

# St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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February 5, 2017  
Fifth Sunday  
In Ordinary time

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### *Our Mission Statement*

*We, the St. Margaret Parish Community, are a Catholic Parish of diverse ages, backgrounds and gifts. 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**

- MON. FEBRUARY 6 - ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS**  
7:00 Anthony DeSiervi  
9:00 John and Geraldine Ward
- TUE. FEBRUARY 7 - WEEKDAY**  
7:00 Purgatorial Society  
9:00 Pasquale Fasolino (BIRTH)
- WED. FEBRUARY 8 - STS. JEROME EMILIANI/JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**  
7:00 Jeremiah Sweeney  
9:00 Antonino Catalano
- THU. FEBRUARY 9 - WEEKDAY**  
7:00 Ida Viola  
9:00 Virginia Congemi
- FRI. FEBRUARY 10 - ST. SCHOLASTICA**  
7:00 Angela Manfre  
9:00 Rosario Triolo
- SAT. FEBRUARY 11 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES**  
8:30 Collective: Margita Sarkanj/  
Angelina Grillo/  
5:00PM Peter Gillespie
- SUN. FEBRUARY 12 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
7:30 People of the Parish  
9:00 Salvatore Palmeri/Our Lady of Lourdes  
Antonino Catalano e defunti della  
Famiglia/Vincenza e Mariano Palmeri/  
Filippo e Leonardo Curatolo  
10:30 Carl Dokter/Family Mass  
NOON Beverly Ruggiero  
5:00PM Nancy Gardini

**REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MASSES & SERVICES**

- SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:00 P.M.  
**SUNDAY:** 7:30, 9:00 (Italian),  
10:30, 12:00 & 5:00PM  
**WEEKDAYS:** Varies (See listing above)  
**CONFESSIONS:** **SATURDAY, 4-4:45pm**  
**or by appointment with a priest.**

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**If you're not registered, please stop into the Rectory office. THE PARISH OFFICE is open from Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 7:30 pm. Please respect these hours for your Rectory office business. Thank you.**

**BAPTISMS** usually take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

**WEDDINGS** are normally scheduled at least six months in advance by appointment with a priest or a deacon. Please call the rectory office. For marriage preparation information visit [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org).

**THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP** meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Convent meeting room Call Ann at 718.326.7785.

**NOVENA** to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal...Mondays after the 9 am Mass.

**MORNING PRAYER** daily from Monday through Friday at 8:45am.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #119** meets on Tuesdays from 7:15-9pm. New members welcome, age 10 1/2 & up. Call 718-894-4099.

**CUB PACK #119** meets on Mondays from 7-8:30pm. New members welcome, age 6-10 1/2. Call 718-894-4099.

**THE ENGLISH CHOIR** rehearse on Tuesday, at 7:30pm. in the Church.

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** rehearse on Monday, from 6-7pm in the Church. For more info. [DnDSingit@aol.com](mailto:DnDSingit@aol.com)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karen Guarascio, Connie Faccibene, Eileen Hinrichs, Linda Frazier, Angela Lenihan, Carol Falk, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, David J. McConville, Ronald Frazier, John Downer, Michael Machado, Robert Sabini, Maria Rigovich, Jennifer Pagan, Angelo Ferrara, Brooke Renda, Dace Pelletiere, Joe O'Brien, Edna Bojakowski, Bob Marvin, Lee Falk, Don Scheck, Patricia Johnson, Karl DeSousa, Laura Ruffner, Barbara Elder, Rachael Harris, Carol Arevalo, Scott White, Santo Pantina, Peter Gillespie, Alysia Sanders Rismoan, Michael Hirst, Bob Schaefer, Rose Marie Santos, Bernice Muller, Maria Millocca, Baby McKinley Kelleher, Isabelle Azzaro, Lucy Lento, Sean Harrison, Richard Santangelo, Michael Russo, Frank Cesare, Joseph Simon, Joseph Stubbs, Justin James Quirke, Rose Healy, Parrish Wert, Michael Hirst, Matteo Sabini, Carmen Melendez, Jim O'Driscoll, Jeanette Spartaro, Linda Castagna, Elizabeth Ott, Marion Caracciola, Baby Keila Mary Champoli, The Ferrugio Family,

**The names will remain for 3 months ONLY, unless you call 326-1911 and ask for continued prayers**

### Prayer Requests

**Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please pray for our men and women serving in the defense of our country: Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer, Sgt. Robert A. Domenici from our Parish.**

### **WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

*Especially, Frank Sessa,  
Angela Sterbenz,  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

### **MEMORIALS**

#### **WINE & HOST THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Virginia Congemi at the request of Joe, Dorothy & John Congemi.*

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR**

#### **CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of  
Anna and Guido Carosi.*

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

for tax purposes will  
**ONLY BE AVAILABLE**  
**UPON REQUEST**

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911 if you would like a statement mailed to you

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalms** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scouting Sunday  
Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions  
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani;  
St. Josephine Bakhita  
Friday: St. Scholastica;  
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

## DO YOU HAVE AN IPHONE OR AN ANDROID PHONE?

Want to keep up with St. Margaret's news?  
Download our parish app.

