

# **ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
APRIL 18, 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**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>APRIL 18 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:00	Rosanna Maurer
10:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/ Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenzo Cismonte/ Sal Pugliese
<b>NOON</b>	Antoinette Santora
5:00PM	
<b>MON.</b>	<b>APRIL 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Maria DiFonte
9:00	Charles Suffel
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>APRIL 20 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Anna Riggio
9:00	Connie Faccibene
<b>WED.</b>	<b>APRIL 21 - ST. ANSELM</b>
7:00	Stanley Kala
9:00	Antoinette Santora
<b>THU.</b>	<b>APRIL 22 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Joan McShea
9:00	Augie DeSimone (birth)
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>APRIL 23 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Joan McShea
9:00	Angelina Fischetti (birth)
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>APRIL 24 - ST. FIDELIS</b>
9:00	<b>collective:</b> Lena & Joseph Mazzola/ Gerard Clark/Charlie D'Ambra/Ida Lento/ Maria Falsetta/
2:00PM	<b>Wedding:</b> Salvatore Perniciaro and Danielle Fabilli
5:00PM	Robert Schaefer
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>APRIL 25 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:00	Anne McGinnis
10:00	Tom Cordero/Antonio Caleca/Nicolo Altesi Michele Spezia/Leonardo Minaudo/Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Maria Patane/ People of the Parish
<b>NOON</b>	Mary & James Hanrahan
5:00PM	



***SAINT  
ANSELM  
APRIL 21***

## **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](http://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](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

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, Kathryn Hummel,

***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***

***Epecially:***

*Margaret Patricia Heckel,  
Gloria Healy, Paul Colangelo,  
Maria Lucia Jerry*

*May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

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

*are offered in memory of the Joan McShea.*

### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit in memory of Helen Dreher  
at the request of Renee Addario.*



***SAINT  
FIDELIS  
APRIL 24***

## TODAY'S READINGS

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15  
Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30  
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,  
17, 21ab  
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8  
Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a  
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40  
Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20  
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20  
Ps 117:1bc-2  
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42  
Ps 116:12-17  
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12  
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
1 Jn 3:1-2  
Jn 10:11-18

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

**~ Ignorance, Open Minds, and Discipleship ~**

Easter is the great feast of feasts of the Church, so important that we celebrate it not just on one day or for one week but for a full fifty days. In fact, every Sunday is said to be a “little Easter”, and, if we push the point, each celebration of Holy Mass can be called an Easter celebration, for we commemorate in every Eucharist the full Paschal Mystery of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Today’s Scriptures, building upon the post-Resurrection appearances of Christ and their aftermath, speak to us of actions: actions done in ignorance, actions done in rejection of the truth, and actions done with an enlightened mind.

First, St. Peter extends an olive branch of peace and reconciliation to his listeners in Jerusalem, recognizing that they had acted out of ignorance by their role in the death of Christ. Since He had overcome sin and death through His obedience to the Father’s will, though, the means of universal and personal forgiveness were made possible. “All” the people had to do was repent of their sins and undergo a radical change of heart, turning from the corruption of old, sinful ways to the new life of grace. St. Peter’s message applies equally to us today, for we, too, have the opportunity to reform our lives, to repent of our sins, and to receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Not easy, but necessary.

We might ask, “Why do I have to go to confession, to reform, and to repent? I haven’t done anything wrong.” Enter St. John with today’s reading from his first letter to one of his Christian communities in Asia Minor in which he speaks of Christ as THE expiation for the sins of every person in the world. Deny it as much as we want, we DO stand in need of that healing whenever we sin, i.e., whenever we act in a manner that is contrary to His teachings, which are intended to enable us to live a life of grace in union with Him and the Father through the Holy Spirit.

It’s difficult for us to grasp that anyone, even God, could love us so much as to die for the wrongs that we have done and then to give us the gift of raising us to newness of life. It was difficult, even troubling, for Christ’s first disciples, as well, as they received Him with fear, confusion, and trepidation. Perhaps that’s why He stayed with them for another forty days after His Resurrection, not only teaching them, but also strengthening their faith so as to prepare them for continuing His mission throughout the world: to bring all people for all time into the peace of the Kingdom of Heaven and into right relationship with God.

If we bother at all to read the Scriptures outside of Mass, we often view them as quaint and/or strange stories of events from times long ago. Instead, we should read them with open minds and hearts, recognizing that, whether they are from the Old Testament or the New, they pertain to Jesus Christ fulfilling the will of the Father in order to reconcile a fallen humanity to Himself, our loving and merciful God. That was the point that Christ was making to His two disciples on the road to Emmaus and as He appeared to the others afterwards in the Upper Room.

We might act from time to time in ignorance or confusion, or sometimes even consciously deny our need for Christ and God’s mercy. Each day, however, is another opportunity to examine our lives in the light of Christ’s teachings and a time to open ourselves to the grace that God freely extends to us, sinners though we are. It doesn’t end there, however, for, having experienced the grace of God, we must respond by sharing the mission of Christ for the salvation of the whole world, beginning with the forgiveness that we receive and that which we offer to others.

May God shower you and yours with His love, His pardon, and His peace as we continue to celebrate the great victory of Christ as His faithful disciples, with open minds and open hearts!

**~ Fr. Armato**

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're over halfway to the goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$42,233** already from just **81 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **55.6% of goal with \$33,781 to go**.

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 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, May 8.**

## 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.

**Over the last few months we've had to repair or replace part of the heating and hot water units for the church-school building and for the rectory. This came to several thousand dollars in unexpected and unbudgeted expenses.**

*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. The 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.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our confirmandi! You haven't "graduated"; you've received the Gift of the Holy Spirit for the service of the Church. Now that you're responsible for yourselves, we look forward to seeing you at Mass, preferably with your families, and taking an active part in the liturgical, social, and missionary life of the Parish.

## 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.

## 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.