

# **ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
EASTER  
APRIL 25, 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 25 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:00	Anne McGinnis
10:00	Tom Cordero/Antonio Caleca/Nicolo Altesi Michele Spezia/Leonardo Minaudo/Maria Patane/Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Thaddeus S. Lubanski/ People of the Parish
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Mary & James Hanrahan
<b>MON.</b>	<b>APRIL 26 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Billy Policke
9:00	Joan Meyers
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>APRIL 27 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Rev. Msgr. John H. Maurer (anniv)
9:00	Msgr. John and Henry Maurer
<b>WED.</b>	<b>APRIL 28 - STS. PETER CHANEL AND LOUIS GREGNION deMONTFORT</b>
7:00	Maria Curatolo (anniv)
9:00	August Badalamenti
<b>THU.</b>	<b>APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</b>
7:00	Joan McShea
9:00	Charles Suffel
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>APRIL 30 - ST. PIUS, V, POPE</b>
7:00	Robert Kiernan
9:00	Bertha Eppich
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>MAY 1 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER/ FIRST SATURDAY</b>
9:00	<b>collective:</b> Deceased Priests of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Mary Narky/Souls in purgatory
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00PM	Hank Postel (brith)
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>MAY 2 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:00	Anita Cacioppo
10:00	Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Erin Maloney/ Gaetana e Giovanni Caruso/ Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	People of the Parish



***SAINT  
CATHERINE  
OF SIENA  
APRIL 29***

## **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, Caroline Martin

**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:***

*Antonio Arrigo, Thaddeus S. Lubanski,  
Rosario Mandala, Antonina Giglio  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

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

*are offered in memory of Stanley Kala  
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

### **ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Stanley Kala  
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit in memory of Stanley Kala  
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## TODAY'S READINGS

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18  
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4  
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26  
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-7  
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24- 13:5a  
Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8  
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25  
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27  
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33  
Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab  
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Jn 14:7-14  
**Memorial:** Gn 1:26-2:3 or  
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24  
Mt 13:54-58

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31  
Ps 22:26-28, 30, 31-32  
1 Jn 3:18-24  
Jn 15:1-8

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

### **~ The Good Shepherd ~**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally is observed as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. The Gospel readings for this feast change for each of these Sundays in the three-year cycle. Today we read about Jesus referring to Himself plainly as the Good Shepherd of the sheep, Who lays down His life for His sheep.

We’re not too familiar anymore with sheep and shepherds in Middle Village. The last sheep grazing in a neighborhood field probably went to the dinner table many years ago. Nor are we familiar with the ways of sheep, how they follow only the shepherd whom they recognize, or with the ways of shepherds, who will risk personal danger in order to protect, shelter, and nourish their sheep. The latter describes Christ. The former should describe us, who, despite the distractions, allurements, and dangers around us, should keep our eyes and ears fixed on the Good Shepherd, Who knows each of His sheep by name and is known by them.

In the trials and tribulations of ordinary life, no less in those of this current time of continuing pandemic, vaccinations, masks, and social distancing, we should turn to the Good Shepherd for His protection. This goes especially for priests, who are called to image the Good Shepherd, Who laid down His life for His sheep.

There is a petition in the *Liturgy of the Hours* which basically asks the Lord, “Do not let Your people be without their shepherds; do not let Your shepherds be without a flock.” That’s still something rather difficult for us to achieve in Year Two of the pandemic, what with the restrictions imposed upon us and so many people still being afraid of contact with others. We shepherds often find ourselves under the same restrictions as our people. Still we try to serve as best we can, wherever we can, whether attending to the sick at home or in hospital, or burying the dead and comforting the mourners, or celebrating Mass in church while maintaining “detached contact” with you, the people given into our pastoral care.

Early in his pontificate, Pope Francis said, “The shepherd should smell of the sheep.” Pope St. Paul VI put it more delicately years before, saying, “When it rains on the sheep, the shepherd should get wet.” Both are making the same point: that priests are bonded to their people by humble, sacrificial love. As we pray for you, so we ask you to pray for us and for those who are called to come after us in service to the Church, that we may carry out the mission that has been entrusted to us as good and faithful shepherds in the manner of the Good Shepherd Himself.

As I noted in my homily on Holy Thursday, the priesthood, the Eucharist, and the Church are tied to one another; no priesthood means no Eucharist, no Eucharist means no full existence as Church as we know it, and the lack of existence of a Church generates no priests. Christ has given us these Sacraments, His way of making sure that the flock is not left without a shepherd acting in His Person whom they can see and hear, thus providing a way in which He may continue to teach and nourish the flock that is first and foremost His.

Unfortunately priests do not drop from the sky or grow on trees. We come from families in which love is nurtured, prayer is important, regular participation at Holy Mass forms an integral part of family life, and the practice of the Faith through humble service is encouraged. If those descriptions do not describe your family, it’s well beyond time that they did. Encourage vocations in your own family as well as pray for members of other families who are discerning a vocation or have responded to the call to serve the Church in the priesthood.

Please keep all priests in your prayers, and be assured of my prayers and those of the other priests of the Parish for you and yours. May Christ the Good Shepherd and great High Priest bless, protect, and lead you all to eternal life with the Father!

**~ Fr. Armato**

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're over halfway to the goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$43,493 already** from just **93 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **57.2% of goal with \$32,521 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. Forms and envelopes are available in church beginning this 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 this 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 have been coming to Mass since Easter. "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#:(\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

## **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.

**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.**

## **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to the clean-up crew of parents and students from our Academy who put in some time and effort this weekend to remove debris and spruce up the property along the 80th Street side of the Parish Center and in front of the Parish Hall!

## **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. Recent presentations include videos on Saint Bernadette, the Gospel according to St. Mark, and much, 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.

## **PLEASE DON'T WAIT!**

"Are there any sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the Name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and, if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them" (James 5:14-15).

Sacraments are for the living, not the dead. Too often, people wait until it's too late for someone who is sick to receive the Sacrament of Anointing with an opportunity for confession and Holy Communion.

Please call the rectory to arrange for a priest to visit with those who are ill or elderly. They don't have to be dying in order for you to call.



**SAINT JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
MAY 1**