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**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION
OF THE LORD
MARCH 24, 2024**

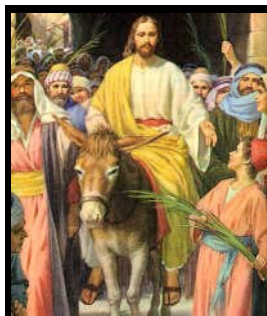
THE GREAT COMMISSION

“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. ~ MARCH 24 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
8:00 Edward Stoltzenberg
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Anna Silaco/Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Dawn Petronella/Salvatore Fazzolari/ Calogero Tuttolomondo/Ferdinand Pena
NOON Herta Matschulat
5:00PM Carl Dokter/Louise Moeller
- MON. ~ MARCH 25 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
7:00 Harvey Karcher (birth)
9:00 Phyllis Armato
- TUE. ~ MARCH 26 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
7:00 Carol McDonald (anniv)
9:00 Filippo Curatolo
9:30 **Stations of the Cross (Italian)**
- WED. ~ MARCH 27 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
7:00 Thomas Foudy (birth)
9:00 Vincent Familio (anniv)
- THU. ~ MARCH 28 - HOLY THURSDAY**
9:00 Morning Prayer
8:00PM The People of the Parish
- FRI. ~ MARCH 29 - GOOD FRIDAY**
FAST AND ABSTINENCE
9:00 Morning Prayer
NOON Stations of the Cross (English)
3:00PM Liturgy of the Word
- SAT. ~ MARCH 30 - HOLY SATURDAY**
9:00 Morning Prayer
NOON Blessing of Food
8:00PM The People of the Parish
- SUN. ~ MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
8:00 Robert Hawd
10:00 Thomas & Delia Waters/Saverio, Michael e Luigi Bosco/
Anna Nick & Stalzer Families
NOON
5:00PM ~ **NO MASS** ~



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 24

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 Sunday and 3rd Saturday 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 - meet the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30am, Parish Center.

ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENT SHEETS ARE IN THE SACRISTY.

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, Lee Falk, Justin James Quirke, Allen McConville, James Graff, The Mojica Family, The Valasquez Family, Maria Colalella, Joan Hanahoe, Grace Sorrentino, Bob Bicknese, Janice McManus-Genevrino, Katie Bryzgoria, Donna & Bo Stubbs, Sharie & Carol Ann Slusser, Darlene Lanza, Matthew Young, James Spoto (FDNY), Bob Weiner, Rose MacNamara, Peter DiRocco, Howard Zissel, Anna Braccioforte, Mark Lewis, Carmela Guerra, Emma Green, Sr. Noemi Valdes, Yulka Vukicevic, Richard Page, Theresa Erdtmann, John Flesch, Sue Cerbone, M. Ann P., Jamie Allison, Alana Cermeli, John Mattia, Mary Lou Simon, Craig Pacheco, Mike DeCarlo, Vicki Zelinski, R. Soto, James Buchanan, Fr. Paul Wierichs, CP, Lorraine Colon, Martina Bruno, John Abel, Anthony Fiorello, Anthony DiChiara, Zofia Dirocco, Jerry Feldnan, Chris Rossi, Cathy Lynch, Virginia Biehl, Ben Armato, Olivia Calastro, Wilhelm Wilps, Michael Crane, Stephen Crane, Michael Reilly, Frank Fuller, Nancy Gunshinan, Michael Macchia,

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:

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:

FRANK R. VELLA, GRACE BENWAY

*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,*

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Phyllis Armato
at the request of Ben Armato, husband.*

ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Laurel Ibert
at the request of Brigid Gatti.*

WINE & HOSTS

are offered in memory of Hank Banker.

TODAY'S READINGS

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

Mark 11:1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

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 4:14-5:9
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Genesis 1:1-2:2
Psalm 104:1-14
Exodus 14:15,1-18
Isaiah 55:1-11; 12:2-6
Ezekiel 36:16-28
Psalm 42:3-5
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:
Mark 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-23
Colossians 3:1-4
I Corinthians 5:6-8
John 20:1-9

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Truly, this IS the Son of God!”

There are many stories in our lives that have become so familiar that we can repeat them almost verbatim from telling to telling. They may be the plots of favorite books, or a play or movie that we've seen several times, or a family story that we've heard repeatedly at family gatherings. We know the beginning, the middle, and the ending. Still, we enjoy experiencing the story over and over again.

Such are the stories of our Lord's Passion and Death. They form peak moments in the narratives of each of the four Gospel accounts, though each one is different in some details from the other three. This year we hear from St. Mark on this Palm Sunday. Compare it with the account from St. John that we will hear on Good Friday. What is common, rather remarkably, is that none of the four writers tried to hide or cover up the shameful event of the Master's horrible torture and death by Roman crucifixion – the scandal of the cross. Most movies do not do the horror justice, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" perhaps being the sole exception.

Why such focus on so insidious an end to the teaching career of a holy man and healer Who never harmed anyone, the one Whom His followers thought was the Messiah chosen by God to deliver His people from foreign domination and restore their independence as a free nation? Well, for one thing, Christ's sufferings fulfill the Scriptures, especially Isaiah, about the promised Messiah. More importantly, they fulfill the will of the Father that atonement for mankind's sins should be made by the only truly innocent Person Who ever lived, not some political agenda. Yes, that seems rather harsh to our sense of justice, but who are we to question God on such an important matter as His bringing about our salvation?

