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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER
MAY 2, 2021**

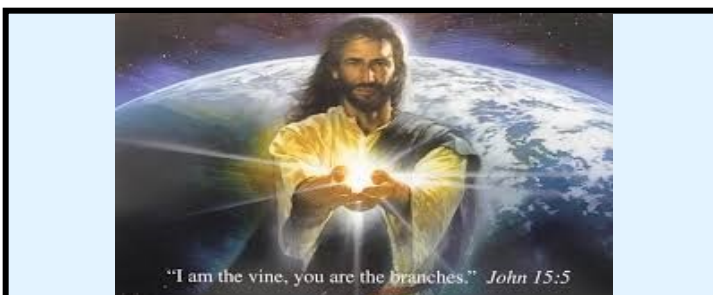
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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. 8:00 10:00	MAY 2 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Anita Cacioppo Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Erin Maloney Gaetana e Giovanni Caruso/Maria Verone/ Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer People of the Parish
MON. 7:00 9:00	MAY 3 - SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES Purgatorial Society Frank & Lucia Sparacio
TUE. 7:00 9:00	MAY 4 - EASTER WEEKDAY Nancy DiFonte Felice Americo
WED. 7:00 9:00	MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY Ida Lento/Maria Falsetta Wanda & Rudolph Hohenfeld
THU. 7:00 9:00	MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY Theresa Rom Antoinette Santora
FRI. 7:00 9:00	MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY/FIRST FRIDAY Joseph Klonowski Edward & Madeline Korth
SAT. 9:00 11:45 5:00PM	MAY 8 - EASTER WEEKDAY collective: Filippo, Leonardo & Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio Memorial Mass: Maria Lily Montenegro de Isdith, John Hegener, Joan McShea, Gloria Healy, Margaret Patricia Heckel, Maria Lucia Jerry, Antonio Arrigo, Paul Colangelo/Thaddeus S. Lubanski, Rosario Mandala, Antonina Giglio, Maria Galbo, William Bogert People of the Parish
SUN. 8:00 10:00 NOON 5:00PM	MAY 9 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ MOTHER'S DAY Concetta & John Averna In honore per la Madonna diFatima/ DiBenedetto e Barretta Famiglia/Daniele Bussa Francesca, Giuseppe e Salvatore Casabianca/Rosario, Rosario e Nunzio Taormina/Vincenza Palmeri/Girolama Curatolo/ Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Ada Bajlo/Concetta Miele/Alice Fasano/ Francesca, Mary & Lina Battaglini/ Florence Maurer Pat O'Brien (birth)



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. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child.

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, Kathryn Hummel, Caroline Martin, Michelle LaBove,

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:

Maria Galbo, William Bogert,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

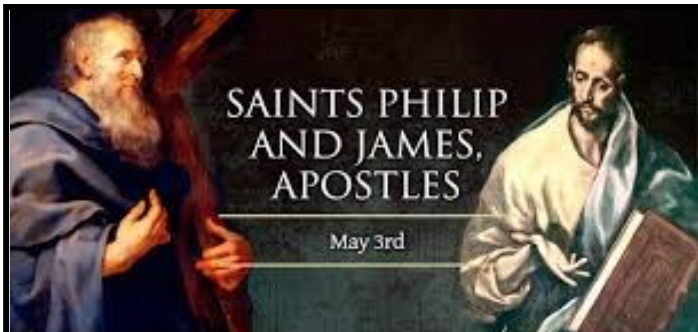
are offered in memory of Augie DeSimone.

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Anne Abbruzzese.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Joe VanSchaiek.



TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8
Ps 19:2-5
Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Ps 98:1-4
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Being Connected ~

Very often in our lives, we find it difficult to get into a group, whether at school, or at work, or in an organization or a parish society. It takes time for those already within the group to accept us during some period of formal or informal probation, after which there's some form of ritual acceptance. That seems rather normal. Imagine, though, someone who had been hostile to the group later trying to join it. They're bound to have a rough time of it, if not encounter outright rejection by the members. Still, they know that the only way to survive is to join, to be part of that group.

Such was the case with Saul, who had persecuted the early disciples in and around Jerusalem and was heading off to do the same thing in Damascus when he had his dramatic, totally life-changing encounter with Christ. It took some doing for the disciples to accept him, but that did not deter him. He realized that he had to belong to Christ and that without Christ his life would be a meaningless waste. From the time of his baptism in Damascus until the moment of his martyrdom in Rome thirty years later, Saul (St. Paul) was inseparable from his Lord and Savior. Despite all of his sufferings as he proclaimed the Gospel of salvation in Christ, the only thing that he ever feared was the possibility of being cut off from the Lord.

