

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**EASTER SUNDAY  
OF THE  
RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD  
APRIL 9, 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 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/Paul Colangelo/Palma Todaro/Giovanna, Antonina e Salvatore Vilardi   |
| NOON        |   | Peter Bojceniuk  |
| 5:00PM      |   | <b>NO MASS</b>   |
| <b>MON.</b> | ~ | <b>APRIL 10 - MONDAY WITHIN EASTER</b>   |
| 7:00        |   | Maria Kropf  |
| 9:00        |   | Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Sivillo (anniv)  |
| <b>TUE.</b> | ~ | <b>APRIL 11 - TUESDAY WITHIN EASTER</b>  |
| 7:00        |   | Gerard Cirone  |
| 9:00        |   | Anthony Centola  |
| <b>WED.</b> | ~ | <b>APRIL 12 - WEDNESDAY WITHIN EASTER</b>  |
| 7:00        |   | Anna Treitmeier  |
| 9:00        |   | Henry, John & Lillian Rader  |
| <b>THU.</b> | ~ | <b>APRIL 13 - THURSDAY WITHIN EASTER</b>   |
| 7:00        |   | Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo, Geraldine Ciaccio  |
| 9:00        |   | Rita M. Heilman  |
| <b>FRI.</b> | ~ | <b>APRIL 14 - FRIDAY WITHIN EASTER</b>   |
| 7:00        |   | John Mantel  |
| 9:00        |   | Tommy Joyce  |
| <b>SAT.</b> | ~ | <b>APRIL 15 - SATURDAY WITHIN EASTER</b>   |
| 9:00        |   | <b>Collective:</b> Dawn Petronella   |
| 11:45       |   | <b>Memorial Mass:</b> Balbina Russo, Lynn E. Kirwin, Helen T. Pfeifer, Max Benzinger, Phyllis Armellino, Andrzej Dobrzynski, Calogero Tuttolomondo, Marie Forgione, Vincent Familio, Patrick Breen, Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey and William & Bella (Tolles) Kuntz |
| 5:00PM      |   |  |
| <b>SUN.</b> | ~ | <b>APRIL 16 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>  |
| 8:00        |   | People of the Parish   |
| 10:00       |   | Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Romolo Fabiilli/Antonino Arrigo   |
| NOON        |   | Florence & Daniel O'Donnel   |
| 5:00PM      |   | Johann Hiris/Deceased of the Hiris Family  |



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## 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 Bryzgoria, 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:*

**BERTA MANTEL, JOHN MANTEL,**

*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 Peter Bojцениuk  
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojцениuk  
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk  
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## TODAY'S READINGS

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
Cycle A - Hymnal # 902*

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14-33  
Psalm 16:1-11  
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41  
Psalm 33:4-22  
John 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10  
Psalm 105:1-9  
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26  
Psalm 8:2-9  
Luke 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12  
Psalm 118:1-27  
John 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21  
Psalm 118:1-21  
Mark 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 118:2-24  
I Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

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

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

~ **Christ is risen! Truly is He risen!** ~

While looking over the last few years of my Easter messages this past weekend, I noticed how much has changed over the last few years, but I also realized how much has remained the same.

Three years ago, our celebrations were “virtual”, confined to home for the most part because authorities, both civil and religious, had closed our churches. While priests celebrated Mass privately (though often with live-stream feeds over the internet) the faithful were told that “an act of spiritual communion” would have to suffice to feed the needs of their souls. How wonderful it is that today so many people have returned to church to celebrate the holy Sacrifice of the Mass on a regular, weekly basis! Our numbers last weekend finally were pre-pandemic.

One thing that has not changed is that there has been no stopping the advance of the Gospel, the great victory proclamation of God's love for us in Christ Jesus, Who suffered, died, and rose from the dead, thereby reconciling all mankind to God the Father and opening for us the gates of Heaven and eternal life. We remain an “Alleluia (Easter) people” as St. Augustine called his North African congregation over 1,600 years ago. That also was a time of great social upheaval amid wars, a decaying sense of polity, and rampant diseases. Despite our many difficulties – whether personal, communal, or global – we still join the generations of disciples before us in proclaiming our faith in the One Who has saved us.

