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**SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 11, 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

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| SUN. | APRIL 11 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY |
| 8:00 | People of the Parish |
| 10:00 | Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Giuseppe e Andrea DeLuca/ Giuseppe, Vito e Rosaria Salamone/ Roland Belay |
| NOON | Roland Belay |
| 5:00PM | Ellen Fritz |
| MON. | APRIL 12 - EASTER WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Robert C. Thoering |
| 9:00 | Carmine DeSiervi |
| TUE. | APRIL 13 - EASTER WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio |
| 9:00 | Roland Belay |
| WED. | APRIL 14 - EASTER WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Joseph O'Reilly |
| 9:00 | Tom Joyce |
| THU. | APRIL 15 - EASTER WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Vilma DiFonte |
| 9:00 | Vincent Ciuffo |
| FRI. | APRIL 16 - EASTER WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Marco Colalella |
| 9:00 | William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz |
| SAT. | APRIL 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY |
| 9:00 | collective: Fred Basedow/Welfare of Gerry Frohnhoefer/ Memorial Mass: Constance Faccibene, Jean Snowden, Joseph Pepicelli, John Viscardi, Joseph A. Szalkiewicz, Mary Aloisio, Raymond Goldbach, Sr., Catherine Mazza, Antonia Alagna, Dawn Marie Petronella, |
| 11:45 | |
| 2:00PM | Wedding: David Auro and Elizabeth Krzewski |
| 5:00PM | Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey |
| SUN. | APRIL 18 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| 8:00 | Rosanna Maurer |
| 10:00 | Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/ Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Sal Pugliese |
| NOON | Antoinette Santora |
| 5:00PM | |



***DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY
APRIL 11***

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, Mary Policke, Donna Stubbs, Msgr. Robert J. Thelen, Heig Allocca, Joyce Seecheeck, The Valasquez Family,

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:

*John Hegener, Joan McShea
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

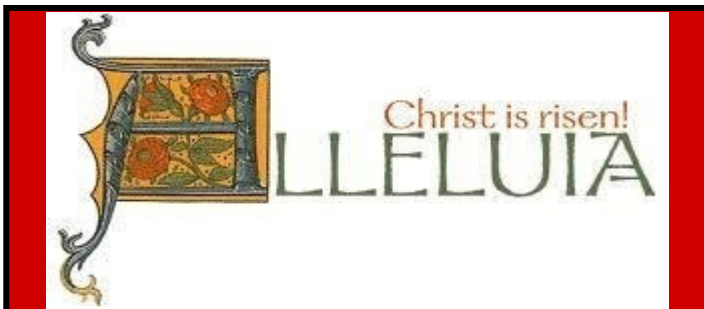
*are offered in memory of Robert C. Thoering
at the request of Barry R. Stockman.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Geraldine Ciaccio.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Guido Carosi.



TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:32-37
Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-3, 4-9
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

From the Pastor's Desk:

~Jesus Christ, the Divine Mercy of God~

This Sunday, the Octave of Easter, also is commemorated as Divine Mercy Sunday, so ordered by our late Holy Father, St. John Paul II. It fulfills instructions given to St. Faustina Kowalska by Christ in visions of Him that she received during the 1920s and 1930s.

Catholic churches and many homes today display an image of Christ from one of those visions. He appears with two beams of light streaming from His heart: one white and one red, representing the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. Our image is just inside the church as you enter by the extreme left-hand door.

Many Catholics have a deep devotion to “the Divine Mercy” and offer the “Chaplet” prayers, using an ordinary set of Rosary beads. We pray the Chaplet here at St. Margaret’s Monday through Saturday, before the 9:00 AM Mass. Whether or not we pray the Chaplet, we all avail ourselves of God’s mercy whenever we go to confession and receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Moreover, we celebrate this great gift every time we gather to celebrate and partake of the holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

What, then, is “the Divine Mercy”? First of all, “it” is not a thing, but a Person: the love of God the Father poured out for us in the Person of His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The cleansing waters of Baptism and the blood Sacrifice of the Eucharist have poured forth from Him, both Sacraments bringing us to newness of life in Him and through Him. This is the very life of God the Father, which Christ shares with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

As with most prayers, it can become quite easy for us simply to rattle on through the Chaplet as we offer the Father “the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of [His] dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,” and plead for His mercy: “For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world!” We are supposed to meditate on the love Christ has for us, to strive to cooperate with His grace for our own conversion of heart, and to bestow upon those who have offended us the mercy that we have received from God for the forgiveness of our sins and transgressions.

The Chaplet ends with the “Trisagion”, or “Thrice Holy”, an ancient prayer of the Church honoring God that is repeated three times: “Holy God! Holy mighty One! Holy immortal One! Have mercy on us and on the whole world!” (The same prayer is used in the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday.)

Today, as we find ourselves in the second year of the Covid pandemic, we still cry out to God for His mercy, for healing and protection and deliverance from the virus that has taken so many lives and disrupted life for the rest of us. Indeed, the world as we knew it seems but a distant memory. The love and mercy of God, however, remain constant.

This time of testing and suffering also can be a time of profound renewal of our spirit and a rededication of our lives, as well as an opportunity to dream new dreams and plan about how we will carry out our mission as disciples of Christ once we are able to operate with some semblance of normalcy.

Slowly, cautiously, and bravely, people are returning to Mass and the Sacraments once again, to celebrate more fully the Divine mercy of God extended to us by Christ Jesus. May God shower you and yours with His love as we enter into a springtime of hope!

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're over halfway to the goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$40,638 already** from just **78 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. Forms and envelopes will be available in church beginning next weekend.

Money raised by this campaign is used to support programs for our elderly and youth, **nursing facilities**, seminarians and retire 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 Saturday, May 1.

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. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin for Mass intentions.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

With thanks to Almighty God, we congratulate our young brothers and sisters in Christ who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday. May they serve the Church well!

Congratulations also to Howard Todd Smith who was initiated into the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ, at the Easter Vigil. Welcome, brother!

*Growing in the love and knowledge
of Christ at*

SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

As we continue to 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.

*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.

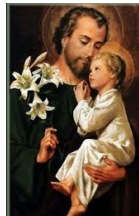
FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more. The app can be downloaded very easily to your computer or ROKU and also to your cell phone or iPad so that you can enjoy the presentations wherever you happen to be.

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.



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 information.

THANKS!

We thank the members and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 22 from Park Slope who spent Holy Saturday afternoon cleaning our church and helping to prepare for the Easter celebrations.

Thanks, too, to our committee of parishioners who worked hard to decorate the church: Sr. Bridget, Kathy Burger, Jeanne Perry, and Dan Smith.