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**SECOND SUNDAY
OF
EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 7, 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. ~ APRIL 7 - SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER - DIVINE
MERCY SUNDAY**

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

**MON. ~ APRIL 8 - THE ANNUNCIATION
OF THE LORD**

7:00 Albert DiCenso
9:00 Hank Banker

TUE. ~ APRIL 9 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Steven Dominic Belviso
9:00 Carl Dokter

WED. ~ APRIL 10 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Rev. Msgr. Nicholas W. Sivillo
9:00 Henry, John & Lillian Rader

THU. ~ APRIL 11 - ST. STANISLAUS, MARTYR

7:00 Vilma & Ralph DiFonte
9:00 Beck & Wiesner Families
7:30PM Holy Hour

FRI. ~ APRIL 12 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00 Dcd. of the Tramposch Family
9:00 Laurel Ibert

SAT. ~ APRIL 13 - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

9:00 **Memorial Mass:** Filippo, Leonardo
& Maria Curatolo, Robert Ledoux,
Laurel Ibert, Angelina Capobianco,
Frank R. Vella, Helen Buraczewska,
Grace Benway, Nicole Zalewski,
Alanna Conneely, Anna Braccioforte
5:00 Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey,
William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz

SUN. ~ APRIL 14 - THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

8:00 Adolf Roemmelt
10:00 Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore
Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Daniele
Bussa/
NOON Florence & Daniel O'Donnell
5:00PM The People of the Parish



**DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY
APRIL 7**

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:

ALANNA CONNEELY, ANNA BRACCIOFORTE,

MARY REDDINGTON

*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

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Robert C. Thoering.



**THE
ANNUNCIATION
OF THE
LORD
APRIL 8**

TODAY'S READINGS

*Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
Cycle B - Hymnal # 903*

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 118:2-24

I John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10

Psalm 40:7-11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

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 3:13-19

Psalm 4:2-9

I John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

~ The Divine Mercy of God ~

This Sunday, the Octave of Easter, also is commemorated as Divine Mercy Sunday, so ordered by St. John Paul II, fulfilling instructions given to St. Faustina Kowalska by Christ in visions that she received in the 1920s and 1930s.

Catholic churches and many homes today display an image of Christ from one of those visions. He appears with two beams of light streaming from His heart: one white and one red, representing the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. Our image is just inside the church as you enter by the extreme left-hand door.

Many Catholics have a deep devotion to “the Divine Mercy” and offer the “Chaplet” prayers, using an ordinary set of Rosary beads. We pray the Chaplet here at St. Margaret’s Monday through Saturday, after the Rosary, just before the 9:00 Mass. Whether or not we pray the Chaplet, we all avail ourselves of God’s mercy whenever we go to confession and receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Moreover, we celebrate this great gift every time we gather to celebrate and partake of the holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

What, then, is “the Divine Mercy”? First of all, “it” is not a thing, but a Person: the love of God the Father poured out for us in the Person of His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The cleansing waters of Baptism and the blood Sacrifice of the Eucharist have poured forth from Him, both Sacraments bringing us to newness of life in Him and through Him. This is the very life of God the Father, which Christ shares with Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

A recent note on FORMED (see the updated notice in each week’s bulletin) said, “What Jesus did for us through His life, death, and resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. He saved us. We don’t deserve God’s love, but that’s the amazing reality of God’s mercy. This relationship with God isn’t all about our love for Him. It’s about His love for us that changes our lives forever.”

As with most prayers, it can become quite easy for us simply to rattle through the Chaplet as we offer the Father “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,” and plead for His mercy: “For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world!” We are supposed to meditate on the love God has for us, to strive to cooperate with His grace for our own conversion of heart, and to ask for those who have offended us the mercy that we have received from God for the forgiveness of our own sins and transgressions.

The Chaplet ends with the “Trisagion”, or “Thrice Holy”, an ancient prayer of the Church honoring God that is repeated three times: “Holy God! Holy mighty One! Holy immortal One! Have mercy on us and on the whole world!” The same prayer is used in the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday.

Whatever our life situation may be, we all have need of God’s pardon and the grace of conversion of heart. Therefore, we ask for His mercy, healing, and protection. The world changes, but the love and mercy of God remain constant.

Our times of testing and suffering also can be a time of profound renewal of our spirit and the rededication of our lives, as well as an opportunity to dream new dreams and to plan about how we will carry out our part in the mission of Christ as His disciples and members of His Mystical Body.

As generally happens for Palm Sunday and Easter, this year people returned to Mass and the Sacraments in larger numbers than on usual weekends, celebrating more fully the Divine mercy of God that is granted to us through Christ Jesus! May you continue the good work that God has begun in you, and may He bless you and yours with His love as we enter into a new springtime of hope and mercy!

~ 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 10:30am on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, May 4.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord and pray for our country!



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 during Holy Week and Easter.

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 **50 pledges so far totaling \$38,654 (50.9% of goal)**, thanks to those donors who have responded early and generously!

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 next Saturday, April 13, 9am. See listing on pg. 2.



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: Divine Mercy; The Resurrection; Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; Catholic parenting; young saints; Easter in art; programs for kids and 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.

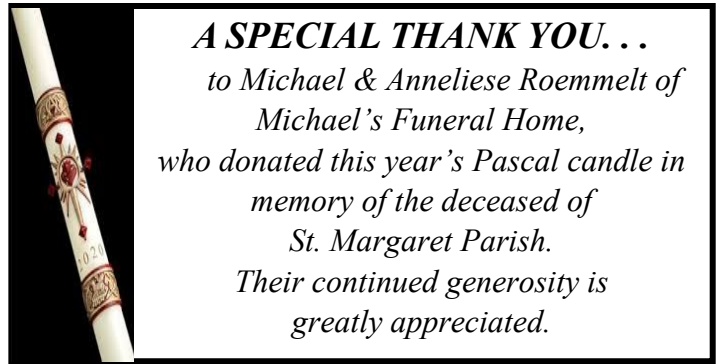


THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the time when the angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the Savior. Mary was the first to hear and believe that God would do what He promised the world.

Mary agreed to God's plan because she wanted her will to be God's will, and she was willing to accept the joy and pain that came along with it to bring Christ to a world that waited for Him. On this day, we do not only celebrate the announcement to Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus, but also her willing acceptance of the news.

Marking this important event is a tradition that has existed since the seventh century after the date for celebrating Christmas was universalized throughout the Church. It occurs exactly nine months before December 25, the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



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.

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

HOLY HOUR

Our next holy hour for young adults will be this Thursday at 7:30pm in the church. Come, spend some quality time with the Lord!