Christ tells us in today's Gospel that this attachment is what is required of each of His disciples. We can do nothing apart from Him, lest we wither and die. While the Father prunes us, i.e., strips us of our sins by the power of His Holy Spirit, He also nourishes us with His grace, so that we can flourish and produce the fruit of good works in love for Him and one another. We are called to do this, as St. John tells us in today's second reading, "not [merely] in word and speech but in deed and truth." Our discipleship must be real, active, and demonstrable in order to prove effective. This can be done, though, only so long as we remain united with Christ without Whom the connection is severed and we are lost.

I remember being in neighbors' and relatives' backyards as a boy and seeing them pruning their grape vines, carefully clipping off certain branches, then bundling them up to be thrown away or burned. It looked like a lot of unnecessary, hard work and a waste of what I thought were good branches. Little did I know then that those branches had to be removed because the owner knew that they wouldn't produce any fruit and actually would drain strength from the vine, thereby inhibiting its production of bountiful clusters of grapes.

In a way, that happens with us, too, although it requires our cooperation. God wants to prune away from us our sinfulness and sinful inclinations that prevent us from producing the good that He knows we could accomplish with His care and grace. He strengthens us to remain connected as branches to the Vine, His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and He nurtures us as we put Christ's teachings into practice, not as another arbitrary philosophy, but as the way to true life. God takes delight in what we accomplish by responding to His initiative, and, as the sap gives life to the branches, so the Holy Spirit abiding in us gives life to our souls.

It's easy to get lost in the sentimentality of the holy days and the "Kodak moments" of our lives. It's quite another matter to persevere in the practice of the Faith. We are called to live every day, however, recognizing that the God Who loves us beyond measure or imagination has accomplished our salvation by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of His Son. He awaits our response.

Let us live and truly love in the light of our Savior, open to the power of His Holy Spirit working in us and through us, that we may enjoy the fullness of life with our God and Father, to Whom be glory now and forever!

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're over halfway to the goal for the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign. We've received pledges for **\$46,943 already** from just **103 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **61.8% of goal with \$29,071 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.

Money raised by this campaign is used to support programs for our elderly and youth, nursing facilities, seminarians and retired priests, and other diocesan and parish pastoral needs.

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.

An indulgence may be gained, under the usual requirements of confession and reception of Holy Communion, by praying for those in need of work, or by praying the Litany of St. Joseph, copies of which are available at his statues in our church.

THANK YOU!

from the St. Vincent dePaul Society to everyone who contributed to the pantry at Easter.

The parents and students of St. Margaret Academy filled our shelves with our most needed foods. Many families donated gift cards and food, and many individuals pitched in.

Bags of food were provided to those in need, and 20 Easter baskets were made for the children.

We received hams from Councilman Holden, homemade cookies from Kathy Henn, and so many other wonderful donations.

Thank you for your support of our food pantry!

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. 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. 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#:(_____) - _____ - _____

*Growing in the love and knowledge
of Christ at*

**ST. MARGARET
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

As we enter the month of May, our Academy students will be preparing different ways to honor Mary in the classroom.

We congratulate our students who received their First Penance this past week and are awaiting receiving Jesus in First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. We ask our Parish to keep our young people in your prayers.

We are proud to say that our doors have been open for full five-day instruction for our young people, PK-Grade 8 during, this uncertain year. We have limited seats available for Nursery-Grade 8 for the 21-22 school year.

Call our office for an appointment to see our great school, **718-326-0922** or email us at **stmargtours@gmail.com**

We are saving a seat for you!

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, May 23*, to make it easier for the faithful to fulfill the obligation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to comply with the *requirement to be in a state of grace in order to receive Holy Communion*. Sadly, while most of the people who come to Mass on Sundays receive Communion, very few go to confession.

MOTHER’S DAY TRIDUUM

Remember to pray for your mother this Mother’s Day. Three Masses will be offered from Sunday through Tuesday for all of the moms enrolled, whether living or deceased. Please use the envelope provided in your packet or one of the envelopes on the radiators to have your mother participate in the spiritual fruits of these special Masses. Remember them in your own prayers, too!

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 various saints, questions about the Faith, Scripture study, 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.

ROSARY

May is a month of our Lady. Remember to pray the Rosary each day, honoring her and presenting her with your cares and concerns as you meditate on the Mysteries of our salvation in her Son, Jesus Christ!