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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 10, 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 10 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

MON. ~ APRIL 11 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:00 Maria Kropf
9:00 Paul Colangelo (birth)

TUE. ~ APRIL 12 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:00 Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo
9:00 Gissella Mera Cevallos
9:30 Stations of the Cross (Italian)

WED. ~ APRIL 13 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:00 Steven Domenic Belviso
9:00 William & Belle (Tolles) Kunz

THU. ~ APRIL 14 - HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 Morning Prayer
8:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRI. ~ APRIL 15 - GOOD FRIDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE

9:00 Morning Prayer
3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion
7:30PM Liturgy of the Passion

SAT. ~ APRIL 16 - HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 Morning Prayer
NOON Mid-day Prayer with Blessing of Food
8:00PM Great Vigil of Easter

SUN. ~ APRIL 17 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 People of the Parish
10:00 Marco, Iole e Davide Colalella/Fred Basedow/
Anna & Wilhelm Nick/John Hegener/ Salvatore
Casabianca/Francesco e Maria Virruso/
Pellegrino e Giuseppa Benfari/Domenica
Pietro Martorana/Grazia Scandariato/Salvatore
Montalbano/Benedetto Barretta/
NOON Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey
NO EVENING MASS

CONFESSIONS

The last opportunity for confessions in preparation for Easter will be this Monday, April 11: 7:30 to 9:00am, 3:00 to 5:00pm, 7:00 to 8:00pm.
CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD AGAIN UNTIL THE SATURDAY AFTER EASTER.

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 Marchiondo, 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 Bryzgoria, 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 Bryzgoria, 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, Sam Cianciolo,

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

*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 Phyllis Armato.

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15.
SERVICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
9:00am - morning prayer
3:00pm - Liturgy of the Passion
7:30pm - Liturgy of the Passion**

TODAY'S READINGS

***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Cycle C - Hymnal # 898***

Luke 19:28-40; Is 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14
John 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17
John 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31-34
Matthew 26:14-25
- Thursday: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalm 116:12-18
I Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15
- Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 31:2,5,12-25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42
- Saturday: Genesis 1:1-2:2
Psalm 104
Exodus 14:15-15:1;
Exodus 15:1-18
Isaiah 55:1-11;
Isaiah 12:2-8
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Psalm 42
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118
Luke 24:1-12
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-23
Colossians 3:1-4 or
Corinthians 5:6b-8a
John 20:1-9

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ The End of the Beginning ~

It seems as if Lent just began, yet now we're coming to its close, singing "Hosanna" as we join the crowds welcoming the Lord into Jerusalem. This is the most sacred time of the year for Christians, the time when we remember and strive to enter more deeply and spiritually into the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. The weeks have passed quickly, and perhaps many of our good intentions for self-reform blew away with the March winds. Nevertheless, this is a week in which we resolve to go into a type of slow motion so as to concentrate and meditate more effectively on the Mystery of our salvation.

While Palm Sunday begins with us being enthused as we listen to the account of Christ's triumphal entry into His Holy City, by the time we leave the church an hour later, palm fronds in hand, we will have heard the sorrowful account of the Lord's Passion and death, maybe leaving us downcast and sorrowful. The liturgies for the rest of the week keep us focused on this same Mystery each day as we move towards the Holy Triduum and the Passion account by St. John on Good Friday.

Were we unfamiliar with the end of the story we might be given to despair as we hear again the ancient narrative. Indeed, one might say that the whole world (certainly the Ukrainians among others) is in a period of the Passion. We move about in a world beset by fears and confusion, sickness and death. This is not likely the springtime that we had expected or hoped for. Good Friday has taken hold; the prospect of Holy Saturday is somber and sad; the glory of Easter may be our most distant thought.

Nevertheless, we DO know of the victory of Christ, and that DOES give us hope to deal with our own sufferings and fears, for the Lord stands with us even now, enabling us to share in His triumph. The problems around us are quite serious, and no one should take them or our necessary responses lightly. At the same time, none of us should be giving in to the despair that is fostered by the seemingly endless reporting by the media, politicians, and talking heads of dreadful wars, domestic strife, crime, inflation, impending shortages of food and fuel, etc., etc., etc. This world and all its troubles shall pass away.

There is no Easter without the Cross and suffering of Good Friday, but truly the sadness of Good Friday is overwhelmed by the joy of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. So it was two thousand years ago, and so it shall be for us. Christ has put death to death, and rising, won for us eternal life.

There will be many distractions this week, just as there have been throughout all of Lent, and it may take some special effort on our part to respond to the grace that God continues to offer us each day. Do not give the distractions such importance, though, that you forget the prize beyond all measure for which you strive as a disciple of Christ: to be united with Him now and in the life to come.

Take the time, then, to persevere in your Lenten spiritual exercises of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Put aside the noise and busyness of daily life for a few moments; take the time to enter the Mystery and to experience God's love and mercy in your life. Join in the services and Masses of this most solemn week, and take advantage of the opportunity to go to confession this Monday, whether here or in another parish. Unburden yourself of whatever sins you've been dragging along and prepare yourself to celebrate the great triumph of Christ next Sunday as His faithful disciple.

Let us pray, then, that we may place our trust in God, Who loves us, Who bears our sufferings, and Who will bring us by His grace into the fullness of life won for us by Christ. We have not reached our goal of eternal life yet, but we are confident that He has brought about the end of the beginning.

May God, Who has begun the good work in you, bring it to completion in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ!

~ 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 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 AM on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, May 7.

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

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

We're off to a good start for this year's ACA campaign with 56 pledges totaling \$34,010 toward our goal of \$76,014. A fair-share donation I 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.

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.

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, May 14, at 11:45 am.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open beginning about one hour before the various Masses and prayer services of Holy Week (see the full schedule on page 6), and all day on Good Friday, until 8:30pm. It will be closed at other times for cleaning and decorating.

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. 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 Holy Week, several saints, prayer, family life, marriage, 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The collection for Good Friday is used to support the Catholic shrines in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity. Please use the envelopes in your packets or along the side aisles in church.

BLESSING OF FOOD

You may bring food to be used for your Easter meals for a blessing in church at 12:00 noon on Holy Saturday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will pray the Stations of the Cross one last time in Italian at 9:30am this Tuesday. Come and walk with our Lord!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - 2022

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
Blessing of Food at 12 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

Our prayer and wish for the parish is that this Easter brings us all a deeper awareness of our faith in God and our need to "love one another".



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