

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
EASTER  
APRIL 14, 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

<b>SUN. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 14 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:00	Adolf Roemmelt
10:00	Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Geraldine Ciaccio/Daniele Bussa/Bruce Corey
NOON	Florence & Daniel O'Donnell
5:00PM	The People of the Parish
<b>MON. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 15 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Salvatore Pugliese
9:00	Tommy Joyce
<b>TUE. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 16 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Maria Kropf
9:00	George & Christine Wierzbowski
<b>WED. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Ted Lubanski
9:00	Fred Basedow
<b>THU. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 18 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Dcd. Grammar & Troje Families
9:00	Sean Burke
<b>FRI. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Olga Troje
9:00	Stella Pugliese
<b>SAT. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 20 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Theodora Wurglics
5:00	The People of the Parish
<b>SUN. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:00	Anna Janus
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Mom, Dad & Neal Forte
NOON	Patrick & Mary (Kitt) Morrissey/ William & Bella (Tolles) Kunz
5:00PM	Mary & James Hanrahan



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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](http://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*

*Marine Angel Faican*

Pray for peace.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be*



## **WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

*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 Fred Basedow  
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*



## TODAY'S READINGS

*Third Sunday of Easter  
Cycle B - Hymnal # 905*

Acts 3:13-19

Psalm 4:2-9

I John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1  
Psalm 31:3-21  
John 6:30-35

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

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 66:8-20  
John 6:51  
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 4:8-12  
Psalm 118:1-29  
I John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

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

## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

### *~ Ignorance, Understanding, and Discipleship ~*

Easter is the great feast of feasts of the Church, so important that we celebrate it not just on one day or for one week but for a full fifty days. In fact, every Sunday is said to be a "little Easter". Indeed, if we push the point, each celebration of Holy Mass can be called an Easter celebration, for each makes present for us the full Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Today's Scriptures, building upon the post-Resurrection appearances of Christ and their aftermath, speak to us of actions: actions done in ignorance, actions done in rejection of the truth, and actions done with an enlightened mind.

First, St. Peter extends an olive branch of peace and reconciliation to his listeners in Jerusalem, recognizing that they had acted out of ignorance by their role in the death of Christ, which He underwent in obedience to the Father's will, thereby fulfilling the ancient Scriptures and becoming the means of universal salvation. "All" that the people had to do was repent of their sins and undergo a radical change of heart, turning from the corruption of old, sinful ways to the new life of grace. St. Peter's bold yet compassionate message applies equally to us today. We also need to reform our lives, repent of our sins, and be absolved of them through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Christ died for our offenses!

We may ask, "Why do I have to go to confession, reform, and repent? I haven't done anything wrong." St. John answers in today's reading from his first letter to his disciples in Asia Minor: Christ is THE expiation for the sins of EVERY person. Deny it as much as we might wish, we DO stand in need of that healing whenever we sin. Yet how often we act in a manner that is contrary to Christ's teachings, which are intended to guide us to a life of grace in union with Him and the Father through the Holy Spirit, thereby furthering God's Kingdom on earth!

It's difficult for us to grasp that anyone, even God, could love us so much as to die for us despite the wrongs we've done and then to give us the gift of eternal life. It was difficult, even troubling, for Christ's first disciples, as well, as they received Him with fear and confusion that first Easter night. Perhaps that's why He stayed with them for another forty days after His Resurrection, not only teaching them, but also strengthening their faith and preparing them to continue His mission throughout the world: to bring all people for all time into right relationship with God and the true peace, the fullness of eternal life, of the Kingdom of Heaven.

If we bother at all to read the Scriptures on our own, we might view them merely as strange stories from times long ago. Instead, we ought to read them with open minds and hearts, recognizing that the Old Testament prepares for the New, which, in turn, fulfills the Old. Both pertain to Jesus Christ completing the will of the Father in order to reconcile a fallen humanity to our loving and merciful God. That was the point that Christ made to His two disciples on the road to Emmaus and again as He appeared to the others afterwards in the Upper Room.

We act from time to time in ignorance or confusion or fear, or even consciously may deny our need for God's mercy. Each day, however, is another opportunity to examine our lives in the light of Christ's teachings and a time to open ourselves to the grace that God freely extends to us, sinners yet His beloved children. It doesn't end there, however, for, having experienced the grace of God and His forgiveness, we must reform our lives and then share in Christ's mission for the world's salvation. Proclaim God's merciful love by the way that you live!

May God shower you and yours with His love, His pardon, and His peace as we continue to celebrate Christ's victory with open minds and open hearts! Christ is risen! Truly is He risen!

*~ 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!

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 **54 pledges so far totaling \$39,249 (51.6% of our goal)**, thanks to those 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 on  
Saturday, May 11 at 9am.**



## 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



## 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 Shroud of Turin; the Resurrection; Divine Mercy; Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; Catholic parenting; 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.



## UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

There is an **URGENT NEED** for blood donations and the New York Blood Center is asking, again, for our help.

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a Blood Drive on Sunday, **June 2, 2024 from 9:00 am until 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.** Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

It is requested that you schedule an appointment by calling **800-933-2566**. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Bring a mask; requirements may change depending on CDC guideline.

## 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](mailto:stmmvcalendar@gmail.com)**

## 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.

## PROJECT ANDREW

The next Project Andrew gathering with Bishop Sanchez will take place at Resurrection-Ascension from 4 to 6pm on Sunday, April 21. All young men of the Parish, high school age and up, are invited to learn more about the priesthood. Dinner and time for prayer are included.

For more information and registration, call the Vocations Office: 1-718-827-2454.

