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**SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2023**

THE GREAT COMMISSION

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age!”

~ Matthew 28: 19-20

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN.	~	MARCH 5 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		Marcellino Troia/Geraldine Ciaccio/ O'Connor & Sloane Families/Luigi Gambino
NOON		Andrew Jenner
5:00PM		Aurora Cermeli
MON.	~	MARCH 6 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00		Purgatorial Society
9:00		Louis Meyers
TUE.	~	MARCH 7 - STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY
7:00		Geraldine Ciaccio (birth)
9:00		Nancy DiFonti
9:30		Stations of the Cross (It.)
WED.	~	MARCH 8 - ST. JOHN OF GOD
7:00		Rita M. Heilman
9:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
THU.	~	MARCH 9 - ST. FRANCES OF ROME
7:00		Richi DiGioia
9:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
FRI.	~	MARCH 10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
9:00		Maryann Salvato (anniv)
9:30		Stations of the Cross (English)
		ABSTINENCE
SAT.	~	MARCH 11 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
9:00		Collective: Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Pat O'Brien
11:45		Memorial Mass: Antonio Tamburello Arthur D. Beaumont, Agnes Lawrence, Josephine Podlovits, Eleanor McLaughlin, Maria C. Pugliese
5:00PM		
SUN.	~	MARCH 12 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00		William J. Roemmelt
10:00		Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/Assunta Palmeri
NOON		Joseph Henn
5:00PM		Anna & Wilhelm Nick/Stalzer Family.



SPRING
FORWARD
SUNDAY,
MARCH 12

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!

THE YOUTH CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays
at 3pm in the Church.

**SENIOR CITIZENS meetings are held every
Wednesday at 11:30am, in the Parish Center.**

**ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS HAVE
RESUMED. SEE SCHEDULE.**

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
of prayer and by deepening our understanding of the
Scriptures. We strive to reach out and respond to the
changing needs of our community.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, Lee Falk, Justin James Quirke, Allen McConville, The Scaturro Family, James Graff, The Mojica Family, Charlie Krzewski, William & Patricia Scharach, Emma Green, Mary Policke, The Valasquez Family, Caroline Martin, Michelle LaBove, Jamie Allison, Eileen Hagan, Regina Caridi, Lenny Masone, Lorraine Colon, James Buchanan, Joseph Guecia, Jacob Zane, Joan Grippo, Hazel Scanlon, Ray and Pam Sadler, Pauline Vella, Dennis Roberts, Louisa Diviney, Daniel Wilson, Marie Breslin, Robert Sukup, Sam Cianciolo, Maria Fava, Jeremiah Harris, Cathy Wilkenson, Maria Cermeli, Frank Marlow, Stephen Crane, Sara Alvarado, Denis Mets, Samantha Cianciolo, Maria Colalella, Vicki Lydecker, Vito Dugandzic, Lisa Lanzetta, Maria Barretta, Paula Kammer, Carol Hensley, Joan Hanahoe, Grace Sorrentino, Bob Bicknese, Jerry Feldman, Kathleen Mercado, Janice McManus-Genevrino, Katie Bryzgoria, Tabitha Hayden, Cecilia Ann Feliciano, Donna & Bo Stubbs, Sharie & Carol Ann Slusser, Darlene Lanza, Tina Messina, Matthew Young, Stanley Moculeski,

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:

*Rev. Nicholas M. Colalella
Paul Zwolak*

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
Pfc. Alexander Gockley*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

especially this week:

ELEANOR McLAUGHLIN,

*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 & HOSTS

*are offered in memory of Anthony F. Coccaro
at the request of The St. Vincent dePaul Society.*

ALTAR CANDLES

are offered in memory of Kay Visconti.

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Anthony F. Coccaro
at the request of The Martello Family.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Second Sunday in Lent
Cycle A - Hymnal # 886***

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 33:4-22
II Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Daniel 9:4-10
Psalm 79:8-13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10-20
Psalm 50:8-23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20
Psalm 31:5-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1:1-6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-28
Psalm 105:16-21
Matthew 21:33-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-20
Psalm 103:1-12
Luke 15:1-32

Sunday: Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-9
Romans 5:1-8
John 4:5-42

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Don't Just Hear, Listen!”

Like many other languages, English has two distinct verbs for our reception of sound: to hear and to listen. They seem related, maybe even the same, but there is a big difference between the two. The first is passive; the second requires action. Very often the sounds around us simply become “white noise”.

Go into any department store and you are bound to hear “seasonal music” being played to relax shoppers and put us in the mood to look at and buy merchandise. Perhaps, we have music playing at our place of business, so softly that we barely notice that it's there all day while we do our work. We play music or put on the TV or radio while we're going about our daily chores or studies. We barely are cognizant of the sounds' presence, but they're there in the background.

Listening, on the other hand, requires effort on the part of the recipient to pay attention to the sound, whether it's music or speech or the weird noises coming from under the hood of our car. The doctor uses a stethoscope to listen to our breathing and heartbeats, which are perfectly audible as far as making sounds is concerned, but require concentration to perceive and evaluate the situation.

