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SECOND SUNDAY

IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 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 25 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
7:30 Samantha Barahona
9:00 Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/
Defunti della famiglia Agata Laudani/
Ringraziamento 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
- MON. FEBRUARY 26 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Roman Krzewski
9:00 The Pirtz & McDevitt Families
- TUE. FEBRUARY 27 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Harriet Hryszko
9:00 Marie D'Amato
9:30 Stations of the Cross - Italian
- WED. FEBRUARY 28 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Gerard Doherty
9:00 Frank & Maria Amendola
9:30 Stations of the Cross - English
- THU. MARCH 1 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Philip Composto
9:00 Salvatore Fischetti
- FRI. MARCH 2 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER/
FIRST FRIDAY**
7:00 Steve Giorgio
9:00 Attilio & Elvia Viola
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English
- SAT. MARCH 3 - ST. KATHARINE DREXEL**
9:00 COLLECTIVE: Dsd. Priests of the Diocese of
Brooklyn and Rockville Center/Holy Souls/
Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Wilson Zamora/
David J. McConville/
5:00PM Michael Maloney FDNY (ANNI)
- SUN. MARCH 4 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
7:30 Eileen Flynn
9:00 Anna Premiano/Giuseppina Scaturro/
Giovanni Ferrara/Massimo Cappela/
Antonino Realmuto/Maria Coppola/Filippa
Cracchiolo/
10:30 People of the Parish
NOON Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey/
Nellie Malone Tollis
5:00PM Aurora Cermeli

*When we try to make an impression,
that's the impression we make.*

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,

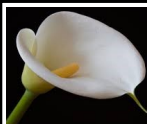
The names will remain for 3 months, please call 718-326-1911 and ask for continued prayers

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,
Michael J. Caslin, Jr.,
Salvatrice Gioia, Anna B. Takacs,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of William J. Collins
and Family at the request of
Bob Weiner.*

**DURING THE SEASON OF LENT,
WE WILL HAVE STATIONS OF THE
CROSS AS FOLLOWS:**

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms - I walk before the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading - God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel - This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3,
11:32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17];
Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



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

BLOOD DRIVE

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

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

Our Lady of Hope Church, at 1:00pm.
Light refreshments will be served in the School Cafeteria after the Mass.

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

Sponsored by
The Senior Goal Group

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.

School News

We began 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 the 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 8:00pm

St. Margaret Gym

\$50.00 p/p (includes 1 drink)

For tickets call

Katy, 718-326-0922



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

If your father is an international banker and you ride in a private railroad car, you are not likely to be drawn into a life of voluntary poverty. But if your mother opens your home to the poor three days each week and your father spends half an hour each evening in prayer, it is not impossible that you will devote your life to the poor and give away millions of dollars. Katharine Drexel did that.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, she had an excellent education and traveled widely. As a rich girl, Katharine also had a grand debut into society. But when she nursed her stepmother through a three-year terminal illness, she saw that all the Drexel money could not buy safety from pain or death, and her life took a profound turn.

Katharine has always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by what she read in Helen Hunt Jackson's "A Century of Dishonor". While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The Pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" His answer shocked her into considering new possibilities.

Back home, Katharine visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux leader, Red Cloud, and began her systematic aid to Indian missions.

After three and a half years of training, Mother Drexel and her first band of nuns - Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament - opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of foundations followed. By 1942 she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, plus 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. In all, she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states.

Two saints met when Mother Drexel was advised by Mother Cabrini about the "politics" of getting her order's Rule approved in Rome. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African-Americans.

At 77, Mother Drexel suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire. Apparently her life was over. But now came almost 20 years of quiet, intense prayer from a small room overlooking the sanctuary. Small notebooks and slips of paper record her various prayers, ceaseless aspirations and meditation. She died in 1955 at 96 and was canonized in 2000.

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 , **718-722-6000, ext. 6458** to register.



**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

Maggie's Little Theater

announces **AUDITIONS**

for our Summer Production of

Man of LaMancha

by Dale Wasserman, Music by Mitch Leigh and

Lyrics by Joe Darion.

Wed., March 7th - 7:30 to 9:30pm

Fri., March 9th - 7:30 to 9:30pm

Sun., Mar. 11th - 7:30 to 9:30pm

St. Margaret Parish Hall

66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, NY.

Audition, character descriptions and other information are on our website

www.maggieslittletheater.org.

PLEASE NOTE: the roles of Don Quixote and the Padre have already been cast.



**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**

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.