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FIRST SUNDAY

IN

LENT

MARCH 6, 2022

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 by 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. ~ MARCH 6 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 Louis Meyers
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Giulia Caruana/
Geraldine Ciaccio (birth)/Joseph W. Mazzola
NOON Jessie Galbo
5:00PM Edward H. Morrissey & Nellie Tolles

MON. ~ MARCH 7 - STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Andrew Jenner

TUE. ~ MARCH 8 - ST. JOHN OF GOD

7:00 Paddy Shea
9:00 Francesco DeCapite
9:30 Stations of the Cross - (It.)

WED. ~ MARCH 9 - ST. FRANCES OF ROME

7:00 Joe Covernale
9:00 Souls in Purgatory

THU. ~ MARCH 10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Heribert Magin
9:00 Vincent M. Gurrieri

FRI. ~ MARCH 11 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ ABSTINENCE

7:00 Conrad Metzger
9:00 Patrick O'Brien (anniv)
9:30 Stations of the Cross (Eng.)

SAT. ~ MARCH 12 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Joseph Russo/Intention of
Frank Miller (birth)/Filippo, Leonardo e
Maria Curatolo/Grace Cacciatore (anniv)/
Reynaldo Lindo/Romana Pimentel/
11:45 **Memorial Mass:** Filippo Caruso, Nancy
Marino, Josephine Cunningham, Gary
Feathers, Antoinette DiTommaso, Tedy
Luis Pinargote, Jean A. Adamo, Paul
Liguori
5:00PM Lt. Michael Maloney, FDNY (anniv)

SUN. ~ MARCH 13 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Giuseppa e Pellegrino Benfari/
NOON Ruth O'Hehir (anniv)
5:00PM Megan Garczynski

We will pray the Stations of the Cross in Italian at
9:30am on Tuesdays and in English at 9:30am on
Fridays throughout Lent. Come and walk
the Lord's Passion!



PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Friday - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment only.

Sunday - closed

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4:00-4:45 PM.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Mondays after the 9 AM Mass.

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY

devotion are prayed every morning in the church
at 8:30 AM.

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday
of each month, at 1:30 PM. Please call the rectory
for an appointment and to register your child.

WEDDINGS MUST be scheduled at least six (6)
months in advance by appointment with a priest or
a deacon. Please call the rectory office **BEFORE**
YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE
CATERING HALL. For marriage preparation
information visit www.pre-cana.org.

ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays at
7 PM in the Church. Tenors and baritones needed!

IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica
prima della Messa Italiana.

**THE YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE
SUSPENDED.**

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 MEETINGS ARE
SUSPENDED.**

**CUB PACK #119 MEETINGS ARE
SUSPENDED.**

**SENIOR CITIZENS MEETINGS ARE
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS ARE
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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, 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, Carmen Gonzalez, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Bernard Russo, John & Katie Bryzgornia, Eric Velasquez, Joseph Simon, Emma Green, Mary Policke, Donna Stubbs, Heig Allocca, Joyce Seecheeck, The Valasquez Family, Kathryn Hummel, Caroline Martin, Michelle LaBove, Christine Arundel, Jamie Allison, Eileen Hagan, Regina Caridi, Lenny Masone, Lorraine Colon, James Buchanan, Joseph Guecia, Jacob Zane, Joan Grippo, Hazel Scanlon, Ray and Pam Sadler, Carmen Ciulla, Pauline Vella,

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.

**Pray for the men from our Parish
who are serving in the defense of our country:**

*Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

especially this week:

PAUL LIGUORI, CAROL HOFBAUER

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them!
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through Thy mercy, rest in peace! Amen!*

~ MEMORIALS THIS WEEK ~

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Ruth O'Hehir
at the request of The O'Hehir Family.*



**SAINT
JOHN
OF GOD
MARCH 8**

TODAY'S READINGS

***First Sunday in Lent
Cycle C - Hymnal # 885***

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Leviticus 19:1-211-18
Psalm 19:8-10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19
Matthew 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Luke 11:29-32
- Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12
- Friday: Ezra 18:21-28
Psalm 130:1-4. 5-7a, 7bc-8
Matthew 5:20-26
- Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48
- Sunday: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17:4:1 or
Philippians 3:20-4:1,
Luke 9:28b-36

*"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!"
~ St. Jerome*

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Reflect and Respond”

Today's Scriptures call us to reflect on where we've been, where we are, and where we're heading as individual persons and as a community of faith. Lent is a time to do so in the slow motion of seven weeks.

Moses reminded the people of their roots and their dependence upon Divine Providence, which should bring about in them a willingness to offer Him their first fruits, the best of their labors. We, also blessed, are called to respond with grateful hearts to so many pleas for help, whether from the Church or other organizations or individuals, and to address those needs with our time, treasure, and talents.

St. Paul, writing to the Christians of the City of Rome whom he intended to visit shortly thereafter, called them to hold fast to their profession of faith in Christ Jesus. Their response was to lead them to more than just lip service; belief from the heart and the spoken confession (profession) of words should lead to active discipleship, following the Lord to salvation and eternal life: faith and works together.

Lastly, the temptations of Christ by Satan in the desert are presented to us every year on the First Sunday of Lent by the Gospel accounts of St. Matthew, St. Mark, or, as this year, St. Luke. Christ, Who mortified Himself by extensive fasting and prayer, was tempted to satisfy his bodily need for food and the human desires for power, and to turn away from the will of the Father to do His own thing. Christ defeated the devil, but the battles would continue, right up to Holy Thursday night and even to the Cross. Our own struggles against the temptation and inclinations to sin will occur from time to time. We, too, can be victorious, if our lives are centered on our relationship with the Father through Christ in the Spirit.

