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FOURTH SUNDAY
IN
EASTER
APRIL 30, 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 30 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
8:00		Adolf Roemmelt
10:00		Mario Gisone/Frank Armano
NOON		People of the Parish
5:00PM		Antoinette Santora
MON.	~	MAY 1 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
7:00		Purgatorial Society
9:00		Peter Trinche
TUE.	~	MAY 2 - ST. ATHANASIUS
7:00		John & Berta Mantel
9:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
WED.	~	MAY 3 - STS. PHILIP AND JAMES
7:00		Frank & Lucia Sparacio
9:00		Anthony F. Coccaro
THU.	~	MAY 4 - EASTER WEEKDAY/ NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
7:00		Vilma & Rafael DiFonte
9:00		Oscar Eppich
FRI.	~	MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00		John & Berta Mantel
9:00		Edward & Madeline Korth
SAT.	~	MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY
9:00		Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rocville Centre Dioceses/Rosa Stalzer/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in purgatory/ Intention of Robert Brodman/ Holy Hour
9:30		Concetta & John Avena
5:00PM		
SUN.	~	MAY 7 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00		Anita Cacioppo
10:00		Marcellino Troia/Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Maria Altese/ Calogero Tuttolomondo
NOON		Rev. Joseph O'Donnell, C.M. (birth)
3:00PM		Wedding: Paul Sapia and Alexandra Fabiilli
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 will take place in May only on the
3rd Sunday 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:

ELEANOR DANISIEWICZ

*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 Calogero Tuttolomondo
at the request of The St. Vincent DePaul Society.*



**SAINT
JOSEPH
THE
WORKER
MAY 1**

TODAY'S READINGS

**Fourth Sunday in Easter
Cycle A - Hymnal # 907**

Acts 2:14 36-41
Psalm 23:1-6
I Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2-3, 43:3-4
John 10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday: I Corinthians 15:1-8
Psalm 19:2-5
John 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-27
John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11
John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-19
I Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ Great Expectations ~

The Fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally is observed as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. Today’s Gospel finds Jesus referring to Himself as both the true shepherd of the sheep and as the gate through which they/we must pass in order to enter the sheepfold, i.e., the Kingdom of Heaven. He uses images familiar to His audience to state that there is no salvation, no way into Heaven, except through Himself: no good works, no prayers, no philosophies, no teachings, no sacrifices can get us there without Him. He is the only Way into eternal life.

For the ancients reading the Prophets and the Psalms, the popular idea of the shepherd was combined with that of a warrior-king, as disparate as those two images may seem to us. This person, to be descended from the royal House of David, would be the one to free the land from its enemies and to re-establish the Kingdom of David even greater than before. Thus, we heard the cries of the crowds on Palm Sunday as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This type of shepherd-warrior-king was not to be, however, for Jesus came neither at the head of an army nor wielding a sword, but rather calling the people to repentance for the forgiveness of sin and to living in right relationship with God. Such was the message of the Apostles, as we see in today’s first reading, and such is the message of the Church almost 2,000 years later. In this way, Jesus Christ proved to be the long-awaited and true shepherd-king, fulfilling the prophecies, though in an unexpected manner.

We’re not very familiar with sheep and shepherds here in Middle Village, anymore. The last sheep grazing in a field in a corner of what is now St. John Cemetery probably went to the dinner table a long time ago. Nor are we familiar with the ways of sheep – how they will follow only the shepherd whom they recognize – or with the ways of shepherds, who will risk personal danger in order to protect, shelter, and nourish their sheep. The latter describes Christ. The former should describe us, who, despite the distractions and allurements and dangers around us, must keep our eyes and ears fixed on the Good Shepherd, Who has freed us from sin, so that we “might have life and have it in abundance.”

Life and, in particular, trying to live the life of a disciple of Christ in every age, including our own, presents us with many difficulties, trials, and tribulations. Saint Peter reminds us in today’s second reading that Christ has given us an example of suffering for doing what is good and right in the eyes of God. Furthermore, He has healed us, redeemed us, and claimed us as His own for the Kingdom of the Father. We receive Christ’s mission of shepherding along with the roles of teaching and offering our prayers and sacrifices through Baptism. These “gifts” are entrusted in a different and very special way to priests through the Sacrament of Holy Orders by which a man is configured to and re-presents Christ the Head of the Church.

There is a petition in the *Liturgy of the Hours* which asks God, “Do not let Your people be without their shepherds; do not let Your shepherds be without a flock.” That often is heartbreakingly difficult for us to achieve. Still, we serve as best we can, wherever we can: teaching, attending the sick, burying the dead, comforting mourners, hearing confessions, and celebrating Mass and praying for you.

Pope Francis has said, “The shepherd should smell of the sheep.” Pope St. Paul VI put it more delicately when he said, “When it rains on the sheep, the shepherd should get wet.” Both are making the same point: that priests are to be bonded to their people through humble, sacrificial love, the love of Christ. As we pray for you, please pray for us priests and for those who are called come after us in service to the People of God, that we may carry out the mission entrusted to us as good and faithful shepherds in the manner and likeness of the Good Shepherd Himself.

When we recognize Christ as our true Shepherd and follow Him faithfully in the ups and downs of life, we also acknowledge that we’re the sheep whom He desires to lead into Heaven. What a great expectation that is!

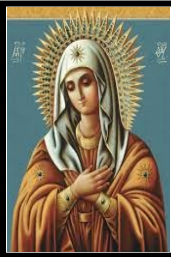
~ Fr. Armato

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, 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 **\$41,005 pledged already by 59 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!

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; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; "everyday Catholicism"; finding the meaning of life; activities for the 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 9:00am.*

Thank you for your cooperation!



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

**open Sunday,
9am until 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 celebration for First Holy Communion.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the children of our Academy and Religious Education Program who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week.

