

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

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
EASTER  
APRIL 21, 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 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
<b>MON. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 22 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Gosefa Gramar
9:00	Suzanne Rosario
<b>TUE. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 23 - STS. GEORGE &amp; ADALBERT</b>
7:00	Peter Bojcenjuk
9:00	Oscar Pimentel
<b>WED. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 24 - ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN</b>
7:00	Ted Lubanski
9:00	Claire Abbate
<b>THU. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 25 - ST. MARK</b>
7:00	Salvatore & Nicholas Zaffarese, Jr.
9:00	Romolo Fabiilli
<b>FRI. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 26 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Charles Agosta
9:00	Joan Meyers
<b>SAT. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 27 - EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Rev. Msgr. John H. Maurer (anniv)/
5:00	Mary & Joseph Abbott
<b>SUN. ~</b>	<b>APRIL 28 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:00	The People of the Parish
10:00	Maria Curatolo (anniv)/Anna Silaco/ Mario Gisone/Frank R. Vella/Anna Braccioforte
NOON	Antoinette Santora
5:00PM	Angie & Rick Ferzola



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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 Bryzgornia, 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, Tim Scanlon, Marie Ashford, Chris Kearns,

*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 Peter Bojцениuk  
at the request of Helen Bojцениuki.*

### ALTAR CANDLES

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk  
at the request of Helen Bojцениuki.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojцениuk  
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## TODAY'S READINGS

*Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Cycle B - Hymnal # 908*

Acts 4:8-12  
Psalm 118:1-29  
I John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5  
Psalm 67:2-8  
John 12:44-50

Thursday: I Peter 5:5-14  
Psalm 89:2-17  
Mark 16:15-20

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 9:26-31  
Psalm 22:26-32  
I John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

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

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

***~ The Good Shepherd ~***

Catholics traditionally observe the Fourth Sunday of Easter as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. The Gospel readings for this feast change for each of these Sundays in the three-year cycle. Today we read about Jesus referring to Himself plainly as the Good Shepherd, Who lays down His life for His sheep.

We’re not too familiar anymore with sheep or shepherds in Middle Village. The last sheep grazing in a neighborhood field went to the dinner table many years ago. Nor are we familiar with the ways of sheep, how they’ll follow only the shepherd whom they recognize, or with the ways of shepherds, who risk personal danger in order to protect, shelter, and nourish their sheep. The latter describes Christ; the former should describe us. Despite the distractions, allurements, and dangers around us, we should keep our eyes and ears fixed on the Good Shepherd, Who knows each of us, His sheep, by name, is known by us, and Who wishes to share with us the intimate, personal relationship that He enjoys with the Father.

In the trials and tribulations of ordinary life, we need to turn to the Good Shepherd. This goes especially for priests, who are called to image and re-present the Good Shepherd, Who laid down His life for His sheep.

There is a petition in the Liturgy of the Hours (the daily prayer of the Church) which basically asks the Lord, “Do not let Your people be without their shepherds; do not let Your shepherds be without a flock to guide.” That is rather difficult for us to achieve at times, with so many people still being afraid of contact with others. We shepherds often find ourselves under the same restrictions as our people. Still we try to serve as best we can, wherever we can, whether attending to the sick at home or in hospital, burying the dead and comforting the mourners, celebrating the Eucharist, offering guidance, teaching, or just meeting in the neighborhood informally with you, the people given into our pastoral care.

Early in his pontificate, Pope Francis said, “The shepherd should smell of the sheep.” Pope St. Paul VI put it more delicately years earlier: “When it rains on the sheep, the shepherd should get wet.” Both were making the same point: that priests should be bonded to their people by humble, sacrificial love. As we pray for you, we ask you to pray for us and for those who are called to come after us in service to the Church, that we may carry out as good and faithful shepherds in the manner of the Good Shepherd Himself the mission that He has entrusted to us.

The Priesthood, the Eucharist, and the Church are tied to one another: no priesthood means no Eucharist, no Eucharist means no full existence as Church, and the lack of existence of a living, evangelical Church generates no priests. Christ has given us all three Sacraments – two ritual and one mystical. They are His way of making sure that the flock is not left without a shepherd acting in His Person, one whom they can see and hear, to provide a tangible way in which He continues to teach, guide, bless, and nourish the flock that is first and foremost His and which He humbly, obediently, and lovingly brings to the Father.

Priests do not drop from the sky, nor do we grow on trees. We come from families in which love is nurtured, prayer is essential, regular participation at Holy Mass forms an integral part of family life, and the practice of the Faith through humble service is promoted. If these descriptions do not apply to your family, it’s well beyond time that they did. Encourage vocations in your own family as well as pray for other families’ sons who are discerning a vocation or have responded to the call to serve the Church in the priesthood.

Please keep all priests in your prayers, and be assured of my prayers and those of the other priests of the Parish for you and yours. May Christ, our Good Shepherd and High Priest, bless you and lead you to eternal life with the Father!

***~ 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! Nevertheless, we are far from meeting our regular expenses.

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 **55 pledges so far totaling \$39,289 (51.7% 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.**

## PROJECT ANDREW

The next *Project Andrew* gathering with Bishop Sanchez will take place at **Resurrection-Ascension** from **4 to 6 THIS 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.

## THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

invites you to join them for their  
**32nd Anniversary Gala**  
on Saturday, May 4th at  
Leonard’s Palazzo in Great Neck.  
For information please call **718-463-1810**.



## 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; Saint Joseph; a virtual pilgrimage to Jerusalem; the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary; Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; prayer for spouses; 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 for our help.

St. Margaret Parish will sponsor a Blood Drive on **Sunday, June 2 from 9:00am 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 picture.

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 guidelines.

## 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.

## ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK



For each car, truck or van running or not, Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle.

If you have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call **718-491-2525**

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**IRS TAX DEDUCTION  
FREE TOWING  
ANY CONDITION**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION**