

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

~ MASS BELLS ~

PASTOR

Rev. ROBERT J. ARMATO

PAROCHIAL VICARS

REV. MSGR. ROBERT J. THELEN
REV. JOSEPH PALACKAL, CMI

IN RESIDENCE

REV. MICHAEL UDOH

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sr. Bridget Olwell, OSU
bridgetosu7@gmail.com

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

718-326-0922
Sharon Swift, Principal
principal@stmargaretschoolmv.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

718-326-0922
Karen Gonzales
Coordinator
stmargaretre@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

718-326-1911
Don Competello, Director
Diane Competello, Asst. Director
DnDSingit@aol.com

LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS

Kathryn Burger Hazel Scanlon
Jeanne Perry Sue Karcher

GIFT SHOP

Sue Karcher, Coordinator
stmmvcalendar@gmail.com

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICES:

Mary Pascale, Receptionist
Phone: 718-326-1911
Fax: 718-326-1883
E-mail: stmargaretmv@gmail.com
Website: www.stmargaretmv.com

SCHEDULE/CALENDAR:

stmmvcalendar@gmail.com



DIVINE

MERCY

SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 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. 8:00 10:00	~	APRIL 16 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY People of the Parish Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Romolo Fabilli/ Antonino Arrigo/Maureen Schmerwitz
NOON 5:00PM		Florence & Daniel O'Donnel Johann Hiris/Deceased of the Hiris Family
MON. 7:00 9:00	~	APRIL 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY John Mantel Fred Basedow
TUE. 7:00 9:00	~	APRIL 18 - EASTER WEEKDAY Adolf Tranposch Carol Mukian
WED. 7:00 9:00	~	APRIL 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY John Mantel Theodora Wurglics
THU. 7:00 9:00	~	APRIL 20 - EASTER WEEKDAY Arthur D. Beaumont Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey/ William & Bela (Tolles) Kuntz
FRI. 7:00 9:00	~	APRIL 21 - ST. ANSELM Josefa Gramer Anthony F. Coccaro
SAT. 9:00 5:00PM	~	APRIL 22 - EASTER WEEKDAY Collective: Mary Prescott/Robert C. Thoering/John D'Amato/Connie Faccibene/Anita Wunsch/Anne Abbruzzese/Kay Visconti Sal Pugliese
SUN. 8:00 10:00	~	APRIL 23 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Rosanna Maurer Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/Maria Curatolo/Vito Stabile e Giuseppa Baron/Kevin McBride/ Antonio Caleca/Maria Altesi
NOON 5:00PM		Augie DeSimone (anniv) Joan and Jerry Leonard, Thomas Gloster, Sr.



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, James Spoto (FDNY), Bob Weiner, Rose MacNamara, Peter DiRocco,

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:

BRYAN ZACK,

*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 Salvatore Fazzolari
at the request of Elena, Ricky & Steven.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Thaddeus Lubanski
at the request of The Lubanski Family.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Romolo Fabiilli
at the request of Louisa.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Divine Mercy Sunday
Cycle A - Hymnal # 903*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31
Psalm 2:1-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1-5
John 3:7-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2-20
John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-19
John 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14-33
Psalm 16:1-11
I Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Peace Be with You!”

Today is the Octave of Easter. It also is celebrated, by direction of our late Holy Father, Pope Saint John Paul II, as Divine Mercy Sunday, based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish mystic nun who had several visions of Christ and died just before WWII. Many Catholics have a devotion to and pray the “Chaplet of the Divine Mercy”, in which special prayers are offered using ordinary Rosary beads.

Many churches now have a devotional image. Ours is located to the left of the inner door near the shrine room, between St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Jude. The members of our Rosary group pray the Chaplet Monday through Saturday after praying the Rosary at 8:30 AM.

As with most prayers, it can become all too easy for us simply to rattle on through the Chaplet as we plead for the Father's mercy and offer Him “the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of [His] dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world!” We are supposed to meditate on the love Christ has for us, to cooperate with His grace for our own conversion of heart, and to bestow upon those who have offended us the mercy that we have received from God for the forgiveness of our own sins.

Whether or not we offer the prayers of the Chaplet, however, all of us celebrate this great gift of God every time that we gather to celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ by participating in the most holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

What, then, is the Divine Mercy? The Divine Mercy is not a thing, but is a Person, the incarnate love of God the Father poured out for us in the very Person of His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, from Whom have come forth the cleansing waters of Baptism and the blood Sacrifice of the Eucharist (represented respectively by the shafts of white and red light in the image). Both of these Sacraments bring us to newness of life in Him and through Him. This is the very life of the Father Himself, which the Son shares in the unity of the Holy Spirit. It is the same new life of which St. Peter wrote to his disciples.

Today's Gospel illustrates clearly to us the mercy of Christ. Rather than chastising His Apostles for having abandoned Him and leaving Him to suffer the pains of crucifixion seemingly alone, He greeted them with, “Peace be with you!” It is the standard Hebrew greeting of “Shalom aleichem!” used to this very day, especially in Israel. It isn't simply a wish for the absence of strife, but rather a fervent prayer that the fullness of blessing and all that is good might be bestowed upon the person(s) being greeted.

As if that were not enough, though, He also gave the Apostles the authority to forgive sins (or not) in His Name through the power of His Holy Spirit. This same authority has continued in the Church down through the centuries to our very day, through the ministry of the ordained priesthood as the spiritual descendants of the Apostles, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we go to confession.

Whatever sins we have committed – in thought, word, or deed, whether by commission or omission – God stands ready to forgive us when we approach Him with a spirit of true contrition and the intention of avoiding sin in the future. Do we keep tripping up and sinning? Yes, but by the love of God we can turn to Him again, not with a spirit of presumption as if we could do whatever we pleased because He would forgive us anyway, but once more with a true spirit of sorrow for our sins and an openness to use His grace to persevere in living the new life in Him and working toward the goal of faith: our salvation.

How wonderful it is to hear the priest speak (and, for me as a priest, to be able to speak) the words of absolution, whether it has been a week or many years since last we entered into the confessional: “God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and has poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace! And I absolve you from your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Then to hear, “Go in peace!”

Therefore, let us trust in the divine mercy of God our Father while striving to live according to the teachings of His Son by the grace of Their Holy Spirit! Shalom aleichem!

~ Fr. Armato

EUCHARISTIC 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!

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 benefit 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign has begun, and we're off to a good start with **\$36,735 pledged already by 52 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 (#4117) for your donations.**

The Diocese uses the Campaign to provide services to senior citizens, outreach to the needy, youth program, housing for retired 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, May 13, at 11:45am.**

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the regular and special collections, whether through e-giving or in the collection basket! We'll report once the books are closed.

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: the Resurrection; women's issues; St. Joseph; the Sacraments; a virtual tour of the Holy City of Jerusalem; activities for the whole family; 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 of the month at 1:30pm and
Third Saturday of the month at 1:30pm*

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

Second Saturday of the month at 9:00am.

Thank you for your cooperation!



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

open Sunday, 9am til 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

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



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!

"EASTER DUTY"

All Catholics are obligated to receive Communion at least once a year, especially sometime between Ash Wednesday and Holy Trinity Sunday, aka "Easter Duty".

The PREREQUISITE for receiving Communion ANYTIME is to be in a state of grace (free of any mortal sins), obtained by going to confession. Please take advantage of the opportunity to do so, not only now, but also as often as necessary.