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February 12, 2017
Sixth 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 13 - WEEKDAY**
7:00 Filippo and Leonardo Curatolo
9:00 Rose D'Amato
- TUE. FEBRUARY 14 - STS. CYRIL/
METHODIUS**
7:00 Kay O'Loughlin
9:00 Maria and Calogero Ciaccio
- WED. FEBRUARY 15 - WEEKDAY**
7:00 Deborah Lovett
9:00 Irma Lackner
- THU. FEBRUARY 16 - WEEKDAY**
7:00 Lottie and Stanley Andrzejewski
9:00 Francis Hynes
- FRI. FEBRUARY 17 - THE SEVEN
FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF
SERVITES**
7:00 Thomas Marx
9:00 Robert Narky
- SAT. FEBRUARY 18 - WEEKDAY**
8:30 Collective: Angelina Grillo/Rose Diglio/
Michelina Napolitano/Welfare of
Remy Lebron/Welfare of Brooke and
Alexa Renda/
2:00PM **WEDDING:** Christopher Roufacil and
Patrycia Jaskolka
5:00PM John and Anna Rice
- SUN. FEBRUARY 19 - SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:30 Samantha Barahon
9:00 Daniele Bussa/Madonna Del Cielo e
defunti della famiglia di Agatha Laudani
Calogero e Salvatore DiMaggio/
Maria Varvaro/
10:30 People of the Parish
NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer
5:00PM Aida Baker

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

WEDDINGS MUST be 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.

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Convent meeting room. For more info. call Ann, 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

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, Alexa Renda, Dorothy Mai, Marc Gandasegui,

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, from our parish serving in the defense of our country:

**Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**

WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

*May they rest
in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Rosemarie Sparacio.

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR

CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Charles G. Haslach.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Guido & Anna 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 — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday."

The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the request for much needed blood donations. January 22nd'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!

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.



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 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!

CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

**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.**

**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!**



*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared
for those who love (God),
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit*

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF THE ACADEMY

School will be closed from February 20-24 for Mid Winter Recess. Have a safe and warm break. Tour Tuesdays are scheduled for those interested in our school for September 2017.

If you would like to attend one of our tours at 9:30 AM on the following dates, please call 718-326-0922 to RSVP.

Dates available: February 14, 28, March 7, 14, 21 and April 4. Applications for Nursery to Grade 8 are accepted. Come and see the many great things going on in our classrooms.

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 - 12 Noon, or 7 - 9pm in the convent meeting room.

This is a very special ministry and it will need your support.

THE ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER

will be offering **FREE** speech and hearing screenings through April 27th.

Please call the center, 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY

ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2017

Jan. 27 -	623	B. Hoelle (b)
Jan. 28 -	772	J. Henry (b)
Jan. 29 -	859	M. Scold (b)
Jan. 30 -	793	No Winner
Jan. 31 -	687	No Winner
Feb. 01 -	320	R. Aguggia (b) P. Chalmers (b)
Feb. 02 -	869	M. Scold (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 for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Saturday, March 4th at 1:00pm

Sponsored by the Senior Goal Group

Our Lady of Hope Church

61-27 71 Street, Middle Village

Light Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the Mass.

For more information call 718-429-5438 or www.ourladyofhopeparish.org



*For God
so loved the world
that he gave his only
begotten son so that
whoever believes in him
shall have everlasting life*

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