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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 6, 2025

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the St. Margaret Community, are a Catholic Parish of diverse ages 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, 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN. ~ APRIL 6 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 Vincent Curry
10:00 Matt Falco / Francesca & Pina Cali
NOON The Meagher Family
5:00PM The People of the Parish

MON. ~ APRIL 7 - LENTEN WEEKDAY - ST. JOHN BAPTIST de la SALLE, PRIEST

7:00 Kathy Shanahan9:00 Rosalie Pellegrino

TUE. ~ APRIL 8 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Witold Szymanski 9:00 P.J. O'Brien

9:30 ~STATIONS OF THE CROSS (English)~

WED. ~ APRIL 9 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Robert Morano 9:00 Rosalie Pellegrino

THU. ~ APRIL 10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Steven Dominic Belviso

9:00 Matthew Walsh

FRI. ~ APRIL 11 - LENTEN WEEKDAY ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

7:00 Maria Kropf 9:00 Raymond Munetz

9:30 ~STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Italian) ~ 7:30PM ~STATIONS OF THE CROSS (English) ~

SAT. ~ APRIL 12 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 **Memorial Mass:** Anthony Consolazio /

Antonino D'Angelo / C.J. Fragapane /

Rosalie Lily O'Connor /

Rosalie Pellegrino / Virginia Pope / Martin Rivera / Vincenzo Salce / Martin Steiger / Michael P. Tarquinio /

Matthew Vila Michael Orsi

SUN. ~ APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY

8:00 Margaret Jehle 10:00 **Family Mass:**

5:00PM

Assunta Palmeri / Salvatore Fazzolari / Filippo, Leonardo & Maria Curatolo / Geraldine Ciaccio / Francesco Naborre / Anthony Pagano / Danielle Bussa /

Antonina Schiano

NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst (anniv) 5:00PM George & Christine Wierzbowski

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, 4:00-4:45PM (or by appointment)

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mondays after the 9AM Mass

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY devotion are prayed every morning in the church at 8:30AM

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st Sunday & 3rd Saturday of each month, at 1:30pm. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child.

WEDDINGS <u>MUST</u> be scheduled at least six 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

ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays at 7PM in the church

YOUTH CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays at 3PM in the church

SENIOR CITIZENS meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11:30AM, Parish Center

ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENT SHEETS ARE IN THE SACRISTY

The Wine & Host are offered this week in memory of

Robert Thoering

at the request of **Barry Stockman**

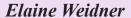
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

The Mojica Family, The Valasquez Family, Gunda Baker, Fr. Hank Hilton, Erica Lardieri, Rita Mazza, Tabitha Hayden, Charles Krzewski, Andrea Emelia Bernabey, Gustavo Caceres & Family, Kathy Branda, Barbara Greco, Barbara Bryzgornia, Joyce Fernandez, Barbara Wolf, Joseph Maroney, Thomas Felle, Theresa Erdtmann, Michael Kull, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Richard Melendez, Jamie Allison, M. Ann P., Emma Green, Mary Lou Simon, Craig Pacheco

The names will remain for 3 months, please call 718-326-1911 and ask for continued prayers.

WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Especially this week:





Leonard (Lenny) Christopher

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!

We welcome

Bishop Robert J. Brennan

to St. Margaret this Sunday as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Academy and Religious Education students.



We ask for his prayers, as well as the prayers of our parishioners, as the newly Confirmed continue on their faith-filled journey.

TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent Cycle C - Hymnal #897

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

John 8:12-20

Tuesday Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21

John 8:21-30

Wednesday Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

John 8:31-42

Thursday Genesis 17:3-9

Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

John 8:51-59

Friday Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

John 10:31-42

Saturday Exekiel 37:21-28

Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

John 11:45-56

Sunday Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14 -- 23:56

The final sessions of our LENTEN PROGRAM will be held in the Convent Meeting Room.