The Scriptures today speak to us about listening as paying attention, i.e., of carrying out a command. Abraham not only hears the word of God but also trusts Him to the point of going “as the LORD directed him”, leaving everything behind – home, family, property, security, and familiarity – striking out for an unknown place that God would show to him. His reward would be an intimate relationship with this previously unknown god and descendants without number through whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed. From this one man of trusting obedience would come forth the promised Messiah and Savior of the world.

We also find the directive to listen in today's Gospel in the story of the transfiguration/transformation of Christ in front of His three startled disciples. The scene shows them both the reality of Christ's being true God as well as true man, as attested to by Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the Prophets), and a preview reassurance that this journey to Jerusalem would not end in disaster but in Christ's glorious victory. The Father's words are a repetition of those that He spoke at the time of Christ's baptism in the Jordan at the start of His public life; now they are joined with the Father's command, “Listen to Him!” Get busy about the work of salvation, beginning with yourselves.

I've often paired this command to that of our Lady to the waiters at the wedding feast of Cana: “Do whatever He tells you!” Both Christ's divine Father and human mother tell us the same thing: that we should pay attention to Him. This holy season of Lent is a time for us to try once again to carry out His teachings, to change what needs to be changed in our lives in order to follow Christ more faithfully.

This requires us to listen to Him speaking to us in the context of deeper prayer and careful reflection on the Scriptures, taking what He says to heart; to respond to our having been called by the grace of God to be “saints among the saints in the halls of Heaven” (cf. today's letter from St. Paul and the First Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation) by disciplining ourselves; and, last but not least, to put the command to love God and neighbor into effect by our humble and obedient service to Him in thanksgiving for our salvation in Christ and through our compassionate acts toward one another.

We've heard the cycle of readings proclaimed year after year to the point where, perhaps, they and the homilies preached on them have become nothing more than “white noise” in the background of Lent. Or we can be doers of the Word, and not merely hearers, as St. James says. Let this Lent be different as we make our way to Jerusalem with Christ, that you and I may be transfigured and transformed and come to share in the glory of His victory. The going may be tough, but the grace of God is with us. So, don't just *hear* what God has to say to you, but *listen* and truly live!

~ *Fr. Armato*

CONGRATULATIONS!

to our parishioner, Joseph Pfeifer, who has come out of retirement with the FDNY to accept the position of First Deputy Commissioner! May God be with you in your latest role of service to the people of our City!

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, April 1.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace intercede for her children!

ESTATE PLANNING

Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefits and potentially even a source of income?

If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate, or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone. You can sustain our beloved parish with a planned gift while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family.

For more information, please call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held on Sunday, March 19. The truck will be on 79th Place, near or in the parking lot from 8am 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 and is open

**WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10:00am to 12:00Noon**

Most needed are supermarket gift cards or certificates which we will use to buy fresh fruits, eggs, cheese, butter and bread. You can place cards and certificates in the rectory office mail slot.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERISHABLE
ITEMS IN THE BIN IN THE VESTIBULE
OF THE CHURCH!**

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, March 11. See pg. 2 of Mass Bells for
listings**

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the regular and special collections, whether through e-giving or in the collection basket!

Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship in the next few weeks in order to commit to increasing your offerings, as your means will allow.

On-line giving helps to keep your donations current when you are away from the Parish. 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.

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 spirituality of Lent; what every couple should know about marriage and prayer; St. Joseph; the Eucharist; Sunday readings for Lent; physical, mental, and spiritual health issues; activities for children; and many more 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.



BRIDGE TO LIFE

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is celebrating its **12th Annual Campaign for Bridge to Life**.

Bridge to Life gives prospective moms an alternative; good pre-natal care, safe delivery and medical and economic help for moms and infants.

WHEN: Through Good Friday, April 7th

HOW: Envelopes marked "**Bridge to Life**" are on the radiators in Church or provide your own. Cash or checks (payable to **Bridge to Life**) and/or new or gently used infant and toddler clothing or diapers size 2-5.

WHERE: Place envelopes in collection baskets or in the rectory mail slot. Place clothing in the black bin in the church vestibule or at the convent (66-25 79 Place) on Wednesdays or Saturdays, from 10am until 12Noon.

Please be as generous as possible. Make this your Lenten sacrifice.

GIORNATA DI PREGHIERA

The Diocesan Italian Apostolate will hold a Lenten Day of Prayer in Italian with Bishop DiMarzio at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston on **Saturday, March 18, from 10:00AM until 3:00PM**. Please call **718-821-2323** for more information or to make individual or group reservations (\$25 per person).



WE INVITE YOU TO OUR LENTEN PROGRAM

in the Convent Tuesdays at 11am
and Thursdays at 7pm

Call Sr. Bridget, 718-326-1911 to register.

3/7/9	<i>Could you not watch with me one hour?</i>	Matt 26:36-41
3/14/16	<i>Whom are you looking for?</i>	John 20:11-18
3/21/23	<i>Do you love me more than these?</i>	John 21:15-19
3/28/30	<i>Why do you persecute me?</i>	Acts 9:1-8

We look forward to seeing you!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in
St. Margaret Parish Hall

THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 11,
from 9am to 3:30pm.

THE COST: \$50.00 per person

THE BENEFITS: 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

CONTACT: Sister Bridget, 718-326-1911
for more information or to register.