We have begun our annual Lenten journey, a penitential season, but also one of hope as we are renewed in our determination to follow Christ. As I write, there is much gloom and fear in the world around us, from the persistent virus to the poor economy to spiraling crime to the war in Ukraine and more. It also can be a time of hope derived from our prayer life and trust in God's love for us.

This is a time for giving up and doing without, but doing so for a particular purpose: to help us to refocus our lives, centering them on God and deepening our relationship with Him. As nature abhors a vacuum, so, too, our lives also need to be occupied, spiritually as well as physically. If you are going to do without something, be prepared to put something *positive* in its place. The three keys of Lent – fasting, almsgiving, and prayer – give us important tools to do this.

Replace time spent watching TV or on the computer with time for prayer, spiritual reading, or some solid spiritual or corporal work of mercy. Go to Mass faithfully, pray the Stations, offer the Rosary daily for your intentions, and get to confession before Easter. If you fast from a particular food or drink or cigarettes, use some of the money saved to help those who do not have the bare necessities of life.

Don't let Lent zoom by in artificialities or lead you to despair. Make it meaningful, and keep it real so as to finish Lent in a way that prepares you for a more worthy celebration of Easter. Reflect, and respond!

~ ***Fr. Armato***

~ BOILER PROJECT UPDATES ~

Thank you for your generosity in the second collection each weekend, which helps offset the expenses of the temporary boiler. We probably will need it for another six weeks or more, depending on the weather. In the meanwhile, we have had a steady stream of inspectors and contractors trying to determine the best way to replace the failed boilers, no easy project.

Please be as generous as you can — *and pray for an early spring!*

EUCHARISTIC 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 10:30 AM on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, April 2.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord! Let us pray for a spiritually fruitful Lent.

~ LENTEN SERIES ~

As part of our Lenten preparation for Easter, we will have weekly, small-group sessions, using presentations by Bp. Robert Barron on six people from the Bible whose lives changed by their response to God's call: Bartimaeus, the Rich Young Man, St. Matthew, Jonah, the Woman at the Well, and the Magi.

Copies of the Program schedule are available on the radiators and in the vestibule of the church, and at the Rectory. Please take one and read the indicated Scripture passages in preparation for each of the sessions. We hope that you will join us! Contact Sr. Bridget to register.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Mailings are going out for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is the same as last year (\$76,014), when we raised \$82,410 from 190 pledges. Times are difficult, but can we do it again? As always, whatever your means may allow is greatly appreciated.

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

The Food Pantry is in need of cooking oil, mayo, catsup, ground coffee (no decaf), bottled juice and tuna. 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 on Saturday, March 12 at 11:45 AM. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church is open for private prayer until 12 Noon on weekdays, 8:30 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays, and between Masses on Sundays.

Come early and/or stay afterwards to pray. Also, bring someone to Mass with you! The church has proven to be a safe place throughout this pandemic, thank God!

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

- ~ Do NOT enter the church, if you are feeling sick.
- ~ The Church's teachings do NOT prohibit getting inoculated; instead, it is encouraged.
- ~ Although positions taken by the different levels of government are confusing and sometimes contradictory, **please consider wearing a facemask or other covering as a basic precaution while in church, even if you have been vaccinated.** Consider those around you.
- ~ Receive Communion in the hand.
- ~ Do NOT leave anything (*The Tablet*, bulletins, water bottles, etc.) behind you when you depart from the church after Mass.

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 Lent, daily Scripture reflections, spirituality, confession, the Stations of the Cross, activities for children, and many other interesting topics.

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.



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP IS OPEN

Sunday, from 9AM until 1PM

We have a selection of religious goods:

Rosaries - Medals - Gifts -
Crucifixes - Statues - Bibles - Books

AND MORE!

If we don't have it, we'll try to get it for you.

The Gift Shop is located in the rectory.

Please use the red side door in the parking lot.

If the door is closed, please knock.

Contact: StMargGiftShop@ yahoo.com

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Our faculty and staff are committed to developing faith-filled Christians and aspire to teach as Jesus did, focusing on His message throughout daily living by being truly kind and gentle to everyone. SMCA recognizes the unique talents of every student, our mission, therefore, is to help all students attain their full potential through an integrated curriculum rooted in Gospel values and Catholic teaching.

For information on registration and tours, please contact our office at 1-718-326-0922 or via email:

st.margaretprincipal@gmail.com

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

is conducting their 11th Annual Campaign for "Bridge to Life" which assists women with difficult pregnancies to avoid abortion. It also takes care of them and their children. Please make this your sacrifice for Lent.

WHEN: Ash Wednesday, March 2nd until Good Friday, April 15th.

WHAT: *Cash or checks*, payable to "Bridge to Life". You may use your own envelope or those provided on the radiators in the Church. Please put them in the collection baskets or Rectory mailbox. *New or gently used clothing*, (size infant to size 8) is also appreciated and can be placed in the bin in the vestibule of church or delivered to the convent, (66-25 79th Place), on Wednesday or Saturday, 10am until 12 Noon.

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who are responding to the stewardship initiative and continue to support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult times, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings, and for your generosity in the boiler second collection!

Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship and commit to increasing your on-going support as your means allow.

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 **faithdirect.net** and enter our parish code, **NY299**. You can change your decision later on, as you wish.