The program focuses on the Sunday Gospels with reflection, group sharing and closing prayer. Please join us:

Wednesday, April 9 at Noon / Thursday, April 10 at 7 pm

Dear Parishioners,

I have some great news to share!

You may have read about Catholic Parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn that are combining and Academies that have been forced to close. I have some good news: our St. Margaret Academy is NOT one of those schools. While our Finance Council told you in the fall that the CHURCH has debts from the past to repay, our SCHOOL is healthy and strong. Unlike many academies in the diocese, we are IN THE BLACK, which means we are able to manage our expenses and keep operating smoothly. Our teachers and administrators work as a powerful team to give our students, from Pre-K to 8th Grade, a solid academic education supported by a grounding in their Catholic faith. There are after-school activities, including the Science, Art, Watercolor, Game, and Newspaper Clubs, that supplement regular classroom work.

Our graduates represent us very well in the Catholic schools throughout the city, many holding leadership positions and returning to serve in the parish. The members of this year's 8th grade class have won over \$400,000 in high school merit scholarships, a pattern that has been going on for many years. Our enrollment is steady, and our faculty members are loyal.

In short, tell your friends and neighbors --St. Margaret Catholic Academy is HERE TO STAY.

Your Pastor, Fr. Peter

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

Wishing all of you a blessed Easter!

St. Margaret Gift Shop

Will be closed on April 13th for Palm Sunday and on April 20th for Easter Sunday.

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Let us pray for the success of the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, praying that it empowers us to extend love to those in need and helps our hearts answer Jesus' call to live a Jubilee of Hope, and a renewal of faith and charity.

We invite you to support the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. See the video online at stmargaretmv.org

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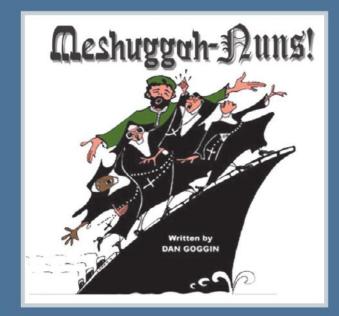
Cash or checks made payable to <u>Bridge to Life</u> can be placed in the church collection basket or in the Rectory mailbox at 66-05 79th Place.

Donations of <u>new clothing in sizes Infant to 8</u> are appreciated and may be placed in the bin in the Church vestibule or brought to the Convent at 66-25 79th Place on Wednesdays or Saturdays from 10 am to noon.

Our collection runs until Good Friday, April 18th. Your donations make a difference. Thank you!

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APRIL 14th



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Currently, the Pantry is in need of ground coffee, canned fruit, gravy and Spam.

Also welcome are supermarket gift cards from Stop and Shop or C-Town on Metropolitan Avenue for our clients at Easter.

We are so grateful for your generosity!

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.

The next Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12th, 2025 at 9am.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We hold a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, scriptural reading & time for quiet, personal prayer from 9:30 until 10:30 am on the first Saturday of each month and on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

The next Saturday Holy Hour is April 5, 2025
The next Thursday Holy Hour is April 24, 2025
Come and spend some quality time with the Lord and pray for our country!

Our Weekly Offerings March 30, 2025

> Attendance: 749 Collection: \$6,530

Our 1st Spring
Market is coming!

*** April 13 ***

9am - 5pm

visit the Parish Center
after Palm Sunday Mass



Cathedral Basilica of St. James
Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Shrine Church of St. Jude
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bayside
Shrine Church of St. Gerard Majella

Above are the designated shrine churches for the Jubilee
Year. For the entire 2025 year, they will be available and open
to the public for pilgrimages and other events.
Please contact the church for more information or
arrangements.



Day trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania on May 15 to see Sight and Sound Theatre Production NOAH

\$200 per person price

Inclusive for transportation, tips, theatre ticket, Grand Smorgasbord lunch at Yoder's Restaurant and Buffet

Full payment due at time of reservation by check, cash or Zelle. Tour will operate with a minimum of 30 people.

<u>Corrected number</u>: Please call Becky Wong at

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