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January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary time

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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 30 - WEEKDAY
 7:00 Frank Tomitz (ANNI)
 9:00 Anthony & Marie Ciorciari/
 Joseph Fitapelli

TUE. JANUARY 31 - ST. JOHN BOSCO
 7:00 Steven Belviso
 9:00 Rose Rivera

WED. FEBRUARY 1 - WEEKDAY
 7:00 Mark Porcaro (ANNI)
 9:00 Catherine O'Loughlin

**THU. FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION
 OF THE LORD**
 7:00 John Taormina
 9:00 Christine Winter

**FRI. FEBRUARY 3 - STS. BLASÉ/ANSGAR
 FIRST FRIDAY**
 7:00 Steven Belviso
 9:00 Rudolph Gyselings
**BLESSING OF THROATS AT
 EVERY MASS**

**SAT. FEBRUARY 4 - WEEKDAY/
 FIRST SATURDAY**
 8:30 Collective: Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/
 Holy Souls
 5:00PM Margaret Maloney

**SUN. FEBRUARY 5 - FIFTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**
 7:30 Viola Giordano
 9:00 Antonino Genna/Sanfrancesco DePaola
 Alessio Atria/Giuseppe, Antonino e
 Vincenza Sanfilippo/Michelina
 Napolitano/Jennie Laudani/
 10:30 Charlotte Wintergerst
 NOON George Bley/Scout Sunday
 5:00PM People of the Parish

**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 6-101/2. 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, Linda Castagna,

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

*Especially, Phyllis Patti, Marie Jatzen,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Charles G. Haslach.

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 — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;
Blessing of throats

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



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Play Store or App Store.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.

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. There are sign up brochures available in back of the Church. This is a very special ministry and it will need your support.



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 for more information or to register.



Sign-up Sundays are February 4/5 (that's next weekend) and February 11/12.

The sessions begin the week of February 27th and end April 3rd. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all of us so that we become evermore "together in Christ."

Please consider joining a small group and bring your best friend and/or your neighbor with you.

Treat yourself!

**THE
CHOSEN
REMNANT**

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

**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.



**IRISH NIGHT
CELEBRATION**

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

Tickets are \$45p/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!!***



**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 MARCH TRIP!**



***"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven."***

Matthew 5:3

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass is Sunday, January 29th . . . Come and visit our academy. Monday, January 30th at 9am and 1pm. Open House for prospective families from Nursery to Grade 8. We congratulate our eighth graders on receiving their rings this week and for the many scholarships they are receiving. Awesome job!! You make us very proud!! Other activities this week include Decade Day, Student Appreciation Day and Teacher Appreciation Day!!! Thursday, February 2 we will be holding our first Evening of the Arts at 7PM. Our academy band will entertain us and student artwork will be on display . Many great things going on.....

ST. MARGARET'S CYO BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

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

MAGGIE'S LITTLE THEATER

announces auditions for boys aged 10 and up for a production of the musical "**OLIVER**". Auditions for the roles of Oliver and "The Artful Dodger" **ONLY**, will be held at St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place Middle Village on Saturday, February 4th from 11am til 3pm. **Oliver**, male, must be able to play 12-13 years old. **The Artful Dodger**, male, must be able to play 14-15 years old. Auditions for all other roles will be held at a later date to be announced. Potential performance dates are in July, 2017. For more information, please visit our web page www.maggieslittletheater.org or send us an email at maggieslittletheater@gmail.com.

ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2017

Jan. 09 -	197	D. Berwanger (b)
Jan. 10 -	757	No Winner
Jan. 11 -	724	No Winner
Jan. 12 -	685	No Winner
Jan. 13 -	954	M. Scold (b)
Jan. 14 -	671	R. Weiner (s)
Jan. 15 -	670	A. Monna (s)
Jan. 16 -	610	K. Caruana (b)
		J. Kaley (b)
		M. Kaley (b)

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Margaret's for the expressions of support and good wishes as I move on from the parish. My ten years as your pastor, has been a source of great blessings for me personally, and I hope that it has been spiritually fruitful for all of you as well.

Much was accomplished, but the most important thing is that we have made Jesus more known and loved. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families, this wonderful parish and those who lead it. You will always be in my prayers and I ask you for yours! Thank you and God bless you! Msgr. Steven

ARE YOU A GRANDPARENT OR RELATIVE HELPING RAISE CHILDREN Come and join this free support group. The group meet on the first Wednesday of every month, 10am to 12 Noon. For information call Laura, 718-456-7001.

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