules. They will be celebrated, but without congregations participating, except virtually and spiritually. It's not what we had in mind.

The second commemoration is a Parish observance of the 160th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated here in Middle Village on May 20, 1860. We were going to have a special Mass this Saturday, May 16, followed by a gala dinner-dance. The Mass will be celebrated quietly, without a congregation, and the social will have to take place later on. It's not what we had in mind.

The third is a more personal commemoration for me: the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, on May 20, 1995. I had planned for a low-key celebration, and then to go on pilgrimage to Rome in the summer, but those plans, too, are now on hold. It's not what I had in mind.

The Scriptures for this week also present a few kinks to what people had in mind. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn about the conversion of a number of hated Gentiles in the territory of Samaria, between Jewish Judea and Galilee. Salvation was to come from and to the Jews (Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and the first disciples were all Jews, remember?), in fulfillment of promises that God had made to their ancestors for hundreds of years, and was thought to apply only to the blood descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Suddenly, it also applied to Gentiles. Surprise! The boundless love of God is granted through the Holy Spirit to all people who accept His Word. A new family of faith in Christ has been created. All who believe in Him and keep His commandments have become heirs to the promises, fulfilled in Him not in mere physical terms but in terms of sharing in the eternal life of God Himself. This, St. Peter tells us, is to be the reason for our hope. God has made good on His promises in a way that people did not have in mind.

The Apostles also got their ideas tweaked in today's Gospel (the event actually taking place on Holy Thursday night). They had thought that Christ would establish an earthly kingdom, far grander than but along the lines of that of King David and his son Solomon. Now He speaks to them about leaving them, though not leaving them orphans, and sending them the Spirit of His Father in order to be with them always. It's not what they had in mind. In fact, it downright confused them. It would take the descent of the Holy Spirit for them to understand that He has not abandoned them, that He is always with His disciples, His Church, who would be joined to Him and to the Father in an unbreakable bond, of Their Spirit.

As I write this article, we're in week ten of what was supposed to be a two-week shutdown, later extended "just until we flatten the curve", and now seemingly without end. The list of precautions, conditions, rules, and regulations has lengthened with the list of the sick and the dead, and we wonder if we ever will "get back to normal." This is not what we had in mind. Even if we ourselves have been spared from suffering the disease itself, many, if not all of us, have lost loved one, relatives, friends, or neighbors in these past weeks. The world is changed, and not for the better, right down to the details and activities of our own everyday lives. Death, discouragement, depression, darkness, and despair prey all too easily upon the minds of all of us.

In the face of this, we might forget that Christ suffered for us, the righteous One for the sake of sinners, and, having been put to death, He conquered death and was brought to life again in the Spirit. This is the same Spirit granted to the early disciples, and Whom we received in Baptism, the Spirit Who brings us to newness of life in Christ. Because He has triumphed over death, we have the possibility of eternal life. We are not bound to the few years of earthly existence. This explains the reason for our hope, for which we always should be prepared to give answer.

Plans are changed, but there will be new ones to take their places. Celebrations have been postponed, but they will be held, perhaps more low-key than we'd intended, but held, nonetheless. Trips, graduations, receptions of Sacraments, and parties have been put on hold, but they all will be observed in God's good time.

Indeed, Christ has not abandoned us. He has not left us orphans. Instead, He has joined us to Himself and to the Father by the same bond that unites them in the Mystery of the Holy Trinity. In Him we live and move and have our being. Some day, we will realize that Christ is in the Father and we are in Him, and He is in us. Truly, it's not what we had in mind. It's better than we ever could have imagined!

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, 92 families have pledged \$22,092 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.

## **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 data base 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.

## **160TH ANNIVERSARY**

Well, the celebrations of a special Mass and dinner-dance are on hold indefinitely because of the lockdown. There still is reason for us to celebrate this week, though. After all, it's not every day that a parish is 160 years old. In the course of the years, we have become the mother Church of all the parishes around us.

Take time this Wednesday, May 20, to say a prayer for your Parish, for all of the people who make up St. Margaret's today, and for all who have worked so hard and sacrificed and served here for the glory of God. Offer a Rosary, or perhaps a prayer of spiritual communion as you watch Mass on TV or on-line.

Pray that we may come together soon to celebrate our love for one another and all that the Parish means to us. Pray that our Parish may have a new birth, our best years yet to come.

## 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 on posting a Sunday Mass), 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.

***“Those who love Me  
will keep my word.”***

Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office,  
**718-827-2454**  
or email:  
**vocations@diobrook.org.**

## 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!**

## 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**

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FREE TOWING  
ANY CONDITION  
Thank you for your participation!**



## SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

is the patron saint of sterility, abuse victims, loneliness, marriage difficulties, parenthood, widows, the sick, bodily ills, and wounds. St. Rita's body, which has remained incorrupt over the centuries, is venerated today in the shrine at Cascia, which bears her name. Her feast day is May 22.