

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**IN**  
**LENT**  
**MARCH 20, 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 20 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

### **MON. ~ MARCH 21 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**

7:00 Florence McShea  
9:00 Fred Basedow

### **TUE. ~ MARCH 22 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**

7:00 Antoinette Composto  
9:00 Anthony Morena  
9:30 Stations of the Cross - (It.)

### **WED. ~ MARCH 23 - ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO**

7:00 Margaret Kelly  
9:00 Charlie DeRosa

### **THU. ~ MARCH 24 - ST. OSCAR ROMERO**

7:00 Dawn Petronella  
9:00 Michael, Catherine, Tom and  
Rosaleen Reilly

### **FRI. ~ MARCH 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD/ ABSTINENCE**

7:00 Phyllis Armato  
9:00 Kathleen Lenihan Kiernan (birth)  
9:30 Stations of the Cross (Eng.)

### **SAT. ~ MARCH 26 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**

9:00 **Collective:** Vito Bottitta (birth)  
2:30PM **Wedding:** Patrick Finneran and  
Katherine Postel  
5:00PM Theresa Mazol

### **SUN. ~ MARCH 27 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

8:00 Adolph Roemmelt  
10:00 Filippo Curatolo/Margaret M. Weihs/Vita  
DiGiovanna/Francesco Decapite/Grazia  
Scandariato/Savario, Michael e Luigi  
Bosco  
NOON People of the Parish  
5:00PM Joseph R. Borgia

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](http://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 - **SEE  
NOTICE ON PAGE 5****

**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.**

# 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, 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:***

***INIO PROZZI, ORONZO SANTORUVO,  
BETTY LOU WESTROM***

*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 **Phyllis Armato**  
at the request of Ben Armato.*



**THE  
ANNUNCIATION  
OF THE LORD  
MARCH 25**

## TODAY'S READINGS

***Third Sunday in Lent  
Cycle C - Hymnal # 891***

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15  
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-7, 8, 11  
I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Luke 3:1-9

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab  
Psalm 42:2,3, 43:3, 4  
Luke 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43  
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9  
Matthew 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9  
Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20  
Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9  
Luke 11:14-23
- Friday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-11  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38
- Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6  
Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab  
Luke 18:9-14
- Sunday: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
Psalm 34:2-7  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

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

***“Lent: Stalling Out or Progressing?”***

So, how's Lent working out for you? Are you on track and progressing with your initial good intentions, or, as for so many others of us, is it stalling out and slipping away? The distractions of what's going on in the world around us – whether on a small, personal level or on that of the grand scale of world events like the war, or the economy, or the continuing, topsy-turvy pandemic – aren't helping.

Some of us entered Lent with no particular plan in mind, content with just going along wherever the wind might blow and the Spirit lead us. Others of us began with a detailed, hope-filled regimen of spiritual exercises and reading prayers and acts of mercy all planned out. Many of us among the latter group might just as well be numbered among the first set for all the success that we seem to have achieved so far. Like the owner of the fig tree, we even might be tempted to stop our efforts and to kill the program as a waste of time and toil because it's not producing the good fruits for which we had hoped.

Fortunately for us, God doesn't take that drastic action with us any too quickly; He is willing to be patient with us. Moreover, Lent lasts for several weeks and not just for a few days, and Christ is on our side, more than ready, willing, and able to help us through His Spirit to achieve Lent's goals: our reformation and radical change of heart drawing us to the Father. We easily can get sidetracked by our intended means and fail to remember our goal, and so we need to look beyond the distractions, the discouragements, and the setbacks and be prepared to readjust and to start again by the grace of God.

Our first reading today presents Moses in his first encounter with the God of the Patriarchs. It is a costly meeting for Moses as he learns who God is and is given a mission that will require the rest of his life to accomplish: the liberation of the Hebrew people from bondage and their deliverance into the Promised Land. It's also an educational encounter for us as it was for Moses, for we learn that God is the great “I AM”, or, as some Scripture scholars have explained, “I am the One Who does for you”, i.e., God is purposefully, intentionally, and supportively active in the lives of His people, including us today.

Lent will be as fruitful for us (and for God) as we make it by allowing His grace to work in us and through us. It will require that we answer His call, the call not of just a few weeks, but of a whole lifetime. It will require us to put behind us the sins of our past, recognizing that we are no more innocent and sinless than anyone else and, therefore, just as much in need of God's mercy and forgiveness as the next person. Finally, it will require us to produce the fruit of good works and ongoing conversion of heart that bring us toward holiness and the true and eternal Promised Land of the Father's Kingdom.

God is patient, but our lives in this world are limited. If you're making progress this Lent, “take care not to fall”; don't rest on your laurels in smug self-satisfaction, but continue the good work that God has begun in you. If you've hit a wall already, don't be discouraged, but begin again to accept the grace of God, even if it means taking “baby steps” toward the Goal. Don't stall out, but persevere and progress!

~ *Fr. Armato*

## ~ BOILER PROJECT UPDATES ~

Thank you for your on-going generosity in the second collection, which has helped to offset the expenses of renting and operating the temporary boiler. The boiler room needs to be gutted of the existing non-working units. Contractors still are presenting replacement proposals at this time.

## AID TO UKRAINE

Thanks to your generosity in last week's collection for humanitarian aid for Ukraine, we collected \$5,000, which is being sent via the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia to alleviate suffering in the war-torn country. Further donations are welcome. Pray for a quick and lasting peace!

## WELCOME BACK CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St. Margaret's Children's choir will be resuming starting **THIS 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

We're off to a good start for this year's ACA campaign with 36 pledges totaling \$29,465 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. Pledges can be paid out in monthly installments until the end of the year.

## THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held **NEXT 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 DOORS.**

## 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!

## MAGGIE'S LITTLE THEATER AUDITIONS FOR COLE PORTER'S



**Thursday, March 24th, 7:30 to 9:30pm and  
Saturday, March 26th, 6:30 to 8:30pm**

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish Hall  
66-05 79th Place, Middle Village

**ALL AUDITIONEES MUST BE  
FULLY VACCINATED**

Prepare a song from "Kiss Me, Kate" or one from another show in the same style. Bring sheet music in the correct key. Wear comfortable clothing, you will be learning a short dance routine. Pictures and resumes are welcome.

**Performances are on:**

**July 9, 10, 15, 16, 23 & 24, 2022.**

## 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.
  - ~ 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, St. Patrick, St. Joseph, the Annunciation, 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, 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**

## 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.

## 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:** 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**.