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**THIRD SUNDAY
IN
LENT
MARCH 12, 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 12 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00		William J. Roemmelt
10:00		Il Popolo della Parrocchia/ Daniele Busa/Assunta Palmeri
NOON		Joseph Henn
5:00PM		Anna & Wilhelm Nick and the Stalzer Family
MON.	~	MARCH 13 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00		Ruth O'Hehir (anniv)
9:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
TUE.	~	MARCH 14 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
9:00		Angelina Fischetti (anniv)
9:30		Stations of the Cross (It.)
WED.	~	MARCH 15 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00		Anna Tretmeier
9:00		Joseph Russo
THU.	~	MARCH 16 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00		Margaret & Eugene Trunz
9:00		Megan Garczynski
FRI.	~	MARCH 17 - ST. PATRICK
7:00		Intention of Terry Basedow
9:00		Rice and Minogue Families
9:30		Stations of the Cross (English)
		ABSTINENCE
SAT.	~	MARCH 18 - ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM
9:00		Collective: Kay Visconti/ Jadwiga and Feliks Mozol
5:00PM		
SUN.	~	MARCH 19 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00		Dan Smith
10:00		Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Josefa Sobecka/Giuseppe e Pellegrino Benfari/Joseph Battaglia/Antonio e Giovanna Sciarrino
NOON		People of the Parish
5:00PM		Marguerite Scaturro and Matilda Kunzinger



**SPRING
FORWARD
TODAY,
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:

BALBINA RUSSO, LYNN E. KIRWIN

*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 Ruth O'Hehir
at the request of The O'Hehir Family.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir
at the request of The O'Hehir Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Rose Accardi
at the request of Ben Armato, brother.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Third Sunday in Lent
Cycle A - Hymnal # 889*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Kings 5:1-15
Psalm 42:2-4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Psalm 25:4-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1-9
Psalm 147:12-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6-17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-21
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday: I Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Drink and Live”

Did you know that roughly 60% of your body is water? Did you also know that an average human being can survive only about three to five days without an intake of water? It's essential to our physical existence, as essential as oxygen. Moreover, a sustainable supply of fresh water is critical to the growth of crops and livestock. People have gone to great lengths (and dug to great depths) in order to obtain it, and battles have been fought over water supplies. As fearsome as floods can be to public safety, the threat of drought is even more terrifying. Small wonder that the Israelites in the reading from the Book of Exodus were in panic mode!

The Samaritan woman in today's Gospel passage braved the midday heat in order to get a heavy bucket of water from an old cistern. She avoided “polite company”, as she had a rather colorful past, having had five husbands and now was living with Number Six. It's the same number of foreign powers, each forcing worship of their particular pagan gods, that had dominated the Samaritans, who came to practice a form of tainted, watered-down Judaism. As a result, Jews and Samaritans did not get along with one another, and Jews would rather take the long way around, going back and forth across the River Jordan when traveling between Jerusalem and Galilee, just so as not to cross through Samaritan territory.

Nevertheless, Jesus decided to take the direct route home with His disciples, cutting through Samaria and stopping near Sychar, the main site of Samaritan worship, just as Jerusalem was for the Jews. There He met the woman as she went about her daily, backbreaking labor and engaged her in conversation after asking her for water, thereby committing at least two major cultural taboos.

Then Jesus talked about giving her water, not from the cistern, but “living water”, and she was intrigued by the prospect, there being no streams nearby. Now the story really gets interesting, and a bit confusing, too, for Jesus was speaking on a higher, spiritual level while the woman understood on a lower, physical one. (That happens frequently in the Gospel according to St. John.) As it turns out, He wasn't talking about potable water after all, but the flowing water of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord and Giver of Life”, Whom He would send from the Father, just as we profess in the Creed each Sunday.

This is the same Holy Spirit Whom you and I received at the time of our Baptism, when the blessed water was poured over our heads, and the very life of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – entered into our souls, making us children of God and members of the Mystical Body of Christ, which is the Church. It is this same Holy Spirit Who is given to us in the Sacrament of Confirmation to strengthen us in our relationship with God and in continuing our role in the mission of Christ for the sanctification of the world, i.e., a Gift to be used.

Our experience of the living water of the Spirit is affected by our own encounter with Jesus Christ, Who has come and met us in the territory of our fallen souls, Who invites us into conversation with Him in prayer, and Who desires to bring us along with Him into the fullness of life. Like the Samaritan woman, we should be so filled with joy at our encounter with the One Who satisfies our thirst for life that we want to share Him with those around us. We do this first by familiarizing ourselves with Him in prayerful reflection on the Scriptures and our regular celebration of the Sacraments that He has bestowed upon the Church, and then following Him faithfully by putting His teachings into practice.

The “water of life” doesn't come from a tap, or a stream, or a reservoir, no less from a cistern. It comes abundantly to those who seek it with open hearts and minds, granted freely by the grace of a loving God and Father at the request of His Son through the power of His Holy Spirit. Ask for this wonderful Gift; drink deeply, and truly live!

~ *Fr. Armato*

STATIONS/VIA CRUCIS

We celebrate the **Stations of the Cross** (*Via Crucis*) at 9:30am on Tuesdays in Italian and on Fridays in English. Walk the Lord's Passion with us!

DINNER-DANCE(S)

Many thanks to everyone - committee members, guests, sponsors and entertainers - who helped to make our Irish Night dinner-dance such an enjoyable and profitable event! *Go raibh mile maith agat!*

We're in the process of planning a similar event in June to celebrate 160 years of Catholic education in Middle Village and hopefully another dinner-dance in October around Columbus Day.



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is just getting started. Those of you who contributed to the 2022 Campaign should receive renewal pledge cards in the mail. Cards also will be available in church again this year. Please be sure to designate St. Margaret Parish for your donation.

Through your generosity, we received almost \$8,600 from the 2022 Campaign to address parish needs.

The Diocese uses the Campaign to provide services to senior citizens, outreach to the needy, youth programs, housing for retired senior priests, and for the formation of seminarians for the priesthood.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL CLOTHING PICK-UP

will be held **NEXT** 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, April 15.**

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: Lent; St. Joseph and St. Patrick; the Eucharist and confession; 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.

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, **THIS Saturday, March 18, 10am until 3pm**. Please call **718-821-2323** for more information or to make individual or group reservations (\$25 per person)

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

The Solemnity of St. Joseph will be observed this year on MONDAY, March 20. The 9:00am Mass will be celebrated in Italian and English.



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

open Sunday, 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: stmmvcalendar@gmail.com

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.

3/14/16 *Whom are you looking for?* John 20:11-18

3/21/23 *Do you love me more than these?*
John 21:15-19

3/28/30 *Why do you persecute me?* Acts 9:1-8

We look forward to seeing you!



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 of 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.