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FOURTH SUNDAY
IN
LENT
MARCH 27, 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 27 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

MON. ~ MARCH 28 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Billy Heilman
9:00 Lyla Nanassy

TUE. ~ MARCH 29 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Harvey Karcher (birth)
9:00 Ernest Pospishil
9:30 Stations of the Cross - (It.)

WED. ~ MARCH 30 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Carol McDonald (anniv)
9:00 Thomas & Delia Waters

THU. ~ MARCH 31 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Thomas Foudy (birth)
9:00 John Hegener

FRI. ~ APRIL 1 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ ABSTINENCE

7:00 Bert & Sadie Frican
9:00 Marion Farrenkopf
9:30 Stations of the Cross (Eng.)

SAT. ~ APRIL 2 - ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA

9:00 **Collective:** Deceased Priests of the
Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/
Joan McShea/Lucy Lento/
9:30 Holy Hour
5:00PM Kathleen Waters

SUN. ~ APRIL 3 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 Robert Hawd
10:00 Giuseppe Ceravolo/Catarina e Pietro
Pellegrino/Joseph Battaglia/Josephine
Sciarrino/
NOON Stanley Kala (anniv)
5:00PM People of the Parish

HOLY WATER

We will have holy water available for your optional use beginning on Easter Sunday. In the meanwhile, you may continue to bring a bottle of water from home for a priest to bless after any Mass.

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 rehearses on Wednesdays at 3pm in the Church.

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, Marie Breslin,

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 Frohnoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be



**WE RECALL OUR
BELOVED DECEASED**
especially this week:

**SERGIA ESTHER SUAREZ ZAYAS,
CARMELO CARUANA**

*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 Susan Doran
at the request of Maggie's Little Theater Group.*



**SAINT
FRANCIS
OF PAOLA
APRIL 2**

TODAY'S READINGS

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
Cycle C - Hymnal # 894**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm 34:2-7
II Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezra 47:1-9, 12
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15
Psalm 145:8-9
John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 106:19-23
John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
Psalm 34:17-21, 23
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
John 7:40-53

Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

"The Prodigal Father"

Prodigal: adjective meaning, (1) exceedingly, recklessly wasteful, (2) extremely generous or lavish.

Today's Gospel passage presents what is perhaps the most loved and well known of Jesus' parables, the one that we've come to refer to as "The Prodigal Son". It's the story of a young man with definitivechutzpah, prematurely asking for his share of his father's estate while the old man was still alive (taboo!).

We're fairly familiar with and accepting of a current trend for a parent to transfer his/her home to one or more of the children in order to protect it from being seized if the parent should wind up in a health care facility. Jewelry and other assets also often are doled out long before the parent's death in the hope that they will be put to good use, perhaps even for the eventual benefit of the clever parent.

Alas, such was not the case with the younger son, who squandered his gifts in dissolute living until nothing was left but the thought of how much better things probably still were back home. The young man had hit rock bottom and was willing even to give up his birthright for a hot meal and a soft bed.

I titled this week's thoughts "The Prodigal *Father*" because I think that the father fits both meanings of the adjective. He recklessly gave up a good portion of his estate to a younger son who probably did not become a wasteful spender unexpectedly, but who just as likely had spent considerable thought as to how he might live "the good life" at someone else's, namely his father's, expense. The father is also prodigal to the extent that he generously lavished his love, his forgiveness, and his possessions on his wayward, barefoot, penitent son, anxiously seeking him (a social taboo), running out to greet him (another taboo), embracing him, and not rebuking him but restoring him to the full dignity of sonship.

Therein, I think, lies the point of the story, for we, too, have taken our inheritance, our sharing in the very grace-filled life of God, for granted, frequently wasting, squandering through sin the gifts that He has bestowed upon us in Baptism and throughout our lives, until we more or less hit rock bottom and come to our senses. It is God, Who knows us inside and out, Who, like the father in the parable, seeks anxiously for our return, Who runs to embrace us, and Who generously, lavishly restores us to the fullness of relationship with Him as His sons and daughters, forgiving us our sins and spiritually bringing us back from death to life.

This holy season of Lent is a time for us to examine our lives, to recognize our brokenness, to see how we have misused the gifts of God through our sinfulness, and to return to the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, asking for His forgiveness, His pardon, and His peace. Whether the last time that you went to confession was a week ago or years ago, God anxiously awaits your return to Him, and to receive you with great joy. Through our heartfelt contrition and the sacramental absolution granted by God through the ministry of His priest, we are found again, restored to life, and enabled to share once more in the life of God through the love and compassion of our prodigal Father.

~ ***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. So far, estimates for removing and replacing the old boilers are running in excess of \$450,000. Substantial financing and fundraising will be required.

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 10:30 on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, April 2.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

~ 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

We're off to a good start for this year's ACA campaign with 41 pledges totaling \$30,615 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.

THANKS TO ALL

for your prayers and well wishes, during my recent illness. They were all well appreciated.

~ Hazel Scanlon

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, April 9 at 11:45 AM.

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.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine using the Rosary or Pope Francis's prayer for the re-consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May our Lady, Queen of Peace, intercede for her children!

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, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, confession, Catholic spirituality, 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

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.

SYNOD PARTICIPATION

If you still wish to provide your input on the upcoming Synod on Synodality, please go on-line to:

www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/SynodSurvey

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

is conducting their 11th Annual Campaign for "Bride 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 "Bride 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.