Daily Mass readings, prayers, bulletins and more.

Just text the word "APP" to 88202  
or search "My Parish App" in Google  
Play Store or App Store.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the custom of the stational liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stational church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.

The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week.

### GIVING

*WHEN YOU GIVE,  
SEE THAT YOU GIVE  
THAT WHICH  
MULTIPLIES IN GIVING*

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Margaret's for the expressions of support and good wishes as I move on from the parish. My ten years as your pastor has been a source of great blessings for me personally, and I hope that it has been spiritually fruitful for all of you as well.

Much was accomplished, but the most important thing is that we have made Jesus more known and loved.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your families, this wonderful parish and those who lead it. You will always be in my prayers and I ask for yours!

Thank you and God Bless you! Msgr. Steven



### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

to be given in St. Margaret  
School Library on Saturday,

March 11th, 9am - 3:30pm

**The Cost:** \$45.00 per person

**The Benefits:** 10% discount on liability  
and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4  
points deducted from your driving record.

**Contact:** Sister Bridget, 718-326-1911  
for more information or to register.



Sign-up Sunday is today, February 4/5 and February 11/12. The sessions begin the week of February 27th and end April 3rd. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all of us so that we become evermore "together in Christ." Please consider joining a small group and bring your best friend and/or your neighbor with you. Treat yourself!

**THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

**THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY**

is located at 66-25 79 Place  
The pantry is open on  
**WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY**  
from 10am to 12 Noon.  
If you are leaving food outside of the Convent, please leave it on the side of the doors and not in front of them.

**SAINT MARGARET GIFT SHOP**

open Wednesdays, 12pm - 4pm  
Saturdays, 4pm - 5pm and  
Sundays, 9am - 1pm  
We have a selection of religious goods:  
Rosaries - Medals - Gifts - Crucifixes  
Statues - Bibles and other 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.



**IRISH NIGHT CELEBRATION**

Join us at St. Margaret Annual Irish Night on Saturday, March 4th from 7:00pm til 12:00am.

Tickets are \$45p/p which includes traditional Irish dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee & dessert.

Entertainment by

**THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS**

For more information and tickets, call Susan, 718-417-3102; Ann, 718-326-1256; Bridie, 917-302-3569 or Maureen, 917-589-6804.

**DON'T MISS THE FUN!!**



**ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

The bus will be in front of the Church and will leave promptly at 9am. The cost is \$23.00p/p. For reservations/information call Betty, 718-326-0198  
**ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL WIN A FREE RIDE ON OUR MARCH TRIP!**



**LIGHT SHINES THROUGH THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT**

*Psalm 112:4*

# SCHOOL NEWS

## FROM THE DESK OF THE ACADEMY

Last week was a busy week in the academy. Our eighth graders received their class rings. Students participated in many enjoyable events. Tours can be scheduled by calling our school office, 718-326-0922. open enrollment for Nursery to Grade 8.

## **ST. MARGARET'S CYO BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**

is being conducted electronically on the St. Margaret Sports website (stmsports.org) until Friday, February 10th. If you have any questions please contact Rob Nacer, 646-431-9209.

## **MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**

Martha Rickey, a member of our Parish, is currently in her third and final year at the Pastoral Institute. This is the year in which she must declare a ministry and complete an internship. Martha has chosen to start a Ministry of Consolation here at St. Margaret. Training for all aspects of this Ministry will be held on February 15th from 10am-12Noon or 7-9pm in the Convent meeting room. This is a very special ministry and it will need your support.

## **ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2017**

Jan. 17 -	643	R.A. Lindner (b)
Jan. 18 -	443	No Winner
Jan. 19 -	967	No Winner
Jan. 20 -	376	No Winner
Jan. 21 -	172	P. Schindrer (b)
Jan. 22 -	667	No Winner
Jan. 23 -	624	No Winner
Jan. 24 -	198	M. Scold (b)
Jan. 25 -	597	M. Scold (s) F. Maurer (b)
Jan. 26 -	881	C/L Caputo (s) R. Sweeney (b)

## **HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH Buy a "LUCKY NUMBER" FOR 2017**

**based on NY State Lottery, every evening of the year.** Single Subscriptions: \$60.00, two or more subscriptions, \$50.00 each. Call Patti C, 718-639-2263

## **BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE**

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the request for much needed blood donations. Last Sunday's Blood Drive here, at St. Margaret, was a BIG SUCCESS! We are happy to report that 73 units of blood were collected. Very special thanks go also to the Girl Scouts, their leaders and all of the parish Blood Drive volunteers. They all provided service above and beyond the call of duty to make the blood donation process run so smoothly throughout the day. A job well done by all!

## ***WE WELCOME***

*Rev. Robert J. Armato  
to St. Margaret Parish,  
as our new Pastor.*

*We wish him many blessings and  
will be praying for him, as we know  
he will keep us in his prayers.*

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