

St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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FIRST SUNDAY

IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN.	FEBRUARY 18 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Giovanna Picciuca/Calogero e Salvatore DiMaggio/Tony LoPresti/Maria Coppola/Vincenzo Consiglio/Andrea e Grazia Polazzolo/Giuseppe e Laura Polazzolo/
10:30	John Taormina
NOON	Aida Baker
5:00PM	Nancy Gardini
MON.	FEBRUARY 19 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ PRESIDENT'S DAY
9:00	John & Anna Rice
TUE.	FEBRUARY 20 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00	Steven Dominic Belviso (BIRTH)
9:00	Ida Viola
9:30	Stations of the Cross - Italian
WED.	FEBRUARY 21 - ST. PETER DAMIAN
7:00	Sr. Anne Verner, D.W.
9:00	Rose Diglio
9:30	Stations of the Cross - English
THU.	FEBRUARY 22 - THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
7:00	Minnie & Angelo Manfre
9:00	Gloria & Phillip Prima
FRI.	FEBRUARY 23 - ST. POLYCARP
7:00	Michael Putillo
9:00	Maria & Josef Fellacher
7:30PM	Stations of the Cross - English
SAT.	FEBRUARY 24 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
9:00	COLLECTIVE: Joseph & Lena Mazzola/ Ida Lento (ANNI)/ Bill Heilman/Maria Vocoturo/Lucia Zysk/David J. McConville/ Daniel Fitzgerald
5:00PM	
SUN.	FEBRUARY 25 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30	Samantha Barahona
9:00	Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Defunti della famiglia Agata Laudani/ Rimgraziamento Maria SS. Del Cielo/ Calogera Truncali/Maria Coppola/Eucarista, Santa e Gandolfo Giresi/Mariano e Lucia Sortile/
10:30	Grace Ann Franzese
NOON	Robert Liberatore
5:00PM	Carolyn Chiarello

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENTS' DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00 AM ONLY**

PARISH INFORMATION

**If you're not registered, please visit the
Rectory office, which is open from
Monday through Friday, 9 am to
noon and 1 pm to 7:30 pm.**

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4-4:45 pm or by
appointment with a priest.

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

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

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.

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.

THE ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Tuesday,
at 7 pm in the Church. Tenors and baritones
needed!

IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica
prima della Messa Italiana.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearses on
Thursday, from 6-7 pm in the Church. For more
info, DnDsingit@aol.com

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karen Guarascio, Connie Faccibene, Eileen Hinrichs, Linda Frazier, Angela Lenihan, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, John Downer, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Patricia Johnson, Scott White, Baby McKinley Kelleher, Isabelle Azzaro, Lucy Lento, Sean Harrison, Michael Russo, Justin James Quirke, Rose Healy, Parrish Wert, Michael Hirst, Elizabeth Ott, Marion Caracciola, Baby Keila Mary Champoli, Brooke and Alexa Renda, The Ferrugio Family, Marc Gandasegui, Bob & Karen Schaefer, Maureen Harvey, Sandra Slattery, Shirley Chesley, Jim Daniels, Lola Anderson, George McGarry, Michael Mavin, Denis Fink, Marc Pagnozzi, John Vannata, Richard Santangelo, Joseph Simon, James Taylor, James Leung, Dr. Joan Virostko, Alfie Poje, Margaret Cosentino, Ann Pompeo, Gloria Mojica, Larry Dumbra, Bob Marvin, Joseph O'Brien, Katie Bryzgornia, Daniel Fox, Domenica Millitello, Caterina D'Anna, Evelyn Mojica, Carol Arevalo, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Driscoll, Victoria Lippolis, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Charles Schaaf, Joseph Russo,

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. 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, Sylvester J. Speicher,
Eileen De Leonardis, Rita Savasta,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Peggy Swiatocha at the request of Diane Graham & Sean McGinley.

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Peggy Swiatocha at the request of Diane Graham & Sean McGinley.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Joseph & Lena Mazzola at the request of Ben Armato.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 20TH AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesdays **9:30am In Italian**
Wednesdays **9:30am In English**
Fridays **7:30pm In English**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm - Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading - The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel - This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

to be given in St. Margaret School Library on **SATURDAY, MARCH**

3RD from 9:00am to 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.

FAITH DIRECT

Fast. Pray. 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** and use our Church code: **NY299**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! May God, Who is never outdone in generosity, bless you!

~Fr. Armato

GIORNATA DI PREGHIERA

The Italian Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn will offer a **Lenten Day of Prayer in Italian** in the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 9:30 am. It will include devotional prayer, spiritual conferences, Mass with Bp. DiMarzio, and a hot lunch. The cost is \$20 per person. Call **718-649-0324** to register.

AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION

Sr. Ave Clark, OP, will present an **afternoon of reflection** at 12:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston on Saturday, March 3, for those who minister to the sick or homebound. Call Deacon Andrew Mastrangelo at **718-722-6000, ext. 6458** to register.

