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**EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
APRIL 4, 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.	APRIL 4 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 8:00 Michael, Kathleen & Theresa Flanigan 10:00 Andrea & Adriana Sciuilara/Benedetto Barretta e Famiglia/ NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer NO EVENING MASS
MON.	APRIL 5 - MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 7:00 Purgatorial Society 9:00 Augie DeSimone (birth)
TUE.	APRIL 6 - TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 7:00 Steven Dominic Belviso 9:00 Gemma Bernaudo
WED.	APRIL 7 - WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 7:00 Joan Anastasio 9:00 Henry, John & Lillian Rader
THU.	APRIL 8 - THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 7:00 Mary Aloisio 9:00 Vincent Murray
FRI.	APRIL 9 - FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 7:00 Welfare of Tara Gomez 9:00 Roland Belay
SAT.	APRIL 10 - SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 9:00 collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Mary Narky/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in purgatory/ 9:30 Holy hour 5:00PM Rev. Msgr. Nicholas W. Sivillo (anniv)
SUN.	APRIL 11 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 People of the Parish 10:00 Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Geraldine Ciaccio/ NOON Roland Belay 5:00PM Ellen Fritz



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 Bryzgornia, 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 Bryzgornia, 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:

Dawn Marie Petronella,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

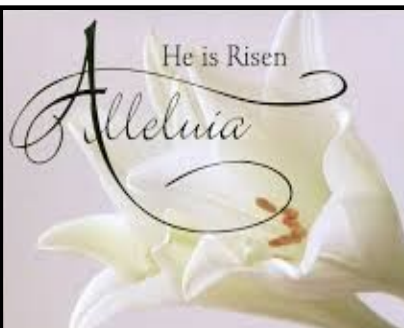
are lit in memory of Angie Ferzola.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Anna & Guido Carosi.

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are lit in memory of Bill & Lee DiGiovanna
at the request of the DiGiovanna Family.*



***The priests and
staff of
St. Margaret
wish you a
Blessed Easter!***

TODAY'S READINGS

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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 24:13-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41

Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10

Ps 105:1-4, 6-9

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26

Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-9

Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12

Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21

Ps 118:1, 14-15ab,

16-18, 19-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Christ is risen! Truly is He risen!”

Where did Lent go? It feels like just yesterday that we observed Ash Wednesday, with so many plans for reform. Suddenly Easter has come upon us and perhaps we have so few positive results to show for our intention. Rather apropos for the second year of the pandemic, time doesn't seem to have any meaning or to matter anymore. One dreary day is the same as the one before it and the one before that, and the effects of the virus weigh heavily on our psyches even more than on our bodies. We just keep going about our business, one plodding step at a time.

Nevertheless, Easter brings us reason for hope and new life, for indeed we celebrate the triumph of life over death, of grace over sin, of God's mercy and love sown over the fear and shame planted by the ancient enemy. Through the victory of our blessed Lord, a new and fuller life has been given to the human race and to all Creation. An ancient prayer of the Eastern Church reminds us that

“Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He has trampled down death,
and on those in the grave He has bestowed life.”

Despite the steady diet of gloom that the media and authorities feed to us on a daily basis, we do not remain in darkness and we must not live in fear. St. Augustine, writing to his own parishioners sixteen hundred years ago, calls them an “Alleluia people.” This most holy feast of Easter demands not only that we cry out, “Alleluia!” but also, and most especially, that we praise the Lord by living in the freedom of the children of God. We must put our Savior's teachings into effect by living lives of sacrifice and compassion, and so respond to God's grace by participating as active members of His Church. We are to live as a people of hope, even in the face of opposition or personal difficulties, trials, and tribulations, including the loss of loved ones.

St. Paul in one of the options for today's second reading told his disciples in Corinth to “celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” We must change for the better because of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

Last weekend, despite the reduced schedule, we saw more people at Mass than we had seen at any other observances since reopening the church last summer, and there was an exceptionally good turnout for confessions this past Monday. Other parishes have reported the same experience as people are returning to the Church after a long stay away. It will take time to get back to pre-pandemic figures, maybe a very long time, but we're off to a good start. Our hunger for God, for Mass, and for the Sacraments, and to pray together cannot be suppressed or restricted forever.

After almost twenty centuries of commemorating the Mystery of the Lord's Resurrection, it still puzzles even the best of theologians, no less the average believer, just as it did Peter and John and Mary Magdalene, even though we celebrate it every time that we offer the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While we cannot fully grasp it with the intellect, we can experience it first-hand, for we, too, have died with Christ and have risen with Him to newness of life. Truly, we have been changed, and so we must reflect that change daily with hearts and souls made new, strengthened through the Blood of Christ and the power of His Resurrection.

The Paschal candle, the Light of Christ, burns once more as a beacon of hope to shine on the dreary world that trudges in the darkness of sorrow and despair. Christ has conquered sin and death, the Reign of our God has broken into the world, proclaiming His mercy and the forgiveness of our sins. We, too, can bear the light of Christ, bringing new life into our homes, our Parish, and beyond.

May God, Who has begun the good work in you, bless you and yours this Easter and bring it to completion in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign has begun, and we're off to a good start with **\$35,128 already pledged** by just 73 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 parish 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 this Saturday, April 10.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open only for the celebration of Masses and baptisms. It will be closed at all other times to enable us to clean and sanitize.

Please observe these rules for your safety and that of others:

Do **NOT** enter the church, if you are sick. Anyone entering the church **MUST** wear a facemask or covering.

More people may be coming to Mass during Lent. "Social distancing" **MUST** be observed at all times. Families or couples are allowed to sit together, but individuals still must observe social distance in church.

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!

Thanks, especially, for your generosity in the many regular and special collections during Holy Week!

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.



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.

HOLY WATER

While we are unable to distribute bottles of holy water during the pandemic, you are free to bring bottles of water to the sacristy after Mass to have them blessed by the priests of the Parish.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for our Academy and Religious Education Program candidates who will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday.

*Growing in the love and knowledge
of Christ at*

SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

As we celebrate Easter, the greatest focus is on the Resurrection, which of course, is one of the most important tenets of our faith, in our salvation through Jesus’ death and Resurrection. Our students in our Academy, through daily prayer and reflection, learn about their faith every day.

Registration is open for Nursery-Grade 8 for the 2021-22 school year. Call us, **718-326-0922** or email us at

stmargtours@gmail.com

to set up an appointment for a tour.

We are saving a seat for you.

We wish you and your families a Blessed and Holy Easter. Let us take a moment to reflect on all the good God provides for us.

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.

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.