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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF
LENT
MARCH 21, 2021**

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. 8:00 10:00	MARCH 21 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT George Cacioppo Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Joseph Battaglia/Nicolo Mancino/Antonino Saracino/ Fred Basedow
NOON 5:00PM	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
MON. 7:00 9:00	MARCH 22 - LENTEN WEEKDAY Antoinette Composto Gerard Clark
TUE. 7:00 9:00 9:30	MARCH 23 - ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO Mary Elizabeth Crowley Marj Byrne Stations of the Cross, Italian
WED. 7:00 9:00	MARCH 24 - LENTEN WEEKDAY Manny Russo Steven Pirtz
THU. 7:00 9:00	MARCH 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Marco Colalella Phyllis Armato
FRI. 7:00 9:00 9:30 2:00PM	MARCH 26 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ ABSTINENCE Welfare of Brenda Gordon Jerzy Sienionczyk Stations of the Cross, English Wedding: Justin Monaco and Roxana Andrescu
SAT. 9:00 5:00PM	MARCH 27 - LENTEN WEEKDAY Collective: Michael, Catherine, Tom & Rosaleen Reilly/Filippo Curatolo/Feliza Gako Despi/ Robert Schaefer
SUN. 8:00 10:00	MARCH 28 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Margaret Roemmelt Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/ Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Marie Baioa/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Felice Americo/Salvatore Fazzolari/Saverio, Michael e Luigi Bosco/ Ulrich Zender
NOON 5:00PM	Carl Dokter, Louise Moeller



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MARCH 25

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

**Monday - Friday - 9am to Noon
and 1pm to 5pm
Saturday - by appointment
Sunday - closed**

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm in the church.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mondays after the 9am Mass.

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY devotion are prayed every morning in the church at 8:30am.

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, at 1:30pm and 2:30pm. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child. No more than two children will be baptized at each session, with a maximum of 25 guests per family.

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 Wednesday, at 7 pm in the Church. Tenors and baritones needed!

IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana.

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

Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, McKinley Kelleher, Sean Harrison, Justin James Quirke, Elizabeth Ott, Mary Harrison, Gloria Pemaj, Allen McConville, Jack Marchindondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoll, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, Anthony Pittelli, Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirichs CP, Hannah Lehman, John Austin Bryzgoria, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney, Frank Ciccone, Cindy (Peli) Heege, Charlie Krzewski, Helga Zender, Deacon John DeBiase, Tom Haubert, John Miller, Cathie Greulich, Sr. Mary James Fox, Edward Pandolfo, Paul Colangelo, Carmen Gonzalez, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Fr. William Farrugia, Bernard Russo, Gerard Frohnhoefer, John & Katie Bryzgoria, Eric Velasquez, Joseph Simon, Emma Green, Joan McShea, Mary Policke, Donna Stubbs, Msgr. Robert J. Thelen,

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:

*Mary Aloisio, Catherine Mazza,
Raymond Goldbach, Sr.
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Geraldine Ciaccio.

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Davide Colalella.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Phyllis Armato
at the request of Ben Armato.*



***ST. TURIBIUS OF
MOGROVEJO
MARCH 23***

TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:3-4, 12-15
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30
33-62 or 13:41c-62
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28
Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

From the Pastor's Desk:

“No Appointment Necessary”

Have you gotten your Covid inoculation yet? It's not the easiest thing in the world to do. Vaccine supplies are limited, those asking for it still outnumber availability, there are relatively few places where the shots are being given, you need an appointment to receive the vaccine, and the process can be complicated, requiring much patience and perseverance. Inoculations are in great demand, but the best you can do is take a number and wait your turn. Perhaps it leaves us frustrated, wishing that local pharmacists and doctors would be able to administer adequate supplies soon. Immediacy certainly beats standing in line.

Fortunately for us, there is no need to stand on line waiting for an opportunity to get to see, to encounter Jesus, as the Gentile Greeks request in today's Gospel passage. The encounter points to the ancient prophecy of the all-embracing universality and immediacy of the Kingdom of God. Salvation has come through the Jewish people, but it is not limited to them. The descendants of Abraham were chosen not for an exclusive relationship with God but to serve as the conduit through which all of Creation would be brought into right relationship with Him.

God has promised through the Prophet Jeremiah, in particular, that He would establish an intimate, personal, one-on-one, covenant relationship with each of His people and forgive their many sins and wrongdoings. That promise would have to wait almost six centuries before being fulfilled in the Person of Jesus Christ, Who drew all people to Himself as He was lifted up on the Cross.

The approach to Jesus is universal, proximate, and immediate, but is also very costly. It requires all who would follow Him to pick up their own personal crosses every day, to die to self-centeredness and to the worldly enticements that distract us from our true goal and treasure of eternal life in the Kingdom of God, and to say with sincerity, "Father, Thy will be done!" That can be very difficult because we are rather attached to those distractions like desires for power, prestige, wealth, honors, and more, yet that is the only way to follow Him.

Jesus talks in the parable about the seed that only produces fruit if it "dies". A seed does not exist for its own benefit, but is intended for the production of fruit that someone else will enjoy. He was speaking directly about His own coming death and resurrection, through which sin and death were conquered and forgiveness of sins and eternal life were won for us. He refers to our discipleship, as well, insofar as He required us to follow His example of self-sacrifice for the sake of acquiring the greater good, THE Good: God Himself.

