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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 28, 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.	MARCH 28 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
8:00	Margaret Roemmelt
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/ Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Marie Baioa/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Salvatore Fazzolari/Felice Americo/Saverio, Michael e Luigi Bosco/ Ulrich Zender
NOON	Carl Dokter, Louise Moeller
5:00PM	
MON.	MARCH 29 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7:00	Harvey Karcher (birth)
9:00	Bert & Sadie Fricano See page 6 for confession schedule
TUE.	MARCH 30 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7:00	Carol McDonald (anniv)
9:00	Thomas & Delia Waters
9:30	Stations of the Cross, Italian
WED.	MARCH 31 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
7:00	Thomas Foudy (birth)
9:00	Kathleen Waters
THU.	APRIL 1 - HOLY THURSDAY
9:00	Morning Prayer
8:00PM	People of the Parish
9:30PM	Night Watch until 11:00pm
FRI.	APRIL 2 - GOOD FRIDAY/ FAST AND ABSTINENCE
9:00	Morning Prayer
NOON	Stations of the Cross
3:00PM	Liturgy of the Passion
7:30PM	Liturgy of the Passion
SAT.	APRIL 3 - HOLY SATURDAY
9:00	Morning Prayer
NOON	Blessing of Food
8:00PM	People of the Parish
SUN.	APRIL 4 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
8:00	Michael, Kathleen & Theresa Flanigan
10:00	Andrea & Adriana Sciulara/ Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	NO EVENING MASS



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28

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 Mojca 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:

Antonia Alagna,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of the Arundel Family.

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Gaetano Morreale
at the request of your grandchildren.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Louis & Joan Meyers
at the request of your grandchildren.*



HOLY WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7
Ps 27:1-3, 13-14
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6
Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26—Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9—Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24,
35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18—Ps 16:5, 8-11
Ex 14:15-15:1—Ex 15:1-6, 17-18
Is 54:5-14, Ps 30:2,4, 5-6, 11-12,13
Is 55:1-11, Is 12:2-6—Bar 3:9-15,
32-4:4—Ps 19:8-11
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28—Ps 19:8-11
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28—Ps 42:3, 5
43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
Rom 6:3-11, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,
22-23—Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or
Lk 24:13-35

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Truly, this man IS the Son of God!”

There are many stories in our lives that have become so familiar that we can repeat them almost verbatim from telling to telling. Sometimes they are favorite books that we've read and reread, or a play or movie that we've seen several times, or a family story that we've heard repeatedly. We know the beginning, the plot, and the ending. Still, we enjoy experiencing the story over and over again.

Such are the stories of our Lord's Passion and Death. They form peak moments in the narratives of each of the four Gospel accounts, though each one is different in some details from the other three. This year we hear the one from St. Mark on this Palm Sunday. Compare it with the account from St. John that is read, as always, on Good Friday. What is common, rather remarkably, is that none of the four writers tried to hide or cover up the shameful event of the Master's horrible torture and death by Roman crucifixion. Most movies don't do the horror justice, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of Christ" perhaps being the sole exception.

Why such focus on so insidious an end to the teaching career of a holy man, a healer who never harmed anyone, the one whom his followers thought was the Messiah chosen by God to deliver His people from foreign domination and restore their independence as a free nation? Well, for one thing, Christ's sufferings fulfill the Scriptures, especially Isaiah, about the promised Messiah. More importantly, they fulfill the will of the Father that atonement for the sins of mankind should be made by the only truly innocent person who ever lived. Yes, that seems rather harsh by our way of accounting justice, but God's ways are not our ways, and who are we to question Him on such an important matter as the means of our salvation?

And then, there is the matter of the Resurrection, which would not have been rational, no less possible, without the Passion and Death of Christ, but through which death itself was put to death and the grace of God triumphed over sin.

Sadly, there is so little time for us to sit and digest the Passion accounts in the course of the celebration of the Divine Liturgy of the Mass. That is one reason why we need to spend some additional time on our own rereading each of them slowly and often, allowing them to penetrate our minds and, more importantly, our hearts and souls. St. Ignatius of Loyola recommended putting ourselves at the scene in the person of the different characters, immersing ourselves in the action, and allowing it to absorb us and unite us with the original event.

Even if we don't go to that extent, it is good to read over today's Gospel slowly, reflecting on it prayerfully, that we may see once more and understand more fully the depth of Christ's love for us. St. Paul sums it up rather beautifully in today's second reading by saying that it is because of Christ's humble obedience to the Father even to the point of death, death on a cross, that the Father greatly exalted Him, bestowing on him the title reserved for God alone: Lord. His glorification was from the throne of the Cross; His exaltation was in rising from the dead to the right hand of God the Father. (What is missing from this reading today is St. Paul's introduction, telling his Philippian disciples, and telling us, that their/our attitude, their/our way of life must be the same as that of Christ.)

So, spend some additional time this week in prayer over today's readings. Enter into the Mystery of Christ's love for you; come and celebrate the solemn liturgies of this most holy week; get to confession this Monday, if you haven't gone yet. Then open yourself to a radical change of heart by the redeeming grace of God. Allow yourself to die with Christ and to rise with Him to a new and eternal life. Lent is almost over; the glory of Easter awaits us.

Truly, this man was, and IS, the Son of God!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign has begun, and we're off to a good start with **\$32,743 already pledged** by just 58 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 and programs.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

We are allowed 50% capacity occupancy in our church at this time. While we haven't gotten close since reopening last summer, Easter 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.

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!

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY REGISTRATION

for the 2021-2022 school year is open for Nursery to Grade 8. To make an appointment call our office

718-326-0922 or email
smcatours@gmail.com.

Limited in person tours are available. Come and join our growing SMCA community. We offer five full days of instruction including physical education, art, music, Spanish and more.

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#:(_____) - _____ - _____

LENTEN PRACTICES

As we enter into the last days of Lent in preparation for celebrating the great feast of feasts, Easter Sunday, we need to intensify our spiritual practices even more.

Come to Mass and the services of the Holy Triduum this week; stop in to church to pray for a few minutes in the morning before rushing off to work or school; remember the needs of the poor as well as of your elderly, shut-in neighbor; pray the Rosary each day; go to confession this Monday or at least during the Easter Season.

CONNECT TO FORMED!

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. Simply go to *formed.org*, enter our Parish name, and then follow the prompts.

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.

WAY OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, *Communion and Liberation* will sponsor a 'virtual' Way of the Cross. All are invited to connect by livestream at 10:00 am at:

www.wocbrooklynbridge.org

The liturgy will include Way of the Cross readings, reflections, and music. All are invited. For more information, please call Communion and Liberation, 212-337-3580 or visit www.wocbrooklynbridge.org.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, Vigil Mass at 5:00pm
Sunday Masses at 8:00am,
10am (Bilingual - Italian/English),
12:00 Noon and 5:00pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confession from 7:30 to 9:00am,
3:00 to 5:00pm and 7:00 to 8:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00pm
Adoration until 11:00pm in the Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3:00pm
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
Mid-day Prayer with Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon
Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
NO CONFESSION TODAY
NO 5:00PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:00am
10:00am (Bilingual Italian/English)
12:00 Noon
NO EVENING MASS

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.

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