GUATEMALA SERVICE TRIP

Former student of SMA Class of 2009, *Cristina Martello*, will be participating in a Medical Service trip to La Antigua, Guatemala in March of 2018 with professors and classmates. In alignment with carrying out God's will of service to others, Cristina and her classmates have a mission "to develop into students who value compassionate service and who can further translate this service into a life-long responsibility to contribute to a more just society." In Guatemala, Cristina will be providing physical therapy services to patients who do not have such care available to them including teaching movement strategies, developing muscular strength, and improving functional mobility.

Cristina will be raising money to bring various medical supplies to Guatemala, including custom-made wheelchairs for the patients. In order to provide as many supplies and wheelchairs as possible, please consider donating on behalf of benefiting highly disabled patients in need of therapeutic care. All donation can be left at St. Margaret Parish Rectory to the attention of Cristina Martello. Thank you to all parishioners who can assist and support this service.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2018

WEEKDAYS OF LENT:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY:

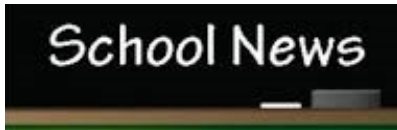
These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat, (this includes chicken). There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.



We begin the Lenten season thinking about ways we can be more like Jesus. All students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 have reflected on their sacrifices by placing them on crosses located on each floor. As a school community, we are collecting coins and placing them in baby bottles to help the Bridge to Life program. This is our first year as an academy to participate in this program. We look forward to helping others. Don't forget registration is ongoing; don't miss your spot in our great school! Call our office **718-326-0922** to schedule a tour. We have many great programs to offer; scholarships are also available.

LIVE:

TKA AND JUDY TORRES

Friday, April 20th - doors open at 8pm

St. Margaret Gym

\$50.00 p/p (includes 1 drink)

For tickets call

Katy, 718-326-0922



ST. PETER DAMIAN

Peter was born in Italy in 1007. When his parents died, he went to live with one of his older brothers, who treated him cruelly. Sometimes Peter was forbidden to eat any of his brother's food. Another brother, named Damien helped solve the problem by giving Peter money so that he could afford to go away to school.

Peter did so well in school that he became a professor when he was only 25. After the school day was finished, Peter often invited students and poor people to his home for dinners that he served himself. He remembered what it felt like to be hungry.

Peter became a priest and then a Benedictine monk, adding his brother's name, Damien, to his own. He spent his days in prayer and study. After a short time Peter was elected abbot, or superior, of the community. Although this new responsibility took Peter away from his quiet life, he was an excellent leader. So many men were attracted to religious life because of his example that he established five new monasteries.

Peter was ordained the Bishop of Ostia, a diocese near Rome. As bishop, Peter worked to solve problems in his diocese and to remind his priests of their mission.

Pope Stephen X recognized Peter's gifts and asked him to represent the Church in settling disputes and helping to stop practices that were preventing the Church from doing Christ's work in the world. Peter was so skilled as a peacemaker and reformer that he advised seven Popes and traveled to many places representing the Holy Father. He worked with priests, bishops, kings, and emperors - all to serve Jesus.

As a monk, a bishop, and a saint, Peter Damian lived one of the Benedictine Rules completely: "Do not prefer anything to the love of Christ." He died in 1072 and is considered to be a Doctor (teacher) of the Church. St. Peter Damian helps us to remember that if we put Jesus first in our lives, the Lord will always guide us in living as His faithful disciples.



JOIN US AT
ST. MARGARET ANNUAL
IRISH NIGHT
CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD

from 6:00pm til 11:00pm

Tickets are \$50.00, which includes traditional Irish dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee & dessert.

Entertainment by

THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS

Help us honor our first *Irish Person of the Year*,
a long-time active member of the

St. Margaret Community,

ELVA O'BRIEN!!

For additional information and tickets, call:
Anne, 718-326-1256; Bridie, 917-302-3569;
Maureen, 917-589-6804; or
Susan, 718-417-3102/646-330-8451.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!

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.

Contact us: StMargGiftShop@yahoo.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of Mercy Parish (7001 Kessel Street) is hosting a **blood drive** for the NY Blood Center next Sunday, February 25, from 8:45 am to 2:45 pm. All donors are welcome; no appointment is necessary.



**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.**

The food pantry is now in need of juice, coffee, tuna, rice, canned fruit and pasta sauce.

As always, we thank you for your generosity.

**THE 6TH ANNUAL
BRIDGE TO LIFE CAMPAIGN**

Sponsored by The St. Vincent DePaul Society

WHEN: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th to
Good Friday, Mar. 30th.

WHY: to help women in a crisis pregnancy
choose life over abortion.

DONATE: Cash or check written to "Bridge to Life". Envelopes marked Bridge to Life are on the radiators in the Church. Put them in the collection basket or Rectory mailbox.

HELP PROTECT THE UNBORN



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

Monday, March 12th

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 APRIL TRIP**

**MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH**

Our Lady of Hope Church, 1:00pm.

Light refreshments will be served in the
School Cafeteria after the Mass.

For more information, **718-429-5438** or
www.ourladyofhopepartish.org

Sponsored by

The Senior Goal Group