

# St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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April 2, 2017  
Fifth Sunday  
In Lent

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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.*

FOR INFORMATION ON THE  
PARISH CALENDAR OR  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EMAIL:  
[PARISHCALENDAR@AOL.COM](mailto:PARISHCALENDAR@AOL.COM)

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

- MON. APRIL 3 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
7:00 Colette E. Weiner  
9:00 Lucy Sepi  
7:30PM Stations of the Cross Via Crucis)-Italian
- TUE. APRIL 4 - ST. ISIDORE**  
7:00 Purgatorial Society  
9:00 John & Susan Schatz
- WED. APRIL 5 - ST. VINCENT FERRER**  
7:00 Marie Manfre  
9:00 Antonino Catalano  
9:30 Stations of the Cross - English
- THU. APRIL 6 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
7:00 Beverly Capobianco  
9:00 Angela Bongiorno
- FRI. APRIL 7 - ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE/FIRST FRIDAY/ABSTINENCE**  
7:00 Marie & Arthur Fisher  
9:00 Caroline Caputo  
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English
- SAT. APRIL 8 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/**  
8:30 Collective: Antoinette Gerardi/  
Teresita Luna/Welfare of Anne Leahy/  
3:00PM **WEDDING:** Joseph Krzystan and  
Gabrielle Guelly  
5:00PM Anna Hynes
- SUN. APRIL 9 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
7:30 People of the Parish  
9:00 Salvatore Palmeri/Giuseppa Abissi/  
Salvatore Fazzolari/  
10:30 Carl Dokter/Louise Moeller  
NOON Kathleen & Theresa Flanagan  
5:00PM Sal Pugliese

**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 and to register your child.

**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](http://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. 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 8:45 am.

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

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

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

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** rehearses on Monday, from 6-7 pm 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, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Patricia Johnson, Scott White, 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, Brooke and Alexa Renda, The Ferrugio Family, Dorothy Mai, Marc Gandasegui, Bob & Karen Schaefer, Maureen Harvey, Sandra Slattery, Shirley Chesley, Jim Daniels, Lola Anderson, Roberta Polce,

**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**

*Especially, Giovanna Perrone,  
Gasper Salerno, Felicia Lupo,  
Louise T. Flanagan,  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

### **MEMORIALS**

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

#### **CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Elinor Murphy  
at the request of  
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Civitano.*

***OPEN OUR GRAVES, LORD,  
REMOVE US FROM THE  
PRISON OF DEATH,  
PLACE YOUR SPIRIT  
IN US SO THAT WE MAY LIVE  
IN A WORLD OF FREEDOM***

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]





## **LENTEN** **CROSS**

Have you taken a moment to look at the Lenten Cross that stands at the foot of the altar? Like Springtime (yes, it really is coming), it continues to blossom and grow. It is changing with promises made, then carried out by the students of our Parish Academy and Faith Formation Program. The young people of our parish have a true desire to grow closer to Jesus as these 40 days of Lent continue. They are offering prayers, acts of charity and kindness for others, more visits to Church, and making many personal sacrifices in an effort to lighten the burden of the cross for Jesus. It's a very big cross to carry as it slowly grows. Lent is nearing its end and Holy week draws near, but there is still time to take an active part in this Holy Season as our students continue to do.

Encourage them and pray for them and for their efforts to become more Christ like.

Their prayers and sacrifices may very well include you as they walk along with Jesus during these days of Lent and prepare to share in the glory of Easter.

## **WAY OF THE CROSS** **OVER THE** **BROOKLYN BRIDGE**

On Good Friday, April 14th, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at city Hall Park in

Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns.

All are invited. For more information, please call Communion and Liberation at 212-337-3580 or visit its website [www.wocbrooklynbridge.org](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.org).

## **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**

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned.

## **THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY**

will hold their next meeting on  
Tuesday, April 4th at 9:30 am in  
the convent meeting room.

New members are welcome!

**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.

**BRIDGE TO LIFE**

Lent is fast coming to a close and so is the St. Vincent dePaul campaign to assist women in crisis pregnancies. Please use the envelopes printed in red, which are on the radiators in Church for cash or checks, and place them in the collection baskets. Please use this opportunity to make a Lenten Sacrifice.

**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.

**HOLY WEEK  
SCHEDULE**  
**2017**

**Palm Sunday**

Saturday, Confessions from 3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Saturday, Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:00 (Italian),  
10:30am  
12:00 Noon and 5:00 pm

**Reconciliation Monday**

Confession from 3:00 to 9:00 pm

**Holy Thursday**

Morning Prayer at 9:00 am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm  
(With Solemn Procession to the Parish Hall)  
Adoration until 10:30 pm

**Good Friday**

Morning Prayer at 9:00 am  
Children's Stations of the Cross at 10:30 am  
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon  
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at  
3:00 pm and 7:30 pm

**Holy Saturday**

Morning Prayer at 9:00 am  
Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon  
Confessions from 3:00 to 4:30 pm  
Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm  
**NO 5:00 PM MASS**

**Easter Sunday Masses**

7:30 am, 9:00 am (Italian), 10:30 am  
and 12:00 Noon  
**NO EVENING MASS**



*Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!*

*Psalm 1:30:1*

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ACADEMY**

March has come in like a lion and hopefully will go out like a lamb.

Congratulations to our students who received their first penance. We are very proud of them as they take another step closer to receiving their First Holy Communion in May.

Our Cheer Team won First place in a competition held at John Browne High School. Congratulations to each of them and Fr. Ralph who performed a cheer at the competition.

Tickets are on sale for our two fundraisers . . .

Designer Bag Bingo, April 7th. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Tickets are \$20 p/p. Please call Margaret, 917-578-8237.

Bonjourney Tribute Band, April 28th. Doors open at 7:45 pm. Tickets are \$25 p/p. Please call Katy at the school, 718-326-0922.

**TOUR TUESDAYS** . . . openings for September 2017 . . . call the office to RSVP. Some classes are only taking waiting lists.

### **REGENTS REVIEW CLASSES**

will be offered at Maspeth Town Hall during the month of June for the following courses:

Global History & Geography, Living Environment/Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, US History & Government, Algebra 1 (Common Core), Algebra 11 (Common Core) and Geometry (Common Core). Each class has a maximum of 12 students. \$80 per course. Registration - first come first serve basis. Call our office between 9am and 5pm, 718-335-6049.

### **MOLLOY COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE**

Molloy College will hold an open house for prospective students at its Rockville Center campus (1000 Hempstead Avenue) on Sunday, April 30th, at 1:00pm. For more info. Call 516-323-4000.

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

Mar. 20 -	142	No Winner
Mar. 21 -	856	No Winner
Mar. 22 -	355	J. Henry (b)
Mar. 23 -	636	No Winner
Mar. 24 -	519	B. Hoelle (b)
Mar. 25 -	551	No Winner
Mar. 26 -	397	No Winner
Mar. 27 -	948	No Winner

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH**  
**Buy a "LUCKY NUMBER"**  
**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.

### **GIVE UP YOUR ENVELOPES!**

We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with *Faith Direct* will provide St. Margaret Parish with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code **NY299**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



### **ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP**

**Monday, April 17th**

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 MAY TRIP!**

### **DEANERY CORNER . . .**

#### **Our Lady of Mercy Church**

is making plans for their Annual Spring Fling event on May 5, 6, & 7th of this year. If you are a vendor or know of someone who would like to participate in this event, please contact Diane at the rectory, 718-268-6143 or email [www.office@mercyhills.org](mailto:www.office@mercyhills.org)

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