

St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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~MASS BELLS~

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THIRD SUNDAY

IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017

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. DECEMBER 17 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Calogero e Salvatore DiMaggio/Leonardo
Perrera/ Assunta Buono/Piero Zangrilli/
Gaetano Catalano/
10:30 Tom, Rosaleen, Catherine & Michael Reilly
NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM Peter Bojcenjuk

MON. DECEMBER 18 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 Rose D'Amato
9:00 Dominick Congemi

TUE. DECEMBER 19 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 Luigi Amendola
9:00 Frank Genna

WED. DECEMBER 20 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 Joseph A. Mulheren
9:00 Dante Colombi

THU. DECEMBER 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS

7:00 Marie Sparacio
9:00 Girolama & Filippo Curatolo

FRI. DECEMBER 22 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 Dolores DeBiase
9:00 Anna & Wilhelm Nick/The Stalzer Family

SAT. DECEMBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY

8:30 COLLECTIVE: Karl Sippenauer (ANNI)/
Elsie Buckley/Peter Baffa/Giacomino
Gennari/Luis Micheli/Rocky Micciulla/
Rosemary Sebastian Udoh/
5:00PM Louis & Joan Meyers

SUN. DECEMBER 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Maria DiSalvo/Francesco Virrusa/
Giuseppa e Pellegrino Benfari/Lea Sansone/
Luigi Bonello/Lucia Arena/Vincenzo Giresi/
10:30 Anthony & Antoinette Santora/Nancy Gardini
NOON Grazyna Iwanowska
5:00PM Carl Dokter
11:30PM Choral Prelude
Midnight Alfred D'Andrea, Sr.

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, Carol Falk, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, David J. McConville, Ronald Frazier, John Downer, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Patricia Johnson, Scott White, Baby McKinley Kelleher, Isabelle Azzaro, Lucy Lento, Sean Harrison, Michael Russo, Frank Cesare, Justin James Quirke, Rose Healy, Parrish Wert, Michael Hirst, Linda Castagna, 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 MGarry, Michael Mavin, Denis Fink, Marc Pagnozzi, Gerard Michels, John Vannata, Richard Santangelo, Joseph Simon, James Taylor, James Leung, Dr. Joan Virostko, Alfie Poje, Margaret Cosentino, Ann Pompeo, Gloria Mojica,

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***

Epecially,

*Margareta Petschauer, Anna Torina,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Annette & Anthony Raso
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR

CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk at
the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojцениuk at
the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm - My soul rejoices in my God
(Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading - Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel - I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or
Any readings from the Common of
The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps89;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

From the Pastor's desk:

“O Come, O Come, Emanuel!” - The “O Antiphons”

Someone asked the other day after Lessons and Carols why we haven't been singing “O Come, O Come, Emanuel”. This hymn belongs to the second part of Advent, from December 17 through Christmas Eve. It is based on the “O Antiphons”, which are recited (or chanted) before the *Magnificat* during Vespers and also form the verse of the *Gospel Acclamations* during this special part of Advent, when we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ rather than for His Second Coming.

The exact origin of the “O Antiphons” is unknown, but they were in use in the liturgical celebrations in Rome by the eighth century and probably go back to the very early Church.

Their importance is twofold: First, each one highlights a title for the Messiah: O *Sapientia* (O Wisdom), O *Adonai* (O Lord), O *Radix* Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O *Clavis* David (O Key of David), O *Oriens* (O Rising Sun), O *Rex* Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O *Emmanuel*. Secondly, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

Monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose: If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one - Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words “**ERO CRAS**” are formed, meaning, “Tomorrow, I will come”. Therefore, the Lord Jesus, for Whose coming we prepare in Advent and Whom we address with these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, “Tomorrow, I will come.” Thus, the “O Antiphons”, and, by extension, the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emanuel”, not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but also bring it to a joyful conclusion.

~Fr. Armato

JOHN THE BAPTIST



FROM THE ACADEMY

. We have many new exciting programs underway including a **STEM** lab opening in January for all of our students. The Diocese of Brooklyn offers many **scholarships** to families. Our families have received over \$50,000 in scholarships this year.

There are openings for Nursery through Grade 8 for the 2018-2019 school year. Give us a call to make an appointment to enroll your child/children.

*Never undertake anything for which you
wouldn't have the courage to
ask the blessings of Heaven.*

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. “Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team.” With satisfied resignation, Bill introduced himself not by name: “I'm Ellen's Dad.” It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles. John the Baptist knows who he is, and who he is not. He is not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor like any other prophet God's people have ever seen. John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of the Kingdom of God. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2017

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 23rd

3:00 to 4:30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00pm, Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24th

7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am
and 12 Noon

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24th

5:00pm, and Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25th

7:30am, 9:00am (Bilingual - Italian/English).

10:30am and 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30th

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31st

7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am,
12:00 Noon, 5:00pm (for Sunday)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,

THE MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00am, 10:30am, (Both in English)

NO EVENING MASS

NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

***PLEASE JOIN US AS
THE ENGLISH AND ITALIAN CHOIRS
PRESENT A CHORAL PRELUDE
AT 11:30PM ON
CHRISTMAS EVE.
CHURCH WILL OPEN AT 11:00 PM.***



THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY

is located at 66-25 79 Place
Middle Village, NY

**The pantry is open on
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10am to 12 Noon.**

The food pantry is now accepting all non-perishable foods. NEEDED: apple juice, cereal, peanut butter and jelly and Holiday foods, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix and instant mashed potatoes.

Thank you for your generosity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass tomorrow we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today - deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's Kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.

**JOIN
BISHOP NICHOLAS DiMARZIO
AND FUTURES IN EDUCATION**

in support of Catholic Schools at the
Spirit of Christmas Spectacular
at Lincoln Center

Starring
***Daniel Rodriguez, Alfio, Charlie Romo
and Broadway stars,***

on Monday, December 18th at 8:00pm.

For tickets contact Lincoln Center

212-721-6500



**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

CYO GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SEASON

starts in January 2018, and **registration** for the
second season of St. Margaret Volleyball is **now
open** at Stmargaretsports.com or google

"St Margarets sports".

Registration is for girls 4th thru 8th grade.

Any questions, please email

stm_volleyball@aol.com

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

Dec. 05 -	418	M. Narky (b)
Dec. 06 -	011	No Winner
Dec. 07 -	951	B. Hoelle (b)
Dec. 08 -	417	A. Coverly (b) P. Schindrer (b)
Dec. 09 -	747	No Winner
Dec. 10 -	376	No Winner
Dec. 11 -	626	D. Seith (b)
Dec. 12 -	895	No Winner

PLEASE NOTE:
LUCKY NUMBERS WILL BE
SUSPENDED AFTER LAST
DRAWING ON
DECEMBER 31, 2017



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

Monday, January 15, 2018

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**

THE RECTORY WILL BE
CLOSED
AS FOLLOWS

Sunday, Christmas Eve - from 2pm

Monday, Christmas Day - all day

Tuesday, December 26 - all day

Sunday, New Year's Eve - from 2pm

Monday, New Year's Day - all day