And then, there is the matter of the Resurrection, which would not have been rational, no less possible, without the Passion and Death of Christ, and through which death itself was put to death and the grace of God triumphed over sin.

Sadly, there is so little time for us to sit and digest the Passion accounts in the course of the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy of the Mass. That is one reason why we need to spend some additional time on our own rereading each of the Gospels slowly and often, allowing them to penetrate our minds and, more importantly, our hearts and souls. St. Ignatius of Loyola recommended putting ourselves at the scenes in the person of the different characters (we all are present in one or another of them), immersing ourselves in the action, and entering the Mystery.

Even if we don't go to that extent, it is good to read over today's Gospel slowly, reflecting on it prayerfully, that we may see again and understand more fully the depth of Christ's love for us. St. Paul sums it up rather beautifully in today's second reading by saying that it is because of Christ's humble obedience to the Father, even to the point of death, death on a cross, that the Father greatly exalted Him, bestowing on Him the title reserved for God alone: Lord. His glorification was from the throne of the Cross; His exaltation was in His rising from the dead to the right hand of God the Father. (What sadly is missing from this reading today is St. Paul's introduction, telling his Philippian disciples – and telling us – that their/our attitude, their/our way of life must be the same as that of Christ.)

Spend some time this week in prayerful reflection over today's readings. Enter into the Mystery of Christ's love for you; come and celebrate the solemn liturgies of this most holy week; get to confession this Monday, especially if you haven't gone yet. Then open yourself to a radical change of heart by the redeeming grace of God. Allow yourself to die with Christ and to rise with Him to a new and eternal life. Lent is almost over; the glory of Easter awaits us.

Truly, this was, and IS, the Son of God. Follow Him closely this Holy Week!

~ *Fr. Armato*

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

All of the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York and the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre will have various extended times for confession this Monday.

Confessions will be heard here at St. Margaret from 7:30 to 9:00am, 3:00 to 5:00pm and 7:00 to 8:00pm. This will be the last opportunity before Easter.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace, intercede for her children!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The goal for our 2024 Campaign is \$76,014 once more. I ask every member of the Parish to consider participating in the 2024 Appeal with a “fair-share gift” of \$125 or more, as your means may allow.

The Appeal helps our senior citizen and youth programs, seminarians and Senior Priests. Your generosity will help both our Parish and our Diocese to serve the spiritual and physical needs of our people.

We're off to a good start with **46 pledges so far totaling \$36,964 (48.6% of our goal)**, thanks to those donors who have responded early and generously!



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in
St. Margaret Parish Hall on
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
from 9am to 3:30pm

THE COST: \$50 per person

THE BENEFITS: 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

CONTACT: Sr. Bridget, 718-326-1911,
for more information or to register.

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 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 13 at 9am.**

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Diocese of Brooklyn will sponsor a **Eucharistic Revival** at Louis Armstrong Stadium in Flushing Meadows Park on **Saturday, April 20**. Seating is limited. Contact the Rectory as soon as possible, if you wish to attend.

NEW PASTOR ASSIGNED

Fr. Armato will be retiring from his administrative duties as of the end of June.

Fr. Peter Okajima, currently serving at the parish of Our Lady of the Snows in Floral Park, has been assigned as the nineteenth pastor of St. Margaret’s as of June 30.

Please keep both priests in your prayers.

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 Cross; the Resurrection; Jesus in the Eucharist; St. Joseph; Catholic parenting; art program for kids; videos for the whole family to enjoy.


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.



BRIDGE TO LIFE

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is conducting it's **13th Annual Campaign for Bridge to Life**.

Bridge to Life gives prospective moms an alternative; good pre-natal care, safe delivery and medical and economic help for moms and infants.

WHEN: Through Good Friday, March 29

HOW: Envelopes marked "Bridge to Life" are on the radiators in church or provide your own. Cash or checks (payable to **Bridge to Life**) and/or new or gently used infant and toddler clothing or diapers size 2-5.

WHERE: Place envelopes in collection baskets or in the rectory mail slot. Place clothing in the black bin in the Church vestibule or at the Convent (66-25 79 Place) on Wednesdays or Saturdays, from 10am until 12Noon.

Please be as generous as possible. Make this your Lenten sacrifice.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday Masses at 8:00am,
10:00am (Bilingual - Italian/English)
Noon and 5:00pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessions from 7:30 to 9:00am
3:00 to 5:00pm and 7:00 to 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 Noon (English)
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer at 9:00am
Mid-day Prayer with Blessing of food at Noon
Great Vigil of Easter at 8:00pm

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

NO 5:00PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:00am
10:00am (Bilingual - Italian/English) & Noon
NO EVENING MASS

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Good Friday, March 29th
starts at 9:45am
St. James Cathedral-Basilica 250 Cathedral Place
(corner of Jay and Tillary Streets).

At each Station, there will be readings from the Passion, meditation, reflection, and hymns.
The event will end at 1:30pm outside the Oculus.
For more information call 212-337-3580 or
wocbrooklynbridge.org

