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January 22, 2017
Third Sunday
In Ordinary time

Rev. Msgr. Steven J. Aguggia, Pastor

Rev. Ralph Edel

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Thelen

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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 23 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN/ST. VINCENT

7:00 Violet Rubano (BIRTH)
9:00 Marie D'Amato

TUE. JANUARY 24 - ST. FRANCIS deSALES

7:00 Jacob & Miriam Weiner & Family/
August Weiner/Carolyn Collins
9:00 Bernhard Erdtmann

WED. JANUARY 25 - THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL/WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ENDS

7:00 Mina Sippenauer (ANNI)
9:00 Rev. Msgr. William A. Varvaro (ANNI)

THU. JANUARY 26 - STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS

7:00 Gerald McDonald (BIRTH)
9:00 Robert Narky

FRI. JANUARY 27 - ST. ANGELA MERICI

7:00 Ida, Fannie & Josephine Spadafora
9:00 Maria Falsetto (ANNI) Ida Lento

SAT. JANUARY 28 - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

8:30 Collective: Nicholas LeVeglia
5:00PM Dominick Congemi/Donald Bub

SUN. JANUARY 29 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Faro Sottile/Giovanna Bambina/
Salvatore Palmeri/Vincenzo Rizzo
10:30 Eugene O'Connor
NOON Margaret Valdes
5:00PM Joanne Drew

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 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.

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,

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, Mary Rinaldi, Ann Hussey,
Maria DiStefano, Michelina Napolitano
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of James Cuggy at the
request of The St. Vincent DePaul Society.*

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR

CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of
Rev. Msgr. William A. Varvaro.*

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 — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,
*or any of a number of readings for
the Day of Prayer*
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;
Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:
1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a,
10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75;
Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children; St. Vincent;
St. Marianne Cope
Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales
Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Friday: St. Angela Merici
Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas

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.



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

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. Last Sunday, Martha gave a brief talk at all the masses to explain the volunteer positions. There are still sign up brochures available in back of Church. This is a very special ministry and it will need your support.

REVEREND MONSIGNOR STEVEN J. AGUGGIA

On Sunday, January 22nd, at the 12 Noon Mass, we will have the opportunity to bid farewell to our Pastor, Msgr. Steven.

We are grateful for monsignor's 10 years of service to our parishioners. We have been blessed by his leadership, and in particular, his spiritual guidance.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTER AFTER MASS FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND TO WISH MSGR. STEVEN WELL!!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT dePAUL GIVES BACK

St. Margaret Parish should share in the profits for each car, truck or van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent dePaul, 718-491-2525.

Thank you for your participation.



IRISH NIGHT CELEBRATION

Join us at St. Margaret Annual Irish Night on Saturday, March 4th from 7:00 pm til 12:00am.

Tickets are \$45/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!!

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum.

Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated.

WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE

the winners of our 2017

START THE YEAR RIGHT RAFFLE:

1st Prize	\$1,500	Bob Scheer
2nd Prize	\$1,000	John DeBiase
3rd Prize	\$ 500	Fay DiGiovanna

**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.



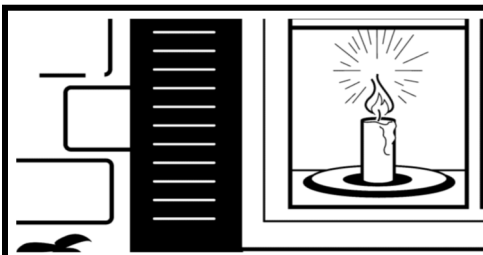
**ST. MARGARET'S
YONKERS EMPIRE
CITY BUS TRIP
FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

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 FEBRUARY TRIP!**



*Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted,
and wait for the LORD*

Psalm 27:14

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

The Saint Margaret Catholic Academy wishes Monsignor Steven Aguggia all the best as he takes on his "other" job as judge, full time, for the Diocese, while living at St. Kevin in Flushing.

We are thankful for his past eight years as a strong supporter of the school and after our transition into the academy. He has done a great deal behind the scenes to help the children and families. We will miss you, Msgr.!!!

Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass is Sunday, January 29th. . . come and visit our academy.

Monday, January 30th, 9am and 1pm Open House for prospective families from Nursery to Grade 8.

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party."

The gospel is not to divide us.


Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2017

Jan. 01 -	510	C/T Doherty (s)
Jan. 02 -	959	No Winner
Jan. 03 -	919	No Winner
Jan. 04 -	522	R. Aguggia (s) R. Armstrong (b)
Jan. 05 -	849	A. Monna (b)
Jan. 06 -	819	M. Scold (s)
Jan. 07 -	078	No Winner
Jan. 08 -	144	No Winner

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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.



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

the last week in January for more information or to register.

ST. MARGARET'S CYO BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

is being conducted electronically on the St. Margaret Sports website (stmsports.org) until Friday, February 10th. If you have any questions please contact Rob Nacer 646-431-9209.

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