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EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE
RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
MARCH 31, 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 31 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 Robert Hawd
10:00 Thomas & Delia Waters/Saverio,
Michael e Luigi Bosco/Salvatore
Traina
NOON Anna Nick & Family
5:00PM ~ NO MASS~

MON. ~ APRIL 1 - MONDAY WITHIN EASTER

7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Bert & Sadie Fricano

TUE. ~ APRIL 2 - TUESDAY WITHIN EASTER

7:00 Joan McShea
9:00 Kathleen Waters

WED. ~ APRIL 3 - WEDNESDAY WITHIN EASTER

7:00 Dominick Lattanzio
9:00 Jerzy Siemionczyk (anniv)

THU. ~ APRIL 4 - THURSDAY WITHIN EASTER

7:00 Joe & Josephine Fitapelli
9:00 Augie DeSimone (birth)

FRI. ~ APRIL 5 - FRIDAY WITHIN EASTER

7:00 Guido Carosi
9:00 The Flanagan Family

SAT. ~ APRIL 6 - SATURDAY WITHIN EASTER

9:00 Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn &
Rockville Centre Dioceses/Bill &
Lee DiGiovanna/Int. of Lauraine
McConville/Souls in Purgatory/Int.
Tara Goimez
9:30 **Holy Hour**
5:00 Joseph Cimino

SUN. ~ APRIL 7 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 Anne McGinnis
10:00 Hank Banker
NOON The People of the Parish
5:00PM Karoline Lackner



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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 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, 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:

HELEN BURACZEWSKA, NICOLE ZALEWSKI

*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 Laurel Ibert
at the request of Brigid Gatti.*

ALTAR CANDLES

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

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Laurel Ibert
at the request of Brigid Gatti.*

TODAY'S READINGS

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Cycle B - 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 4:32-35

Psalm 118:2-24

I John 5:1-6

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!”

An early Ash Wednesday produces an early Easter. Maybe it's just part of the aging process, but it seems to me that Lent just flew by this year, and I have so few positive results to show for my good intentions to reform my life.

Nevertheless, Easter brings us perennial reasons for hope and new life. We celebrate the triumph of life over death, of grace over sin, of God's mercy and love sown over the fear and shame planted by the ancient enemy. Through the victory of our blessed Lord, a new and fuller life has been given to the human race and 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.”

Despite the steady diet of gloom that we hear and read about on a daily basis, we do not remain in darkness and we must not live in fear. St. Augustine, writing to his own parishioners sixteen hundred years ago, called them an “Alleluia people.” This most holy feast of Easter demands not only that we cry out, “Alleluia!” but also, and most especially, that we praise the Lord by living in the freedom of the children of God. We need to put our Savior's teachings into effect by living lives of sacrifice and compassion, and so respond 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 opposition or personal difficulties, trials or tribulations.

St. Paul in one of the options for today's second reading told his disciples in Corinth to “celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ require us to change our lives for the better and to follow the Lord Jesus more faithfully and sincerely.

Last weekend, we saw more people at Mass than we have seen since Christmas, though we're still down from pre-pandemic attendance. Furthermore, there was a good turnout for confessions this past Monday. Other parishes have reported the same experiences: people are returning to the Church, many of them after a long stay away. It will take time to get back to “normal” (whatever that means these days), maybe even a very long time, but we're off to a good start. Pope Benedict predicted about thirty years ago that we would become a smaller, but more committed, Church. Our hunger for God, for the Mass, for the Sacraments, and for one another is increasingly apparent.

After almost twenty centuries of commemorating the Mystery of the Lord's Resurrection, it still puzzles even the best of theologians, no less the average believer, just as it did Simon Peter and John and Mary Magdalene, even though we celebrate it with each holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While we cannot fully grasp it with the intellect, we can experience it first-hand, for we, too, have died with Christ and have risen with Him to newness of life. Truly, we have been changed, and so we must reflect that change daily with hearts and souls renewed, strengthened through the Blood of Christ and the power of His Cross and Resurrection.

The Paschal candle, the Light of Christ, burns once more as a beacon of hope to shine on a dreary world that trudges in the darkness of sorrow and despair, marred by war and fear, and mired in moral confusion. Christ has conquered sin and death, and the Reign of our God has broken into the world, proclaiming His mercy and the forgiveness of our sins. We, too, can bear the light of Christ, bringing new life into our homes, our Parish, and beyond through our compassion and readiness to forgive, and by our dedicated commitment to deepen our relationship with God in prayer and through our regular, faithful celebration of the Sacraments.

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! Christ is risen! Truly is He risen! Alleluia!

~ *Fr. Armato*

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.

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.**

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!

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the regular and special collections, whether through e-giving or in the collection basket!

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.

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 **48 pledges so far totaling \$38,174 (50.2% 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

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.

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 our Lady of Fatima, the Sacraments, Scripture study, videos to keep the kids occupied during Presidents Week, and much more.

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.

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.

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



A SPECIAL THANK YOU. . .

*to Michael & Anneliese Roemmelt of
Michael's Funeral Home,
who donated this year's Pascal candle
in memory of the deceased of
St. Margaret Parish.
Their continued generosity is
greatly appreciated.*

MANY THANKS

to Pat Minogue, and the Irish Dance Committee for honoring me on March 2, Thank you to all who attended the dance.

The 31 years I spent coaching at St. Margaret were very special years in my life, filled with many happy memories. Thank you for remembering them too, in such a beautiful way.

God bless St. Margaret Parish, parishioners and all the young ladies I coached.

With gratitude and love, Nancy Motto.