Another Lent has come and gone. Hopefully, we are better Christians for whatever exercises of prayer, fasting, and sacrificial sharing we were able to accomplish by the grace of God. Now we celebrate an Easter of renewed hope, peace, and joy. As St. Paul reminded his disciples in Corinth almost two thousand years ago we are new creations in Christ. Having died with Him in the waters of Baptism, we, too, have been brought to newness of life, a life that has no end, a participation in His own divine life with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate Christ's triumph of life over death, of grace over sin, of God's mercy and love over shame and despair. Through the victory of our blessed Lord, a new and fuller life has been given to the human race, indeed, to all of Creation. An ancient prayer of the Eastern Church reminds us that

“Christ is risen from the dead,  
by death He has trampled down death,  
and on those in the grave He has bestowed life.”

Therefore, we do not simply go back about our business after the exercises of Lent. This most holy feast of Easter demands not only that we cry out, “Alleluia!” (“Praise the Lord!”), but also, and most especially, that we truly live in the freedom of the children of God, putting our Savior's teachings into effect through lives of prayerful sacrifice and compassion, avoiding sin, and responding to the grace of God by participating as active members of His Church.

We are to live as a people of hope, even in the face of difficulty and derision, of trials and tribulations. Truly, we have been changed because of the victory of Christ in which we already participate by virtue of our baptism. We ought to reflect that radical change each day with hearts and souls made new and strengthened through the Blood of Christ and the power of His Resurrection.

The Paschal Candle burns once more as a beacon of hope, shining on a dreary world that trudges in the darkness of sorrow and despair. We must bear the Light of Christ, bringing it into our homes and the world around us.

May God Who has begun the good work in you bless you and yours this Easter and bring it to completion in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ! Indeed, let us raise the ancient, joyful cry of Holy Mother Church: “Christ is risen! Truly is He risen!”

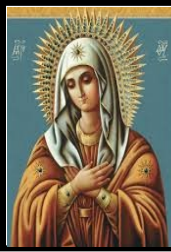
~ *Fr. Armato*

## 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!

## 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](mailto:jpalackal@gmail.com)



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign has begun, and we're off to a good start with **\$36,595 pledged already by 51 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 programs, housing for retired senior priests, and for the formation of seminarians for the priesthood.

## 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. See pg. 2 of this bulletin 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 increasing your level of stewardship this year as your means will allow. A minimum of \$15 per person per week would be helpful.*

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: Holy Week; the Triduum; the Holy Spirit; spiritual welfare; marriage; women's ministry; family activities for Easter; 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.

**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.**

## **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!



*He did it for me. . .*

*It was for me Christ Jesus died,  
so that I could live, He was crucified.  
Jesus was innocent, he knew no sin,  
but yet He died for sinful men.*

*It was for me Jesus paid the price,  
He became the ultimate sacrifice.  
Oh, the depth of the love of one,  
who would offer up his only son?.*

*It was for love God gave His all,  
to restore mankind after the fall.  
The debt was huge and the price high,  
therefore an innocent man had to die.*

*God could find no one else to qualify,  
to pay the awful debt for you and I.  
Because sin was found in one and all,  
only Jesus could answer the call.*

*So out of His endless love for man,  
God unfolded His perfect plan.  
Jesus said, "I'll give my life for man"  
and God said, "I'll raise you up again."*

*And through the death of Jesus Christ,  
we all have access to eternal life.  
From east to west, in all directions,  
we give thanks for the resurrection.*

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick is intended for strengthening those who are ill or elderly, not just for people who are at death's door! The Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance often accompany it.

Please contact the Rectory to arrange for a visit by one of the priests. Do NOT wait until it's too late!

## **YOUNG ADULTS HOLY HOUR**

Our monthly holy hour for young adults will take place this Thursday at 7:30pm. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, the Rosary, and private prayer!