

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
MAY 24, 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 24 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Geraldine Ciaccio/
10:30	Patricia & Allen Gill
NOON	Severio, Teresa & Felicette LaManna
5:00PM	Kenneth W. Smith
<b>MON.</b>	<b>MAY 25 - STS. GREGORY VII/BEDE THE VERNERABLE/MAGDALENE dePAZZI/MEMORIAL DAY</b>
9:00	Deceased members Catholic War Veterans Post/and U.S. Armed Forces
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>MAY 26 - ST. PHILIP NERI</b>
7:00	Philomena Karcher (BIRTH)
9:00	Mary McSweeney
<b>WED.</b>	<b>MAY 27 - ST. AUGUSTINE</b>
7:00	John J. Forte (BIRTH)
9:00	Margaret Frontino
<b>THU.</b>	<b>MAY 28 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Augie DeSimone
9:00	Geraldine Ciaccio
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>MAY 29 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Corona virus victims
9:00	Marie DeSabato
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>MAY 30 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Gerald McDonald (ANNI)/ Mr. & Mrs. Josef Fellacher/ Hank Postel (BIRTH)
5:00PM	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>MAY 31 - PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
7:30	Donna Roemmelt
9:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Geraldine Ciaccio
10:30	Grazia Macri
NOON	Gregory Burke
5:00PM	Peter Bojcenjuk

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



**SAINT  
AUGUSTINE  
OF CANTERBURY  
MAY 27**

## **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 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, Frank Ciccone,

***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***

*Anthony Curcio,*

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

## MEMORIALS

### **WINE & HOST THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of David J. McConville  
at the request of Lauraine McConville.*

### **ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK**

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### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit in memory of David J. McConville  
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## TODAY'S READINGS

### *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:12-14  
Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8  
1 Pt 4:13-16  
Jn 17:1-11a

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Jn 7:37-39 Rom 8:22-27
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-30, 31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

### ~ Remembering and Reopening ~

This is perhaps the most confusing weekend for the Church in the US. While most of the country is celebrating the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord today, the dioceses of the Northeastern ecclesial provinces from New England to Pennsylvania maintain the ancient tradition and celebrated it this past Thursday, forty days after Easter. Regardless of when it is commemorated liturgically, the solemnity has importance for each of us every day of our lives.

We heard in last Sunday's Gospel that Christ would not leave us orphans but would remain with us forever through the Spirit Whom the Father would send in Christ's Name. In His ascension, Christ rose to the right hand of the Father, there to intercede for us, His disciples. It's a way of saying that He Who was faithful and obedient to the Father's will occupies a position of supreme honor in union with the Father.

The solemnity means much more, however. Since we are united to Christ as members of His Mystical Body, the Church, by virtue of our baptism, we also now occupy that special place of honor. Though always united with the Father, the Son descended to partake fully of our humanity. Now, He has taken up that same humanity and glorified it in ascending to Heaven. Where He has gone, we hope to follow so as to share fully in that divine life.

If you can't quite get your head around this doctrine, don't feel left out. The Apostles and other disciples also were confused by what they had witnessed, and generations of theologians have tried to grasp it as well. Yet, it has not stopped Christians from announcing it boldly and fearlessly as part of God's victory proclamation. It still may confuse us, but we take it on faith, just like every generation that has not seen but yet believed.

Now, don't get the idea that all will be well just because we acknowledge certain theological truths. Millions have suffered and died for holding fast to this announcement of Christ's victory of life over death, grace over sin, and mercy over condemnation. Our own membership in Christ requires us to live in a particular way, the way of holiness and righteousness, and that can get us into big trouble with the world around us, a world that rejects Jesus Christ and His teachings. Saint Peter encourages us, however: "If you are insulted [or made to suffer] for the Name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you!" We are all called to persevere in following the Master, no matter what personal difficulty we encounter. We have the Spirit of Christ Who gives us strength and helps us to carry on faithfully day-by-day. And so, we do persevere in our life of prayer, repentance, and good works for the Name of Jesus Christ and the glory of God.

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This Monday, we observe Memorial Day, a day that has been set aside by our nation for over 150 years to honor those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, offering their lives in the creation, preservation, and defense of our Republic, from the time of the Revolution to this very morning in Afghanistan and Iraq. Sadly, it has deteriorated into just one more opportunity for car sales and enjoying backyard BBQs (albeit with "social distancing" this year).

When I was a boy growing up on the other side of Juniper, we were over twenty boys on the block, most of us coming of age as the war in Vietnam was raging. Those of us of draft age had 2-S college student deferments. That didn't stop Mikey from enlisting in the Navy. He arrived in Vietnam just after the Tet Offensive began. Within two months, Mikey had been killed in action. His name is at the midpoint of the Vietnam War Memorial on the Mall in Washington, DC.

This Monday, remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the Mikeys who went off to war as boys and did not survive to share their stories as old men.

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On a happy note, we received word this past Thursday afternoon that all churches in the City, including ours, will be allowed to reopen this week. It will require playing around with the logistics, some basic cleaning and signage, and using common sense precautions, but we will reopen daily for *private prayer only*, from 12 Noon to 3pm, beginning this Wednesday, May 27. It's not what we all want, as there are still many restrictions placed on us by both civil and Church authorities (see the notice on pg. 6 in this edition of the Mass Bells for more details), but gradually we will have our church back in full as a place of prayer and worship and praise, to celebrate, to mourn, and to rejoice.

Until we meet again, be assured of my prayers and those of the other priests of the Parish for you and yours. May the Holy Spirit be with you, our ascended Lord intercede for you, and Mary our Mother protect you! 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, 93 families have pledged \$22,442 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!

## **160TH ANNIVERSARY**

While the celebrations of a special Mass and dinner-dance are on hold indefinitely because of the lockdown, 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 the time 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 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.

## **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 other wise - once we are able to gather together again.

Thank you to all who have provided the requested information!

## **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 we 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 resume public Masses, we will celebrate memorial Masses for those who have died since March.

Meanwhile, in the absence of public Masses, the priests of the Parish are celebrating Masses privately for all of the requested intentions that we had received, and all of you are remembered in our prayers.

## 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.

## 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!**

## *“They received the Holy Spirit.”*

The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people, as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office, **718-827-2454**, or email

**[vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)**

## REOPENING THE CHURCH

We have received permission from Bishop DiMarzio and the civil authorities to reopen our church *for private devotional prayer only, from 12 Noon to 3pm, beginning this Wednesday, May 27.* In the meanwhile, we must prepare, clean, and sanitize the church for your safety.

Entrance will be only via the main doors; exit through one of the side doors on 80th Street. Anyone coming into the church **MUST** wear a facemask or covering. Anyone who is sick should **NOT** enter the church. The lavatories will remain closed. Statues should **NOT** be touched. “Social distancing” **MUST** be observed at all times. Please bring your own hand sanitizer.

Masses and other rites of the Church may **NOT** be offered yet. A modified Liturgy of the Word without communion may be celebrated for **funerals: participation will be limited to only ten (10) people**, who **MUST** wear a facemask or covering and observe “social distancing” at all times.

We are still working on the scheduling and logistics for baptisms, which will be **limited to one child per celebration.**