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March 5, 2017
First Sunday
In Lent

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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. MARCH 6 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Eileen Flynn
9:00 Louis Meyers
6:30PM Stations of the Cross - Italian

TUE. MARCH 7 - STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY

7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Dominick Sepi

WED. MARCH 8 - ST. JOHN OF GOD

7:00 John Ciorcari
9:00 James Dorsaneo
9:30 Stations of the Cross - English

THU. MARCH 9 - ST. FRANCES OF ROME

7:00 Jimmy Cuggy
9:00 The Pirtz & McDevitt Families

FRI. MARCH 10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ ABSTINENCE

7:00 Erich Steigerwald
9:00 Antonino Catalano
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English

SAT. MARCH 11 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:30 Collective: Pat O'Brien
5:00PM Mary D'Andrea

SUN. MARCH 12 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Antonino Panepinto/Daniele Bussa/
Pellegrino e Giuseppa Benfari/Salvatore
Palmeri/Maria Roccaforte/Antonino
Ferruccio/
10:30 Louise Moeller/Family Mass
NOON Anna Nick/Franziska Borrs
5:00PM Charles Chiarello

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 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.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal...Mondays after the 9 am Mass.

MORNING PRAYER daily from Monday through Friday at 8:45 am.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 meets on Tuesdays from 7:15-9 pm. 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 to 10-1/2. Call 718-894-4099.

THE ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Tuesday, at 7:30 pm. in the Church.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearses on Monday, from 6-7 pm 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 Milocca, 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, Maureen Harvey, Sandra Slattery,

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

*Especially, Daniel Fitzgerald,
Edward J. Allen
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of
Marilyn DiTizio at the request of
The DeSimone Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Joe & Pat DiChiaro.



**NEXT
SUNDAY
MARCH
12TH**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalms — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3,
7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Wednesday: St. John of God

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence




**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the Church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated Host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the Host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the Host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated Host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

**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.



***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.

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 through
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.

**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.

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert.

As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

APOSTOLATO ITALIANO

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

Consisterà di opportunità per preghiera, La Messa, e il Rosario, e presentazioni dal Padre Giacomo Sgroi della Diocesi di Monreale in Sicilia. Il costo è \$20 per persona con pranzo caldo incluso, *ma senza trasporto*. Per prenotazioni, chiamate Padre Armato prima del 12 Marzo.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, March 7th at 9:30am in the Convent meeting room.

New members welcome!

**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**

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!**

***“THE LORD, YOUR GOD,
SHALL YOU WORSHIP AND
HIM ALONE SHALL
YOU SERVE.”***

Matthew 4:10

SCHOOL NEWS

Tour Tuesdays...openings for September 2017...call the office to RSVP. Some classes are only taking waiting lists.

Mark your calendars..... Tentatively Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, April 7th. Bonjourney Tribute Band on Friday, April 28th...tickets going on sale soon.

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!

YOU'RE INVITED TO CONTINUE ON YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

AT FAMILY MASS

Sunday, March 12th at 10:30am

God's voice speaks to us. He invites us to walk with His Son, Jesus. Be sure to bring a friend and neighbor along on your travels with our Parish Family.

(Students: Don't forget your "promise" for the cross)

ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2017

Feb. 16 -	158	M. Lindsay (s) G. Hennessy (b) E. Gockley (b)
Feb. 17 -	633	No Winner
Feb. 18 -	179	D. Berwanger (b)
Feb. 19 -	469	No Winner
Feb. 20 -	718	R. Weiner (b)
Feb. 21 -	218	B. Dell (b)
Feb. 22 -	451	D. Hennessy (b) M/A Metzger (b)
Feb. 23 -	787	No Winner

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Buy a "LUCKY NUMBER"

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evening of the year. Single

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two or more subscriptions, \$50.00 each.

Call Patti C, 718-639-2263

for more information.

LENTEN CROSS

ASH WEDNESDAY began the 40 days of *LENT*. The ashes we received are an outward sign that at times, we sin, and a reminder that we are not as close to Jesus as we could be. This new season of *LENT* gives us the opportunity to ask ourselves "Am I the best Christian I can be?"

How often are we given the chance to begin new again? On a personal level, as a family and as Christian community, we can use these forty days to renew our relationship with God and the promises made when we were baptized.

Take a moment to look at the large *LENTEN CROSS* in church. The cross will fill and grow the promises of prayers, acts of kindness and good deeds and so many personal sacrifices made by the young people of our parish. It is a wonderful chance for the students of our Parish Academy and Faith Formation Program to make an effort to be more like Jesus. Watch how the cross will change and grow these 40 days. It's a very big Cross to fill and carry. Encourage the children and pray for their efforts to change and grow in faith and love for Jesus.

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