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**LAETARE SUNDAY
FOURTH SUNDAY
IN
LENT
MARCH 19, 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

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| SUN. | ~ | MARCH 19 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT |
| 8:00 | | Dan Smith |
| 10:00 | | Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Josefa Sobecka/Giuseppa e Pellegrino Benfari Joseph Battaglia/Antonio e Giovanna Sciarrino |
| NOON | | People of the Parish |
| 5:00PM | | Marguerite Scaturro/Matilda Kunzinger |
| MON. | ~ | MARCH 20 - ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY |
| 7:00 | | Albert DiCenso |
| 9:00 | * | Dan Smith |
| | * | Italian/English |
| TUE. | ~ | MARCH 21 - LENTEN WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | | Florence McShea |
| 9:00 | | Fred Basedow |
| 9:30 | | Stations of the Cross (Italian) |
| WED. | ~ | MARCH 22 - LENTEN WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | | Antoinette Composto |
| 9:00 | | Anthony Morena (anniv) |
| THU. | ~ | MARCH 23 - ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO |
| 7:00 | | Thomas O'Leary |
| 9:00 | | Anthony F. Coccaro |
| FRI. | ~ | MARCH 24 - LENTEN WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | | Anna Treitmeier |
| 9:00 | | Michael, Catherine, Tom, and Rosaleen Reilly |
| 9:30 | | Stations of the Cross (English) ABSTINENCE |
| SAT. | ~ | MARCH 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD |
| 9:00 | | Collective: Phyllis Armato/Giacomo & Guiseppina Gennari |
| 5:00PM | | Lt. Michael Maloney, FDNY (anniv) |
| SUN. | ~ | MARCH 26 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT |
| 8:00 | | Anna Roemmelt |
| 10:00 | | Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Luigi, Saverio e Michael Bosco/Stefano Vitale |
| NOON | | Dominick Friscioni |
| 5:00PM | | People of the Parish |

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.*

**SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY
WILL BE SELLING CHOCOLATE BARS
AFTER ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SMCA.
STOCK UP, THEY GO FAST!!**

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:

HELEN T. PFEIFER, MAX BENZINGER

*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 Phyllis Armato,
at the request of Ben Armato, husband.*

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!

TODAY'S READINGS

***Fourth Sunday in Lent
Cycle A - Hymnal # 892***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: II Samuel 27:4-16
Psalm 89:2-29
Romans 4:13:16-22
Matthew 1:16-24

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-12
Psalm 46:2-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15
Psalm 145:8-18
John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 106:19-23
John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1-22
Psalm 34:17-23
John 7:1-30

Saturday: Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Seeing Reality”

There's an expression that we use from time to time: not being able to see the forest for the trees. We get so tied up in the details that we fail to see the bigger picture. That can happen with the Scriptures that are proclaimed during Lent, especially when we use the readings from Cycle A, the first year of the Lectionary. We might find the stories that are presented to be entertaining, after a fashion, but we just as easily can forget that this year's readings have been used by the Church for years as part of the preparation of candidates who will be received into the Church at the great Vigil Mass of Easter.

The first reading speaks to us of God's selection of David, a lowly, young shepherd boy, to become the great leader of His People. Whodathunkit? No one, not even David's own father or Samuel, the prophet of the LORD, suspected the choice, yet there it was. David was the one on whom God had set His eye to liberate His people. “Not as man sees does God see,” God tells Samuel, “because man sees the [outward] appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart.” How true that is of us, as well! Yet, God has chosen us to be His children by adoption, members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ.

St. Paul reminds us that, because of this election, we are to shun the darkness and evils of the world and to live differently, as people of the Light. We can have no part in accepting and perpetuating the darkness and lies of the world around us. Instead, we are to identify them for what they are and to refute them, walking in the light that comes from Christ by the grace of His Spirit, Who guides us in the way of absolute truth. Our encounter with Christ should make a difference in the way by which we live in the world without being “of the world”.

This encounter, however, is not a one-shot deal. Instead, our relationship with Christ is supposed to grow one day at a time with every situation of life. In a way, it is akin to the experience of the man in today's Gospel passage. His washing is symbolic of our Baptism. Gradually, founded on his miraculous healing, he moves from talking about “the man called Jesus” to referring to Him as “a prophet” to one who is “from God” to calling Him “Sir” (the Greek word is “Kyrios”, which the Church uses for “Lord”), and from merely explaining what occurred to defending the reason for his new-found belief.

Similarly, though less dramatically, we progress in our understanding, our “seeing”, of God's love for us in giving us Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer. Coming to see Him as such, however, is not all cakes and ale. Just as the healed man was thrown out of his society, we, too, can be pushed aside by our peers when we hold fast to the teachings of Christ and His Church.

It probably won't happen because we profess the Trinity or the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist or the Immaculate Conception of Mary. But it is certain to happen if we recognize the need to avoid that in which the world revels: sin and whatever leads us into it. It will happen when we admit that we are in need of God's mercy and forgiveness and that we need to reform our lives. It will happen in clashes over issues of moral behavior, great and small. It will happen in the current cultural battles over the objective truth of human sexuality and the nature of man and woman, and the specialness and sacredness of all human life from the very instant of its conception until the exhalation of its very last natural breath.

This holy season of Lent is a time to look and see that God has chosen us for His own. Through regular prayer and the grace of the Sacraments that sustain our practice of the Faith, we will come to recognize Christ's presence and the power of His Holy Spirit more perfectly, enabling us to follow Him with greater devotion and fidelity until the day when we stand before Him and see Him as He is.

~ *Fr. Armato*

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!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign has begun, and we're off to a good start with **\$32,245 pledged already.**

Whoever 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.**

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 **TODAY**, 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**

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Joseph Palackal will lead a ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year, February 4-13. The price is \$3,699 per person, for round-trip airfare and first-class, double occupancy accommodations.

Contact Fr. Palackal for more information:
jpalackal@gmail.com

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; the priesthood; a Triduum virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land; 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 give 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - 2023

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, Confession from 3:00 until 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 until 9:00am

3:00 until 5:00pm and 7:00 until 8:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00pm

Adoration until 10:30pm in the Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am

Stations of the Cross at 12:00Noon (English)

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 5:00PM MASS



WE INVITE YOU TO OUR LENTEN PROGRAM

in the Convent

Tuesdays at 11am and

Thursdays at 7pm

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!