

# **ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 2, 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

<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
8:00		Joan McShea
10:00		Marcellino Troia/Salvatore Fazzolari/ Felice Americo/Vincenzo DiMaggio/ Giovan Battista DiMaggio/Vincenza Serenio/Caterina Diraimondo/Anthony Pagano/Izuchukwu Valentine Okoye/ Calogero Tuttolomondo
NOON		Kathleen Waters
5:00PM		Carl Dokter/Jean Leonard, Louise Moeller
<b>MON.</b>	~	<b>APRIL 3 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
7:00		Purgatorial Society
9:00		Maria Petrocelli
<b>TUE.</b>	~	<b>APRIL 4 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
7:00		Anna Treitmeier
9:00		The Flanagan Family
9:30		Stations of the Cross (Italian)
<b>WED.</b>	~	<b>APRIL 5 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>
7:00		Steven Dominick Belvuso
9:00		Augie DeSimone (anniv)
<b>THU.</b>	~	<b>APRIL 6 - HOLY THURSDAY</b>
9:00		Morning Prayer
8:00PM		People of the Parish <b>ADORATION UNTIL 10:30PM</b>
<b>FRI.</b>	~	<b>APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY</b>
9:00		Morning Prayer
NOON		Stations of the Cross (English)
3:00PM		Passion Liturgy
7:30PM		Passion Liturgy <b>FAST AND ABSTINENCE</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	~	<b>APRIL 8 - HOLY SATURDAY</b>
9:00		Morning Prayer
NOON		Blessing of Food
8:00PM		Great Vigil of Easter
<b>SUN.</b>	~	<b>APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
8:00		Anne McGinnis
10:00		Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Giuseppa e Pellegrino Benfari/Francesco e Maria Virruso/Calogero Tuttolomondo/Maria Scarpulla
NOON		Peter Bojcenjuk <b>NO 5:00PM MASS</b>



PALM SUNDAY  
OF THE PASSION  
OF THE LORD  
APRIL 2

## 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](http://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 Bryzgornia, Tabitha Hayden, Cecilia Ann Feliciano, Donna & Bo Stubbs, Sharie & Carol Ann Slusser, Darlene Lanza, Tina Messina, Matthew Young, Stanley Moculeski, James Spoto (FDNY),

**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:***

***VINCENT FAMILIO, NICKOLENA STAVOLA***

*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 Irish Night Committee.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Anthony F. Coccaro  
at the request of the Irish Night Committee.*

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Anthony F. Coccaro  
at the request of the Irish Night Committee.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

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

Matthew 21:1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm 22:8-24  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 14:27-66

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7  
Psalm 27:1-14  
John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6  
Psalm 71:1-17  
John 13:21-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9  
Psalm 69:8-34  
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 116:12-18  
I Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 31:2-25  
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 36:16-28  
Psalm 42  
Romans 6:3-11  
Psalm 118  
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-23  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

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

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

**~ Joy in the Midst of Suffering ~**

There's a strange thing about Palm Sunday: The sacred Liturgy begins with us being all upbeat and excited as we hear the Gospel account of Christ's triumphal entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem, but by the time we walk out the doors of the church an hour later, waving a fistful of palm fronds, we will have heard the sorrowful account of the Lord's Passion and Death. The liturgies for the rest of the week keep us contemplating this same Mystery each day as we move towards the Holy Triduum and the central account of the Passion by St. John on Good Friday. Although Mass is not celebrated during the mornings of the Triduum, Morning Prayer each day helps us to continue that focus.

Now, if we were reading or hearing the story for the first time, we might have a tendency to get more than a little depressed. Certainly, our Lady, the Apostles, and the other disciples shared that horrible sentiment as the events unfolded around them and their world collapsed. Nevertheless, with 20/20 hindsight, we go through the narrative and the liturgies with a sense of hope founded on faith. We DO know the end of the story, and it doesn't take place on Good Friday with the bitter loneliness of a freshly sealed tomb. Thus, we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of the Lord's victory in His Resurrection on Easter morning. As it is, we do not remember simply the events of two thousand years ago, but rather the Mystery of God's love for us in Christ Jesus, renewed each day. Every holy Mass is for us a participation in His great victory of grace over sin, of light over darkness, of hope over despair, and of life over death.

One might say that we, indeed, that the whole world, are in a constant period of the Passion. We move about our daily routines in a world that sadly is beset by fears and confusion, sickness and death, and the threats of war or economic collapse, not to mention natural disasters and our own personal cares, worries, and tribulations.

Although we have moved beyond the fears and effects of the pandemic of 2019, Good Friday certainly has taken hold of us; Holy Saturday can be somber and sad; the glory of Easter very well might be the last thing on our minds. Nevertheless, we DO know the whole story. We DO know about the victory of Christ, and it DOES give us hope to deal with our many difficulties and fears.

So much has changed in the course of these last three years, but we always are called to act with determined perseverance as a people of faith. We also must continue to pray – especially to offer holy Mass and a daily Rosary and for the intercession our patron saints – for the many intentions that we have as individuals and as members of families, as a parish community and as part of the universal Church, as a village and as a nation among nations. Let us pray for one another, as well, that we all may place our trust in God, Who loves us, Who bears our sufferings, and Who brings us into the fullness of life that was won for us through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are fortunate in being able to celebrate the sacred liturgies of Holy Week publicly this year with the pandemic well behind us, a sad and often painful memory. As the number of parishioners coming to Mass on a weekly basis is returning to post-COVID “norms” little by little, I hope that you will join the priests of our Parish in observing these holiest of days in church, and that you will pray in your homes each day, as well, meditating on the daily readings.

There is no Resurrection at Easter without the Passion and Cross of Good Friday, but truly Good Friday always is followed by a joyful Easter Sunday. So it was for our Lady and the disciples two thousand years ago, and so it shall be for us today. By the grace of God, there will be joy in the midst of suffering once again!

**~ 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, May 6.**

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 **\$35,370 pledged already by 48 donors..**

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 donations.**

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

## 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: preparing for Holy Week and celebrating the Triduum; the Holy Spirit; spiritual warfare; family activities for Easter; and many more interesting topics.

The app can be downloaded very easily The 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.

**FYI: Rosemarie W. recommends "The Search", a 7-episode series of 30-minute programs about the search for Christ in the modern world, suitable for teens and adults.**

## CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (going to confession) prepares us to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in the required state of grace. Celebrate the first before coming to receive the second!

Confessions will be heard throughout the metropolitan area at different times of the day this Monday. Take good advantage of this last opportunity before Easter!

## 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 12:00 Noon (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**

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

The following changes will be made to our monthly schedule as of June 1 in the hope of encouraging greater participation:

### BAPTISMS

**First Sunday at 1:30pm and  
Third Saturday at 1:30pm**

### MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

**Second Saturday of the month at 9:00am.**

Thank you for your cooperation!