It would have been very easy for Jesus to say, "Okay, I've been doing quite a bit of teaching and healing. The people should have gotten the point by now. My mission is accomplished, and I'm returning to My Father in glory. Ciao!" The "hour" of His glorification would not come, however, until He had given and shown the full measure of His love of and dedication to the Father on the Cross. It is in that moment, too, that He showed the full measure of His love for sinful mankind and His dedication to bringing about our forgiveness and salvation.

We passed the "halfway mark" of Lent last Sunday. Our focus in these next two weeks is more fixed on the great events of Holy Week, from Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the glory of His resurrection a week later. In between, though, we need to get through His passion and death. There can be no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. We must remember that, too, in the difficult times of our lives, for they are occasions to unite our sufferings with those of Christ.

Like the Gentile Greeks in the Gospel story, we want to see, to encounter Jesus. There is only one way. Fortunately, no appointment is necessary.

May God strengthen your faith, bless your good works, and bring you to the fullness of eternal life!

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign has begun, and we're off to a good start with **\$29,737 already pledged** by just 46 families against **this year's goal of \$76,014**.

The goal comes to a fair share donation of about \$120 from each of our 650 families. Some can give more, some less, but everyone can give something. Will you help to put us over the top? Please prayerfully consider making a pledge this year.

Money raised by this campaign is used to support programs for our elderly and youth, seminarians and retired priests, and other diocesan and local pastoral needs.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We hold a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, scriptural reading, and time for quiet, personal prayer from 9:30 until 10:30AM on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is April 10.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

BRIDGE TO LIFE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is conducting its annual campaign for *Bridge to Life*.

Bridge to Life gives prospective moms an alternative; good pre-natal care, safe delivery and medical and economic help for moms and infants.

Please be as generous as possible. Make this your Lenten sacrifice.

WHEN: Now until Good Friday.

HOW: Envelopes marked "*Bridge to Life*" are on the radiators in Church or provide your own, cash or checks payable to *Bridge to Life*, and/or new or gently used infant and toddler clothing or diapers size 2-5.

WHERE: Place envelopes in collection baskets or in the rectory mail slot. Place Clothing in the black bin in the church vestibule or at the convent, 66-25 79 Pl. on Wednesdays or Saturdays, from 10am to 12noon.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY



is located in the Convent
66-25 79th Place

The Pantry is open every
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10:00am to 12:00Noon

Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry. We are in need of instant mashed potatoes, dried beans, regular instant coffee, hot chocolate, rice-a-roni. As always, we are asking for **grocery store gift cards**, which can be placed in the rectory office mail slot.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass with music is celebrated each month for the repose of the souls of those who were buried from our church during the preceding month.

Families who wish to have an annual or "month's mind" Mass offered for a loved one can join in the monthly celebration.

Contact the Rectory, **718-326-1911** to make the arrangements.

The next memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:45am Saturday, April 17.

E-DATA UPDATES

Help us to update our database of email addresses so that we can maintain contact. Print the following information and return it via the collection basket, or by mail, or by emailing it to:

stmargaretmv@gmail.com

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone#: (_____) - _____ - _____

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who continue to support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult times whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings!

Still, we are projecting an *operating loss of over \$300,000* for the current fiscal year. We are at the point where we cannot pay our bills without dipping into what remains of rapidly thinning reserves.

To use ***Faith Direct*** for e-giving, 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 your decision later on, as you wish.

FORMED IS HERE!

FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute, has come to St. Margaret's and is available without charge to all parishioners. All that is needed to visit the website is Internet access and an e-mail account.

FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more. The app can be downloaded very easily to your computer or ROKU and also to your cell phone or iPad so that you can enjoy the presentations wherever you happen to be.

To **register** on FORMED:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org/signup
- 2) Enter our Zip Code, 11379, and select St. Margaret.
- 3) Enter your name and email address.

If you **already have a FORMED account**:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org
- 2) Click on "Sign In"
- 3) Enter your email address
- 4) Click the link to your email
- 5) BOOM! You're in and free to explore to your heart's delight.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Late last year, Pope Francis decreed a "Year of St. Joseph" to run Dec. 8, 2020-21, in honor of the foster father of our Lord.

A devotional statue of St. Joseph has been placed at the front of the church. The candles at either side of it will be lit at all Masses during the rest of the jubilee year and can be donated each week in memory of your particular intention. Contact the rectory for more information.

CONFESSION

The two parts of the "Easter Duty" are to go to confession and to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season. The time period has been expanded to the roughly 100 days between Ash Wednesday and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity to make it easier for the faithful to fulfill the obligation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to comply with the requirement of being in a state of grace to receive Communion. Sadly, while most of the people who come to Mass on Sundays receive Communion, very few go to confession.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available in preparation for Holy Week and Easter as follows:

Saturday, March 27 ~ 3:00 - 4:45 pm

Monday, March 29 ~ 7:30 - 9:00 am

3:00 - 5:00 pm

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Please take advantage of the extended hours and opportunities. ***Confessions will NOT be heard after Monday of Holy Week.***

PALM SUNDAY

We are allowed 50% capacity occupancy in our church at this time. While we haven't gotten close to this since reopening last summer, Palm Sunday is always an occasion for larger than usual attendance. Please observe social distancing, wear a mask, and cooperate if you are asked to go to the gym in case we need an overflow Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The **Stations of the Cross (*Via Crucis*)** will be celebrated during Lent in Italian every Tuesday morning at 9:30 and in English every Friday morning at 9:30. Come and walk with the Lord, praying along the way of His Passion!

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held **TODAY** March 21. The truck will be on 79th Place, near the parking lot from 8:00am until 12:30pm for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS
AT THE RECTORY DOOR**