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SECOND SUNDAY

IN

LENT

MARCH 13, 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 13 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Giuseppa e Pellegrino Benfari/Pietro,
Rosalia e Salvatore Tantillo/Giuseppe,
Rosa e Maria Disclafani/
NOON Ruth O'Hehir (anniv)
5:00PM Megan Garczynski

MON. ~ MARCH 14 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Ester Governale
9:00 Florence Mauere

TUE. ~ MARCH 15 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Margaret McEnvoy
9:00 Jerzy Siemionczyk
9:30 Stations of the Cross - (It.)

WED. ~ MARCH 16 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Margaret & Eugene Trunz
9:00 Angelina Fischetti

THU. ~ MARCH 17 - ST. PATRICK

7:00 The Rice & Minogue Families
9:00 Charles Fitzpatrick

FRI. ~ MARCH 18 - ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM/ ABSTINENCE

7:00 Corrine Sapienza
9:00 Gary Feathers
9:30 Stations of the Cross (Eng.)

SAT. ~ MARCH 19 - ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 **Collective:** Dan Smith/Marguerite
Scaturro
5:00PM Grazia Macri

SUN. ~ MARCH 20 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 William J. Roemmelt
10:00 Daniele Bussa/Giuseppe Ceravolo/
Salvatore Meli/
NOON Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Competello
5:00PM Nancy Biggins

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 HAVE
RESUMED. SEE SCHEDULE.**

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!



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 Marchindiondo, 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, 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, Dennis Roberts, Louisa Diviney, Daniel Wilson,

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:

GRAZIA SCANDARIATO

*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 ~

WINE & HOST

*are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir
at the request of The O'Hehir Family.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir
at the request of The O'Hehir Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Rose Accardi
at the request of brother, Ben Armato.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Second Sunday in Lent
Cycle C - Hymnal # 888***

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14

Philippians 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20
Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a
Psalm 105:16-21
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: II Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Luke 2:41-51a

Sunday: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Testifying to the Light”

Have you ever awakened from sleep in the middle of the night and found yourself barely able to make out even familiar surroundings in the darkened room? Everything appears in gray tones as your eyes adjust little by little. Then, you turn on the bedside lamp and your eyes are almost blinded by the light. Again you adjust, and all appears in living color until you turn off the light and it fades back to gray.

I think that this is a reasonable image of what the Apostles experienced during the transfiguration of Christ on the mountain as presented to us in today's Gospel. Some of the ancient Fathers of the Church taught that what the Apostles saw was the divine reality of Christ as He always was in all His glory, though no longer obscured by His humanity. The sight of Him thus presented blew them away.

The presence of Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, testify to Him, and, as if this were not enough to astound them, so, too, do the voice of God the Father and, in the form of a cloud, the Holy Spirit. To be sure, it is a scene worthy of Cecil B. de Mille, yet it is not presented to astound but to reinforce and strengthen His disciples, including us. Jesus is on His way to the fulfillment of the mission that He received from the Father, i.e., the redemption of the world, and He had just told the Twelve that it would be accomplished by His passion, death, and resurrection.

The Transfiguration also presents to us, as it did to the three privileged Apostles that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises contained in the Hebrew Scriptures and that He is united with the Father in the bond of the Spirit. Salvation history and the Most Holy Trinity are presented through the Person of Jesus Christ. As such, we are instructed, as were the Apostles, to *listen* to Him. Don't just hear what He says, but pay active attention to Him and take His words to heart by acting upon them.

St. Luke tells us that the Apostles “fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.” They would proclaim Christ, but not until after He had completed His mission and ascended to the Father. We are often like them: we may have an encounter with the Holy, but we clam up, perhaps in confusion, perhaps in fear of being ridiculed, perhaps fearfully overwhelmed by a sense of our unworthiness.

Nevertheless, this holy season of Lent is God's invitation to us to enter into the mystery of His love more intensely, to reflect upon what we experience, to take it to heart, and, by doing so, to proclaim our love for Him and our faith in Christ more fully and openly by the way that we live our lives, testifying to the “Light from Light [and] true God from true God,” as we profess Him to be in the Creed.

So do not be afraid of the Spirit as He descends on you but heed the voice of the Father calling you to the fullness of life! Accept His grace and persevere in the conversion of heart that He already has begun in you this Lent, following Christ His Son to Jerusalem, to the hillside of Calvary and, eventually, to the empty tomb through which life, your life, has been restored and redeemed.

~ ***Fr. Armato***

~ BOILER PROJECT UPDATES ~

Thank you for your generosity in the second collection, which has helped to offset the expenses of renting and operating the temporary boiler. Contractors are presenting replacement proposals at this time.

ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH

We will pray the “Breastplate of St. Patrick” after the 9am Mass this Thursday, the memorial of St. Patrick, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

The 9am Mass this Saturday, the solemnity of St. Joseph, will be offered in Italian and English. We will pray the Litany of St. Joseph and any bread that you bring will be blessed at the end of Mass.

WELCOME BACK CHILDREN’S CHOIR

St. Margaret’s Children’s choir will be resuming starting on Wednesday, March 23 at 3pm in the church.

Children singing in the choir is a wonderful way of serving the Parish, as well as an opportunity to learn basic music skills.

All children of the parish are welcome.

St. Margaret Catholic Academy students will be receiving notification on the school website.

Any questions? See Mr. Competello,
Choir director, after any Mass.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL ‘22

Mailings have gone out for this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal, and we’re off to a good start with 20 pledges totaling \$8,665 toward our goal of \$76,014. A fair-share donation is just \$150 from each family, but, as always, whatever your means allow is most appreciated.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held on **Sunday, March 27**. The truck will be on 79th Place, near the parking lot from 8:30am until 12:30pm for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ITEMS AT
THE RECTORY OR CONVENT DOOR.**

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!

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.

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.

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, April 9 at 11:45 AM.

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, St. Joseph, daily reflections, growing in virtue, confession, marriage, 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

Open, Sunday, 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

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 in 2022. .

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.

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: 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.

THE FOOD PANTRY

is in need of additional staffing. The pantry is open on Wednesday and Saturday, 10am until 12Noon.

The pantry will be closed Saturdays in July and August. For information call Terry, 718-326-0188.