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February 26, 2017
Eighth 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.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE
PARISH CALENDAR OR
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
EMAIL:
PARISHCALENDAR@AOL.COM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON. FEBRUARY 27 - WEEKDAY
 7:00 Marie D'Amato
 9:00 Neil Russo

TUE. FEBRUARY 28 - WEEKDAY
 7:00 James Cuggy
 9:00 Edna Aguggia

WED. MARCH 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY
 7:00 Philip J. Composto
 9:00 Beverly Ruggiero
 NOON Thomas & Margaret Kelly
 3:00PM Liturgy of the Word
 7:30PM Bernard G. Helldorfer

THU. MARCH 2 - WEEKDAY
 7:00 Salvatore Fischetti
 9:00 Henry & Elizabeth Rader

**FRI. MARCH 3 - ST. KATHARINE DREXEL
 FIRST FRIDAY/ABSTINENCE/
 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
 7:00 Catherine O'Loughlin
 9:00 Paul K. Bivainis
 7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English

**SAT. MARCH 4 - ST. CASIMIR/
 FIRST SATURDAY**
 8:30 Collective: Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Holy
 Souls/Bernie Helldorfer/Souls of the Mis
 & Statkades Families/Rosalia Burriesci/
 Giocomino Valenti/Arturo Valenti/
 1:30PM **WEDDING:** Salvatore Melia and
 Danielle Bouros
 5:00PM Aurora Cermeli

MARCH 5 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 7:30 People of the Parish
 9:00 Salvatore Palmeri/Antonino Genna/
 10:30 Jessie Galbo
 NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer
 5:00PM Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey/
 Nellie Malone Tollis

**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 take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

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.

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 are 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, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Patricia Johnson, Scott White, 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, Elizabeth Ott, Marion Caracciola, Baby Keila Mary Champoli, Brooke and Alexa Renda, The Ferrugio Family, Dorothy Mai, Marc Gandasegui, Bob & Karen Schaefer,

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 from our Parish serving in the defense of our country:
Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici

WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

*Epecially, Michael Machado,
Susan Guiragos,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of
William J. Collins & Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Marie Jatzen at
the request of Mary Pascale.*

ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

ashes will be distributed at all of the Masses. Ashes will be left on a table at the head of the main aisle of the church for those who wish to take ashes to the homebound.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence;
First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday



BEST LENT EVER
BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2017!

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite and encourage you to do two things:

1. Buy the book *Resisting Happiness* (if you did not already get it). It's just \$3.00. Maybe even buy one for some of your friends at home or at work! We only have 200 books so don't delay. These books will be on sale before and after all the Masses on February 25/26, on Ash Wednesday and if there are any left on March 4/5. Imagine 200 parishioners reading the same chapter each day during the season of Lent!
2. Watch a free inspirational email video from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness.

***ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR
BEST LENT EVER?***

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

**DO YOU HAVE AN IPHONE OR AN
ANDROID PHONE?**

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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.



***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.

APOSTOLATO ITALIANO

L'Apostolato Nazionale Italiano (NIAC)
offrira una Giornata di Preghiera al Centro
Pastorale Immacolata Concezione il Sabato,
18 Maggio, dalle 9:30 della mattina.

Consistera di opportunita per preghiera, la
Messa, e il Rosario, e presentazioni dal Padre
Giacomo SgROI della Diocesi di Monreale in
Sicilia. Il costo e \$20 per persona con pranzo
caldo incluso, ma *senza trasporto*. Per
riservazioni, chiamate
Padre Armato prima del 17 Marzo.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

is conducting it's 5th Annual Lenten fundraiser for *Bridge to Life*, a crisis pregnancy center in Queens. This year we are asking for funds to provide pre-natal and post partum care for the moms and neo-natal care for the newborns. The campaign will run between Ash Wednesday, March 1st and Good Friday, April 14th. Checks (made out to Bridge to Life) and cash should be placed in the red-printed envelopes on the radiators in Church, and put into the collection baskets. Please make this campaign your Lenten sacrifice. Thank you.

**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**

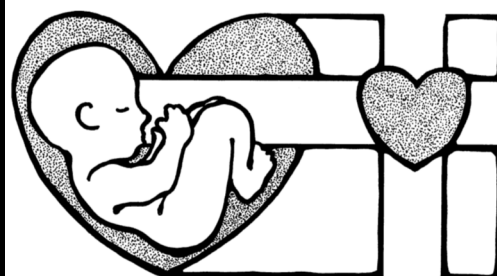
Monday, March 20th

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!**



*Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you*

SCHOOL NEWS

REUNION

Bishop McDonnell MHS: Saturday, April 22nd
 From noon to 5pm will be held at the former
 Bishop McDonnell MHS, 260 Eastern Parkway,
 Brooklyn. Classes of the 30's, 42, 52, 57, 67, 72.
 All grads and guests are welcome. Cost is
 \$90.00p/p. For more info. call Rita Monaghan-
 Maloney '59 718-857-2700 ext. 2253 or
 rmaloney@blmhs.org

ST. AGNES ACADEMIC H.S.

is seeking a varsity softball coach. The season
 starts the beginning of March and goes through
 May. Practices and games are held after school.
 Contact Jill Nemeth, jnemeth@stagneshs.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

To former St. Margaret School students who have
 received honors at Holy Cross High School:
 MICHAEL COLOMBI, ANTONINO PETSCH
Cathedral Preparatory School & Seminary:
 ANDREW CHALMERS, STEVEN ARUNDEL,
 KEVIN PLUT

Msgr. McClancy Memorial H.S.:

QUINN BRENNAN, JOSEPHINE MASULLO,
 JORDANA NADILE, TIMOTHY WALLS,
 ANGELS MASULLO, CATRINA SCIACCA

Bishop Kearney H.S.:

CARMELA PICCOLO

St. Francis Preparatory School:

JORGE AGUILAR, MAYA BELTRAN,
 KASPER BIELECKI, ANTONIO CAMPORESE
 JESSICA COVERLY, ANGEL FAICAN,
 SOFIA FERRANTINO, ASHLEY HAAG,
 SKYLAR JONES, RACHEL LUSCHER,
 NICHOLAS MAHER, KAYLEIGH NACER,
 DANIEL ODDO, GABRIELLA SANTOS,
 JOHN SCHUFF, BUCK TENAGLIA,
 ELIZABETH ZHIVANAJ

We wish these students continued success
 in their future endeavors.

ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2017

Feb. 11 - 541 M/A Metzger (b)
 D. Hennessey (b)
 Feb. 12 - 704 R. Aguggia (b)
 Feb. 13 - 464 No Winner
 Feb. 14 - 864 No Winner
 Feb. 15 - 068 A. Monna

HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH **Buy a "LUCKY NUMBER"** **FOR 2017**

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.

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!

TODAY IS LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY

After the homily we will recognize the
 many dedicated lay men and women who
 give tirelessly of their time and talent in
 service to others and to the Church.
 When we name your ministry we invite
 you to stand for recommitment
 and blessing.

All God's People in
 All Places,
 And in
 All Times,
 Are Called to Love
 And to Serve.



Ministry of the Laity

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