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**SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF
DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 24, 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 24 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8:00 Rosanna Maurer
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Mario
Gisone/Maria Silvestri/
NOON Peter Bojcenjuk
5:00PM Mary and James Hanrahan

MON. ~ APRIL 25 - ST. MARK

7:00 Tom Cordero
9:00 Maria Curatolo, Geraldine Ciaccio

TUE. ~ APRIL 26 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Billy Policke
9:00 Joan Meyers

WED. ~ APRIL 27 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Rev. Msgr. John H. Maurer
9:00 Mary and Joseph Abbott

THU. ~ APRIL 28 - STS. PETER CHANEL/ LOUIS GRIGNION de MONTFORT

7:00 Maria Curatolo (anniv)
9:00 Msgr. John Maurer, Henry Maurer Fam

FRI. ~ APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

7:00 Intention of Alana McConville
9:00 Andrew Jenner (birth)

SAT. ~ APRIL 30 - EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 **Collective:** Antonia Alagna/
5:00PM Antoinette Santora

SUN. ~ MAY 1 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 Anita Cacioppo
10:00 Romolo Fabiilli/Vincenzo Arigo/Ludwig
Ulzheimer/Ulrich Zender/Mildred Weiss
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM Florence and Daniel O'Donnell

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity in the recent special collections!

Flowers	\$1,313
Holy Thursday	\$1,508
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$1,461
Easter/Senior Priests	\$ 875
Easter Gift to Parish	\$2,675

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

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

Saturday - 9am to 2pm

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 held every Wednesday at 12 Noon, in the Parish Center.

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, 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

especially this week:

NANCY CHIMENTO,

***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 Thaddeus Lubanski at
the request of The Lubanski Family.***

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Today is the feast of Divine Mercy. Check **thedivinemercy.org** website for directions for praying the Chaplet and interesting information about the devotion.

TODAY'S READINGS

***Second Sunday of Easter,
Sunday of Divine Mercy
Cycle C - Hymnal # 903***

Acts 5:12-16
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13,
17-19
John 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Peter 5:5b-14
Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2 & 9, 17-20
John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13
Revelations 5:11-14
John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Doubting Thomas, and Bob, and Sally, and...”

It's the Second Sunday of Easter, which means it's time once again to dump on poor “Doubting” Thomas, who insisted on experiencing for himself the presence of the risen Lord instead of taking the other Apostles' word for Christ's Resurrection. We remember Christ's challenge to him to follow through on his demands, but we are not told whether or not Thomas obliged the Master, his exclamation of “My Lord and my God!” seemingly putting an end to the discussion but for two details.

First, Jesus declares to be blessed those who have not seen but have believed. That's us (hopefully). We might never have heard these reassuring words from Christ but for St. Thomas's obstinacy and doubt-fueled pragmatism.

Secondly, St. John tells us that he has written down only some of the accounts of the risen Christ (even though he could have provided many more) so that the reader might come to believe and thereby have life through Christ. That's us, too, though we still might be curious about Jesus' other post-resurrection activities.

Despite our familiarity with the Gospel stories, the witness of the Apostles and of countless Christians down through the ages, and even perhaps our own personal experiences, sometimes we get as insistent as Thomas and demand hard evidence so as to believe. That, however, leads to knowledge, not faith, for faith “is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

We want Christ to show us some tangible sign of His presence and loving concern for us. Perhaps it's a cure for an ailment or the solution to a problem or some difficulty that we happen to be experiencing at the time. We set the challenge and expect Christ to deliver. Maybe it's the ending of world hunger, or the pandemic, or the war in Ukraine that is the objective of our demand. Well meaning and even noble as these thoughts might be, we're right alongside St. Thomas, if the fulfillment of these conditions is the prerequisite for us to believe in Christ.

This Sunday also is commemorated as Divine Mercy Sunday, so ordered by Pope St. John Paul II over twenty years ago, fulfilling instructions given to St. Faustina Kowalska by Christ in visions of Him that she had during the 1920s and 1930s. Some people speak of “the Divine Mercy” as if it were a thing. The Divine Mercy is a Person – Jesus Christ – and we are called to experience Him, the personification of the divine mercy of the Father, most especially by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation that He has given to the Church for the forgiveness of sins, as we see in the first half of today's Gospel passage.

There are few times when we might experience Christ as powerfully as we do when we emerge from the confessional after having made a clean breast of our past sinfulness and having heard the beautiful, reassuring words of the priest, “I absolve you from your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” We do not see the Lord; we do not hear His voice, no less touch His wounds, but we have that overwhelming sense of peace knowing that our spiritual wounds have been healed by His physical wounds.

Many Catholics today have a deep devotion to “the Divine Mercy” and offer the “Chaplet” prayers, using an ordinary set of Rosary beads. We pray the Chaplet here at St. Margaret's before the 9:00 AM Mass Monday through Saturday, and I invite you to participate in this devotion, whether with the group or privately. Even more, though, I urge you to go to confession that you might partake of the holy Sacrifice of the Mass in a state of grace rather than commit the sin of sacrilege.

Slowly, cautiously, and bravely, people are returning to the Sacraments and Mass once again, to celebrate more fully the divine mercy of God extended to us through Christ Jesus. Trust in Him, believe in Him, and do not be another doubting Thomas, or Bob, or Sally, or, well, you get the idea. I hope.

~ *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 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!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

We're off to a good start for this year's ACA campaign with 67 pledges totaling \$35,295 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.

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 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.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open for private prayer: Monday-Friday, 6:30 am to 12:00 Noon; Saturday, 8:30 am to 6:00pm; Sunday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. Come and spend some quality time with the Lord before or after Mass or during the day.

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 the Easter season, Christ's Resurrection and our eternal life, religious art, 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.

HOLY WATER

The use of holy water as you enter and leave church has resumed *on an optional basis*. You also may fill an empty bottle from the tank of blessed water near the baptismal font or bring a bottle of water to be blessed by a priest after any Mass.

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



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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul rear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depth of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.