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March 26, 2017
Fourth 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 27 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Salvatore Badolato
9:00 Marie D'Amato
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - Italian

TUE. MARCH 28 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Roger Kobel
9:00 James Girodano

WED. MARCH 29 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Harvey Karcher (BIRTH)
9:00 Josephine Matzelle
9:30 Stations of the Cross - English

THU. MARCH 30 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 Thomas & Delia Waters
9:00 Edward & Madeline Korth

**FRI. MARCH 31 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
ABSTINENCE**

7:00 Thomas Foudy (BIRTH)
9:00 James Cuggy
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English

**SAT. APRIL 1 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/
FIRST SATURDAY**

8:30 Collective: Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Holy
Souls/Giacomino & Giuseppina Gennari
Jerzy Siemionczyk (ANNI)/Phyllis Patti/
Carmen Bacayo (ANNI)/
5:00PM Jadwiga Mozol

SUN. APRIL 2 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7:30 Kathleen Waters
9:00 Enza, Nina e Steve Amato/
Michele Oddo/Salvatore Palmeri/
10:30 Hilda & Fred Jackson
NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. Pfeifer
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 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 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, Maureen Harvey, Sandra Slattery, Shirley Chesley, Jim Daniels, Lola Anderson, Roberta Polce,

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, Anna L. Regan,
Mary Brucella, Richard Giarrusso,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Filippo Curatolo
at the request of his sister Geraldine.*

LIGHT AND SHADOW

*In faith there is enough light for
those who want to believe and enough
shadows to blind those who don't.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12;
Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday



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 with 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.

MAGGIE’S LITTLE THEATER

at St. Margaret Parish

presents

“SOMETHING’S AFOOT”

Saturday, March 25th at 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 26th at 2:30 pm

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$12 for children 11 and under.

To reserve tickets online visit www.maggieslittletheater.org/tickets.

You can also reserve by calling 917-579-5389. This zany musical murder mystery thriller is (very) loosely based on Agatha Christie’s “And Then There Were None” Aka “Ten Little Indians”.

**LAST
TWO SHOWS**

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.

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today’s first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God’s anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today’s Gospel. David’s family and the blind man’s community did not expect the miraculous grace of God’s love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were “blinded” by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to “see” the presence of God’s will for them. Both became messengers of God’s will. That same Spirit of God’s anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as “children of the light.”



ST. MARGARET’S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Monday, April 17th

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

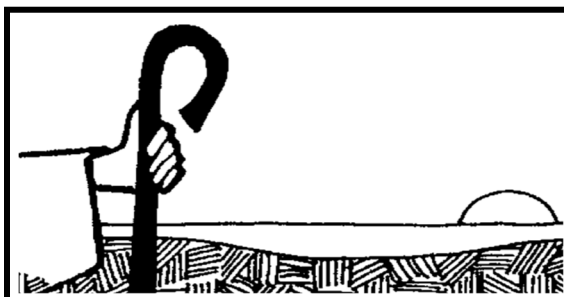
**ONE LUCKY PERSON
WILL WIN A FREE RIDE
ON OUR MAY TRIP!**

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

We pray that the light of all in the diocese and especially all in our parish who share in the ARISE program may enlighten the lives of all people in our communities.



**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.**

BRIDGE TO LIFE

Lent is fast coming to a close and so is the St. Vincent dePaul campaign to assist women in crisis pregnancies.

Please use the envelopes printed in red, which are on the radiators in Church for cash or checks, and place them in the collection baskets. Please use this opportunity to make a Lenten Sacrifice.

**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.

***The LORD
is my shepherd;
I shall not want***

Psalms 23:1

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ACADEMY

March has come in like a lion and hopefully will go out like a lamb.

Congratulations to our students who received their first penance this past Saturday. We are very proud of them as they take another step closer to receiving their

First Holy Communion in May.

Our Cheer Team won First place in a competition held at John Browne High School. Congratulations to each of them and Fr. Ralph who performed a cheer at the competition.

Tickets are on sale for our two fundraisers . . . Designer Bag Bingo, April 7th. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Tickets are \$20 p/p. Please call Margaret, 917-578-8237.

Bonjourney Tribute Band, April 28th. Doors open at 7:45 pm. Tickets are \$25 p/p. Please call Katy at the school, 718-326-0922.

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

REGENTS REVIEW CLASSES

will be offered at Maspeth Town Hall during the month of June for the following courses:

Global History & Geography, Living Environment/Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, US History & Government, Algebra 1 (Common Core), Algebra 11 (Common Core) and Geometry (Common Core). Each class has a maximum of 12 students to ensure they receive the help they need. The fee is \$80 per course. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, call our office between 9am and 5pm, 718-335-6049.

APRIL 1

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

ST. MARGARET'S LUCKY NUMBER 2017

Mar. 11 -	543	No Winner
Mar. 12 -	400	No Winner
Mar. 13 -	499	M. Scold (b)
Mar. 14 -	042	No Winner
Mar. 15 -	783	No Winner
Mar. 16 -	311	E/E Vitale (b)
Mar. 17 -	432	Msgr. Badia (b)
		J. Perry (b)
		F. Patuto (b)
Mar. 18 -	585	No Winner
Mar. 19 -	483	J. Henry (b)

HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Buy a "LUCKY NUMBER"

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!

DEANERY CORNER

Our Lady of Mercy Church

is making plans for their Annual Spring Fling event on May 5, 6, & 7th of this year. If you are a vendor or know someone who would like to participate in this event, please contact Diane at the rectory, 718-268-6143 or email www.office@mercyhills.org
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