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FIFTH SUNDAY

IN

LENT

APRIL 3, 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. ~ APRIL 3 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

MON. ~ APRIL 4 - ST. ISIDORE

7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 The Flanagan Family

TUE. ~ APRIL 5 - ST. VINCENT FERRER

7:00 Intention of Barbara Scully
9:00 Augie DeSimone (birth)
9:30 Stations of the Cross - (It.)

WED. ~ APRIL 6 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Intention of Lauraine McConville (birth)
9:00 Henry, John & Lillian Rader

THU. ~ APRIL 7 - ST. JOHN BAPTIST de la SALLE

7:00 Susan Doran
9:00 Stanley Kala

FRI. ~ APRIL 8 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ ABSTINENCE

7:00 Susan Doran
9:00 Charles Fitzpatrick
9:30 Stations of the Cross (Eng.)

SAT. ~ APRIL 9 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Piero Gusmano/
11:45 **Memorial Mass:** Carol Hofbauer, Grazia
Scandariato, Enio Prozzi, Betty Lou
Westrom, Oronzo Santeruvo, Sergia
Esther Suarez Zayas, Carmelo Caruana,
Antonino Arrigo, Marion Farrenkopf,
5:00PM People of the Parish

SUN. ~ APRIL 10 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 Anne McGinnis
10:00 Salvatore Fazzolari/Rosaria, Rosario e
Nunzio Taormina/Daniele Bussa/Enio
Prozzi/
NOON Deceased of the Hiris Family
5:00PM Carl Dokter, Louise Moeller, Joan Leonard

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 - 9am to Noon
and 1pm to 5pm**

Saturday - 9am to 5pm

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, 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, Robert Sukup,

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:

***MADELINE J. GENUARDI,
ROBERT C. HOELLE***

***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 Guido Carosi.

CONFESSIONS

Confession in preparation for Easter will be heard Saturday, April 9, from 3:00 to 4:45pm and on Monday, April 11, from 7:30 to 9:00am, 3:00 to 5:00pm, and 7:00 to 8:00pm. ***No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday.***

TODAY'S READINGS

***Fifth Sunday in Lent
Cycle C - Hymnal # 897***

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,
33-62 or 13:41c-62
Psalm 23:1-6
John 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21
John 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Daniel 3:52-56
John 8:31-42
- Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-9
John 8:51-59
- Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-7
John 10:31-42
- Saturday: Exodus 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10-13
John 11:45-56
- Sunday: Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 OR
Luke 23:1-49

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“It Takes Two to Tango”

Call it morbid curiosity, but I often have wondered what happened to the man who, like the woman, “was caught in the very act of committing adultery.” The last time I looked, after all, it takes two to tango, as the expression goes. He must have been nabbed along with her, yet only the woman was dragged before a hostile crowd, to stand before them in embarrassment, trembling in fear. Did the guy just slip away unnoticed? Did he break away and make a clean run for it? Or, as seems to have been the case, were the scribes and Pharisees just trying to set Jesus up with yet another trick question?

As usual, Jesus turned the table on His self-righteous questioners, who were using the woman for their own advantage, just as shamefully and immorally as her erstwhile lover had. He challenged her accusers: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Then He bent down to write something on the ground, perhaps as if to say, “Go ahead. I’ll wait.” One by one, beginning with the elders, the chastised accusers thought twice about their own sins and drifted away until no one was left but Jesus and the woman, whom He did not condemn but just warned not to sin any more.

Wow! Just like that, He let her off the hook? The episode ended as suddenly as it had begun, and we know no more of the woman’s life. The simplicity of Jesus’ approach was disturbing to the early Church, so much so that this section of Scripture bounced back and forth between the Gospel accounts of St. John and St. Luke for well over a century before being fixed in place here. How could forgiveness be so easy? Shouldn’t there have been some heavy penalty involved, some difficult penance to be carried out? Well, let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone.

The incident is presented to us today as a reminder that we all stand embarrassingly in need of God’s mercy and forgiveness, which repeatedly exceed His desire for justice and override His demand for retribution. None of us is in a position to condemn the acts of another. We are not God, though sometimes we act as if we were. If nothing else, we act quite like the woman’s accusers, ready to execute until we reflect on our own need for the compassion that Jesus demonstrated. “Go ahead; I’ll wait,” He tells us. Moreover, He has paid the penalty as only He could.

As I wrote last week, this holy season of Lent is a time for us to examine our lives, to recognize our brokenness, and to see how we have misused the gifts of God through our sins. It is also a particularly appropriate time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each of us must stand before the Lord. It’s better to do so sooner than later, and to go voluntarily rather than to be dragged before Him. Do not be afraid! God is more than willing to forgive us: He yearns to do so. Nevertheless, it requires an exercise of our free will, to go to Him humbly with truly contrite hearts, to seek His pardon and the grace to sin no more along with the grace to amend our lives. God and us: it still takes two to tango.

~ *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 at over \$5,000/week. 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, May 7.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

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 time, 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 donation later on, as you wish.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

We're off to a good start for this year's ACA campaign with 51 pledges totaling \$32,640 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.

A SPECIAL THANKS!

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our parishioners, and my friends, who were so generous in their well wishes and prayers during my recent illness.

Words cannot express my gratitude to, and for, you all!

~ Mary Pascale

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. See pg. 2 for listing.

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; preparing for Confession, Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage; various saints; 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.

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - 2022

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, Confession from 3:00 to 4:45pm
Saturday, Vigil Mass at 5:00pm
Sunday Masses at 8:00am,
10:00am (Bilingual - Italian/English)
12:00 Noon and 5:00pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessions from 7:30 to 9:00am
3:00 to 5:00pm and 7:00 to 8:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00pm
Adoration until 10:30 in the Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning prayer at 9:00am
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3:00pm
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
Mid-day Prayer with Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon
Great Vigil of Easter at 8:00pm

NO CONFESSION TODAY

NO 5:00PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:00am
10:00am (Bilingual Italian/English)
12:00 Noon
NO EVENING MASS



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