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**THIRD SUNDAY
IN
EASTER
APRIL 23, 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.	~	APRIL 23 - THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER
8:00		Rosanna Maurer
10:00		Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/Maria Curatolo/Vito Stabile e Giuseppa Baron/Kevin McBride/ Antonio Caleca/Maria Altesi/ Intention of Tonia Albino
NOON		Augie DeSimone (anniv)
5:00PM		Joan Leonard
MON.	~	APRIL 24 - ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN
7:00		John & Berta Mantel
9:00		Mary & James Hanrahan
TUE.	~	APRIL 25 - ST. MARK
7:00		Tom Cordero
9:00		Mary & Joseph Abbott
WED.	~	APRIL 26 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00		Donato & Angelina Parente
9:00		Joan Meyers
THU.	~	APRIL 27 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00		Msgr. John Maurer & The Henry Maurer Family
9:00		Rev. Msgr. John H. Maurer
FRI.	~	APRIL 28 - STS. PETER CHANEL / LOUIS GRIGNON deMONTFORT
7:00		Billy Policke
9:00		Laurence Walsh
SAT.	~	APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
9:00		Collective: Maria Curatolo (anniv)
5:00PM		Andrew Jenner (birth)
SUN.	~	APRIL 30 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00		Adolf Roemmelt
10:00		Mario Gisone/Frank Armano
NOON		People of the Parish
5:00PM		Antoinette Santora



SAINT
CATHERINE
OF
SIENA
APRIL 29

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:

**PAULA ANTONIA MAURO,
GEORGE WIERZBOWSKI,
EDWIN J. MURAWSKI**

*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,*

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

WINE & HOSTS

*are offered in memory of Kevin McBride
at the request of St. Margaret Rectory Staff.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Thaddeus Lubanski
at the request of the Lubanski Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Vincent Camastra
at the request of Mary Pascale.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Third Sunday in Easter
Cycle A - Hymnal # 904*

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 16:1-11
I Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15
Psalm 119:23-30
John 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:5-14
Psalm 89:2-17
Mark 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8
Psalm 66:1-7
John 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 55:8-20
John 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 117:1-2
John 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42
Psalm 116:12-17
John 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14-41
Psalm 23:1-6
I Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ On the Road Again ~

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. Although we usually cut back more than a bit on the smells and bells, we continue to celebrate the Resurrection. As on the last two Sundays, we are presented today with a story about an appearance of the risen Christ.

The events of today's narrative, although also mentioned briefly by St. Mark, are found in full only in the Gospel according to St. Luke. Here we find two dejected disciples walking on Easter morning to the town of Emmaus, about seven miles to the West of Jerusalem. We're not told why they were headed there. Perhaps they were returning to their hometown, their expectations dashed by a world turned upside-down by the events of the preceding days followed by the confusion of Easter morning reports about an empty tomb. Perhaps, since St. Luke tells us that they were in deep discussion about recent events, they just needed some quiet time away from the other disciples to try to sort things out.

In any case, Jesus appeared to them, seemingly out of nowhere, and started to walk and talk with them. For some also unexplained reason, they didn't recognize Him as they engaged Him and listened to Him as He explained from the Law and the Prophets of Scripture the reasons why what had happened had to occur. They listened politely and were anxious to hear more, to the extent that they invited Him to stay and share supper with them, and He agreed.

In the intimacy of table fellowship, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and BINGO!!! The two disciples suddenly recognized Him as their Lord and Master. Just as suddenly as He had appeared, however, He disappeared from their view. They rose up and ran back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples that they had encountered the Lord, alive and risen from the dead, only to be told that these others also had experienced Him.

If we take a close look at the story, we should see something very familiar to us: the Mass in slow motion, complete with a Liturgy of the Word and a Liturgy of the Eucharist. As they listened to the Incarnate Word, the disciples came to have a better understanding of the whys and wherefores of His mission and His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Yet, it was not until they experienced Him in "the breaking of the bread" (the most ancient expression of the Church for the Eucharist) that they came to have a fuller understanding of the risen Christ.

Perhaps we also need to take some time to sort things out and to make some sense of the difficult moments in our lives: the loss of loved ones, sicknesses, the disappointments of dashed hopes, the confusions of our world turned upside-down. In these times, we need to be quiet and to listen carefully to the Lord, to allow Him to speak to us a reassuring word of encouragement, and to reflect on His presence in our lives. Most especially we need to find Him once again in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, which nourishes us to continue His salvific mission.

It might be tempting to sit back and bask in the safe sentimentality of Easter or maybe to sulk in our misery, but Christ calls us to proclaim His Resurrection with the joyful enthusiasm of the disciples who walked and talked with Him that day along the road. He is always present to us, even though we may not perceive Him. Moreover, He gives us a real opportunity to receive Him and to become what we receive. How foolish and slow of heart we are not to understand or to believe!

We may not grasp the reasons for the whys and wherefores of the events of our lives until Christ takes us home to the House of the Father, but we can open our hearts and minds to find Him now in His Word and Sacraments. Therefore, let us place our trust in His love for us, a love from which nothing can separate us. Most especially, recognizing Christ in "the breaking of the Bread", let us set out on the road once again to announce with our lives our faith in the risen Christ!

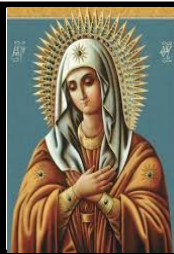
~ Fr. Armato

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!

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 **\$37,305 pledged already by 56 donors** toward our goal of **\$76,014**.

Whoever contributed to the 2022 Campaign should receive renewal pledge cards in the mail. Forms also are available in church. **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 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, 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 decision 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 Stations of the Resurrection; women's issues; scientific evidence for God; the art of dying well; Divine Mercy devotions; activities for participation by the whole family; and many other 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 9:00 am*

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 cost is \$3,699 per person, for round-trip airfare and first-class, double occupancy accommodations.

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



CONFESSION AND COMMUNION

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, **especially if you are planning on participating in the celebrations for First Communion and Confirmation.**