

St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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~MASS BELLS~

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FIRST SUNDAY

IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 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 3 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
7:30	Karl Matzelle
9:00	Angela Iannitelli/Ida Bodetti/Caterina Garafalo/
10:30	Frank Jacobovics (ANNI/BIRTH)
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	People of the Parish
MON.	DECEMBER 4 - ST. JOHN DAMASCENE
7:00	Philip J. Composto
9:00	Sheila M. Purce
TUE.	DECEMBER 5 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Robert Narky
WED.	DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS
7:00	Anthony L. & Mary Ellen Vuocolo
9:00	William Schoppner
THU.	DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE
7:00	Catherine Lenihan
9:00	Pearl Harbor Day
5:00PM	People of the Parish
FRI.	DECEMBER 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00	Dsd. Of the Barbaro & Pecoraro Families
9:00	Antonino Catalano
7:30PM	Frank & Maria Amendola
SAT.	DECEMBER 9 - ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN
8:30	COLLECTIVE: Eugeniusz Latka
11:45	Monthly Memorial November Deceased
5:00PM	Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tollis
SUN.	DECEMBER 10 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
7:30	Concetta & John Aversa
9:00	Santa Lucia/Caterina Garafalo/
10:30	Rosaleen, Tom, Catherine & Michael Reilly
NOON	David P. Jones (ANNI)
5:00PM	People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS WREATH MEMORIALS

Memorials for the wreaths that will decorate our Church this Christmas can be arranged at the Parish Offices on a first-come-first-served basis from this week through Sunday, December 17. A donation of \$75 per memorial per wreath is requested. Donors and memorials will be listed in the December 24 Mass Bells.



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

Especially,

*Annette (Cicchetti) Savarino,
Michael Coppola, Joseph DiGregorio,
Mary Romano, Angelina Maranzano,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered for Rev. Robert J. Armato, on his
installation as Pastor of St. Margaret Parish,
at the request of
The St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

***The annual collection for Retired Religious
will be taken up next Sunday,
December 10th.
Please be as generous as possible.***

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of Your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm - Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading - God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel - Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

From the Pastor's desk:

Advent, which Eastern Christians call Little Lent, begins this weekend for Western Christians. It will be of the shortest duration possible for us, tempting us to hold Christmas parties, to sing or listen to "holiday music", and to scramble to do our shopping and decorating and baking, to the point where we will be Christmased-out and exhausted by Christmas Day. The first part of this holy season focuses our attention on the *Second* Coming of Christ at the end of time. The days from December 17 to 24 focus on His birth in fulfillment of the prophets.

Christmas will be here before you know it. Let's make the most of Advent while we can to prepare properly and prayerfully to receive our Savior into our lives:

- ~If possible, go to a weekday Mass at least once each week, as well as on Sunday.
- ~Meditate on the Mass readings of the day.
- ~Say a Rosary each day, especially the Joyful Mysteries (regardless of the day).
- ~Do an act of kindness.
- ~Offer alms for the needy; donate to charitable causes.
- ~Refrain from celebrating Christmas before it's Christmas.

The Christmas Season doesn't begin until December 25. Keep Christ in Advent, too!

~Fr. Armato

THANK YOU!

My thanks to all who made my installation Mass such a prayerful experience, especially to our Music Directors, Don and Diane Competello, and the members of the combined choirs, who practiced for so many weeks and sounded so beautiful, and to my brother priests and deacon.

Thanks to the members of the Parish staff and Religious Education volunteers; to the Academy staff and Board members; to our Pastoral Council members and Scouts for their presence; and to all who participated at the Mass.

Thanks to Mary Pascale and Joyce Mennona for setting up the reception after Mass, and to our Trustee, Michael Roemmelt, for printing and donating the beautiful commemorative icon cards.

May God bless you all! Please keep me in your prayers as you remain in mine.

~Fr. Armato

ATTENTION ALL SHOPPERS!! **YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER!**



Saint Margaret Catholic Academy is participating in a Yankee Candle Fundraiser. If you would like to help us raise funds for the school, please go to:

Yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter
the Group # 990015939 in the
"Start Shopping" box.

You can view the catalog online and place
your order directly.

Although the school has collected its orders,
parishioners are welcome to place orders,
online at any time, receive home delivery and
still benefit the school!

Thank you for your help!

**WE ARE DISTRIBUTING OUR
TRADITIONAL CALENDARS. SOME WILL
BE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.
OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO
MICHAEL ROEMMELT OF
MICHAEL'S FUNERAL HOME
FOR HIS GENEROSITY.**



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FROM THE ACADEMY

As the weather begins to change, many new exciting things are happening in the Academy. Last year many generous people bought a toy for **Toys for Tots**. Please consider helping this year.

December brings **Tour Tuesday** on the 5th at 9:30am. 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. To schedule a tour please

RSVP to

stmargprincipal@gmail.com.

There are openings for Nursery through Grade 8 for the 2018-2019 school year.



FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF OUR PARISHIONERS

this weekend December 2nd & 3rd,
volunteers will be selling
Christmas postage stamps in the
vestibule of the Church after
most Masses.



THIS WEEKEND

December 2/3, our brothers and sisters representing the **Bethlehem Christian Families**, a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries, all made of olive wood, which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. They will be in the vestibule of the Church for you to browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more info. go to: **www.landofpeace.org** or **www.bcfimission.com**



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.**

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.

CHRISTMAS “GIVING TREE”



The St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring the Christmas **“GIVING TREE”** to provide toys and clothing to less fortunate children.

WHAT: Unwrapped toy or clothing item (new) for ages infant to 12 years.

WHEN: November 20th to December 9th

WHERE: Food bin in the vestibule of Church or in the Convent on Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 12 Noon.

Many thanks for your generosity



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US

*On Sunday, December 10th
at 3:00pm, when our annual*

Lessons and Carols

will take place in the Church.

*It will be presented by our choirs, ~
adult, Italian and children's.*

*Please join us for a
prayerful and spiritual afternoon.*

Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

FAITH DIRECT

With the Season of Advent upon us, enrolling in *Faith Direct* is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Margaret Parish are received even while you are traveling for the holidays.

Already using *Faith Direct*? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit **www.faithdirect.net** and use our Church code: **NY299**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! May God, Who is never outdone in generosity, bless you!

~Fr. Armato

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

Nov. 07 -	363	No Winner
Nov. 08 -	459	No Winner
Nov. 09 -	039	P. Chalmers (b) R. Aguggia (b)
Nov. 10 -	498	No Winner
Nov. 11 -	578	No Winner
Nov. 12 -	556	No Winner
Nov. 13 -	944	No Winner
Nov. 14 -	020	No Winner
Nov. 15 -	964	No Winner
Nov. 16 -	578	No Winner
Nov. 17 -	470	R. Aguggia (b)
Nov. 18 -	402	No Winner
Nov. 19 -	740	R. Aguggia (b)
Nov. 20 -	175	E. Morrissey (b)

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH
Buy a "LUCKY NUMBER"
based on NY State Lottery,
every evening of the year.**



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Monday, December 11th

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
JANUARY, 2018 TRIP**

CATHOLIC MIGRATION SERVICES

is happy to announce a new service being provided through the end of this year. If you are **a green card holder** and interested in applying for citizenship, or have any citizenship questions, you can text Catholic Migration Services at 718-866-3687 to set up an appointment.