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January 8, 2017
The Epiphany
of the Lord

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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. JANUARY 9 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 7:00 Irene Marx
 9:00 Rose D'Amato

TUE. JANUARY 10 - FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME BEGINS
 7:00 Silvia Drossu
 9:00 Violet Rubano

WED. JANUARY 11 - WEEKDAY
 7:00 Abigail DeLaCruz-Mirza
 9:00 Augusta Mundy (BIRTH)

THU. JANUARY 12 - WEEKDAY
 7:00 Jeffrey Matusiak
 9:00 Luigi & Filomena DeSimone

FRI. JANUARY 13 - ST. HILARY
 7:00 Jimmy O'Rielly
 9:00 Filippo & Leonardo Curatolo

SAT. JANUARY 14 - WEEKDAY
 8:30 Collective:
 5:00PM Anthony Saviano

SUN. JANUARY 15 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 People of the Parish
 9:00 Serafina Genna/Salvatore Palmeri/
 Faro Sottile/Giovanna Bambina/
 Giacomo, Vincenza e Giuseppe
 Cassara/Vincenzo Rizzo/Leonardo
 Perrera/
 10:30 John J. Forte (ANNI)
 NOON Deacon Warren Winkler
 5:00PM Anna & Wilhelm Nick

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MASSES & SERVICES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00 P.M., 7:30 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.

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 and after the 7:30 pm Mass. See the Mass schedule.

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 5-6pm 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 Pellettiere, 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,

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

*Epecially, Grace Ingianni, Antonino Genna,
John Schmidt,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Violet Rubano at the request of Violet's Friends.

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR

CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Violet Rubano at the request of Violet's Friends.

TABERNACLE LAMP

is lit in memory of Violet Rubano at the request of Violet's Friends.

TRUE HAPPINESS

*Abandon yourself utterly for the love
of God, and in this way you will
become truly happy.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1
Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Friday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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Download our parish app.

Daily Mass readings, prayers, bulletins and more.

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or search "My Parish App" in Google
Play Store or App Store.



BLOOD DRIVE

St. Margaret has sponsored several very successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. There is still a **CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE** and the New York Blood Center is asking again for our help.

St. Margaret will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017** from 9am until 3pm in the Parish Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life by making a blood donation. For more information and/or to make a blood donation appointment, please email parishcalendar@aol.com

REMINDER . . .

Changes in the Mass schedule at the parish.

Saturday Mass Schedule will be
8:30am (collective Mass)

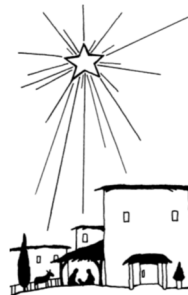
5:00pm (anticipated Mass for Sunday)
NO 7:30pm Mass

NOTE that there will no longer be
a 7:30pm Mass on Mondays.

The Novena in honor of
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
will be prayed after the 9am Mass
during the week.

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. In January she will be giving a brief talk at all the masses to explain the volunteer positions. She will also have sign up brochures available. This is a very special ministry and it will need your support.



THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture.

It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

EPIPHANY

*Solemn things of mystic meaning;
Incense doth the God disclose;
Gold a royal Child proclaimeth;
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light.

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CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

The twelve days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the wonderful feast of Epiphany, I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory of second collections donations of your choosing.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code **NY299**.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish family! God Bless You, Msgr. Steven

**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.



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP JANUARY 16, 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 FEBRUARY TRIP!**



*They opened their
treasures and offered
him gifts of gold,
frankincense and
myrrh.*

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Happy New Year to each of you!!! We are happy to be back after a restful break. As the weather is cold, we have many things going on in our school to warm you up. Our annual World's Finest Chocolate sale will begin next week. Buy a bar from one of our students. Catholic School week will be held the last week of the month. You are all welcome to stop in for a tour after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 29th. Registration begins

Come and see the wonderful things going on.

CONGRATULATIONS

to former St. Margaret students who have achieved honors at:

The Mary Louis Academy:

ZARA McPARTLAND, NEVE NICHOLSON, ISABELLA RUGGIERO, KRISTINA WOLFE, STEPHANIE MEDITZ, DEVON NICHOLSON, KAYLA PODLOVITS, STEPHANIE VULICH, NICOLETTE WURGLICS, KAYLEE WALLS

We wish all of these students continued success in their future endeavors.

ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2016

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| Dec. 05 - | 560 | K. Gloster (b) |
| Dec. 06 - | 973 | No Winner |
| Dec. 07 - | 842 | No Winner |
| Dec. 08 - | 578 | No Winner |
| Dec. 09 - | 286 | C. Dell (s) |
| Dec. 10 - | 474 | No Winner |
| Dec. 11 - | 881 | C/L Caputo (s) |
| Dec. 12 - | 523 | D. Berwanger (b) |
| Dec. 13 - | 970 | E. Morrissey (b) |
| Dec. 14 - | 933 | No Winner |
| Dec. 15 - | 392 | R. K. Stuart (b) |
| Dec. 16 - | 813 | P. Dell (b) D. Seith (b) |
| Dec. 17 - | 314 | B. Dathe (s) |
| Dec. 18 - | 581 | E. Gockley (b) G. Hennessey (b) |
| Dec. 19 - | 590 | Sr. Bridget (b) |
| Dec. 20 - | 387 | No Winner |

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two or more subscriptions, \$50.00ea.

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for more information.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 7 APP FOR ST. MARGARET

Each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Following the start of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with the help of non-government organization, National Human Trafficking Day began and is observed annually on January 11th. Unfortunately, human trafficking exists, including the United States, including NYC.

St. Paul tell us we are one Body with many parts (1 Cor 12:12-31) and that we each have our own gifts. Not all of us are called to work in law enforcement, or as prosecutors, or in government. However, we can choose what products we buy, (try & buy fair trade) and we can certainly pray! To learn more, including the top 10 myths about human trafficking, visit <http://lifewaynetwork.org/2016/12/29/myths-about-human-trafficking>.

Prayer to Combat Human Trafficking

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church. Assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery, intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith.

Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen

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