

St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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~MASS BELLS~

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SECOND SUNDAY

IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 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 10 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30 Concetta & John Avera
9:00 Santa Lucia/Caterina Garafalo/
Vincenzo Giresi/
10:30 Rosaleen, Tom, Catherine & Michael Reilly
NOON David P. Jones (ANNI)
5:00PM People of the Parish

MON. DECEMBER 11 - ST. DAMASUS 1, POPE

7:00 Mary Coffee
9:00 Lauretta Burriesci

TUE. DECEMBER 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:00 Ida Lento/Maria Falsetta
9:00 Marianne E. Maley

WED. DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY

7:00 Eileen Flynn
9:00 Filippo & Leonardo Curatolo

THU. DECEMBER 14 - ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

7:00 Sister Brigid Kelly
9:00 Vincenza, Mariano & Salvatore Palmeri

FRI. DECEMBER 15 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Peter & Zora Martinovic/Maria & Tome
Martinovic
9:00 Amelia Oswald

SAT. DECEMBER 16 - WEEKDAY

8:30 COLLECTIVE: Michael Machado/
Mary Lynch/Rocky Micciulla/
5:00PM Bernhard Erdtmann

SUN. DECEMBER 17 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Calogero e Salvatore DiMaggio/Leonardo
Perrera/Assunta Buono/Piro Zangrilli/
Gaetano Catalano/
10:30 Tom, Rosaleen, Catherine & Michael Reilly
NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM Peter Bojcenik

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, Claire Dell,
Salvatore J. Tuminello, Josephine Arato,
Giuseppina Scaturro,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Anne McKenna at
the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR

CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of David P. Jones at
the request of Barbara Mundy.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Sister Brigid Kelly.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The rugged land shall be made
a plain; and rough country, a broad valley
(Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm - Lord, let us see your kindness, and
grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading - Conduct yourselves in holi-
ness, hastening the coming of the day of God
(2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel - I have baptized you with water; He
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit
(Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50; 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

From the Pastor's desk:

Advent which Eastern Christians call Little Lent, began last weekend for Western Christians. It will be one 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 Christmassed-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:

- ~Go to confession.
- ~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



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.

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.

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

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



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 \$50 per memorial per wreath is requested. Donors and memorials will be listed in the December 24 Mass Bells.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2017

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 23rd

3:00 to 4:30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00pm, Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24th

7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am
and 12 Noon

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24th

5:00pm, and Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25th

7:30am, 9:00am (Bilingual - Italian/English).

10:30am and 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30th

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31st

7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am,
12:00 Noon, 5:00pm (for Sunday)

NO EVENING MASS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00am, 10:30am, (Both in English)

NO EVENING MASS

NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE . . .

***THE ENGLISH AND ITALIAN CHOIRS
WILL PRESENT A CHORAL
PRELUDE AT 11:30PM ON
CHRISTMAS EVE.***



THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY

is located at 66-25 79 Place
Middle Village, NY

**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.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US

*This 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.*



***Success is to be measured not so much by the
position that one has reached in life as by the
obstacles that one has overcome
while trying to succeed.***

**JOIN
BISHOP NICHOLAS DiMARZIO
AND FUTURES IN EDUCATION**

in support of Catholic Schools at the
Spirit of Christmas Spectacular
at Lincoln Center

Starring
Daniel Rodriguez, Alfio, Charlie Romo
and Broadway stars,

on Monday, December 18th at 8:00pm.

For tickets contact Lincoln Center

212-721-6500



**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

**ST. MARGARET'S
LUCKY NUMBER 2017**

Nov. 21 -	681	No Winner
Nov. 22 -	112	No Winner
Nov. 23 -	871	M/J Powell (s) D. D'Alessandro (b)
Nov. 24 -	956	No Winner
Nov. 25 -	431	No Winner
Nov. 26 -	355	No Winner
Nov. 27 -	375	No Winner
Nov. 28 -	220	No Winner
Nov. 29 -	489	No Winner
Nov. 30 -	482	No Winner
Dec. 01 -	893	No Winner
Dec. 02 -	102	M. Schatz (b) J. Perry (b)
Dec. 03 -	050	No Winner
Dec. 04 -	235	D. Berwanger (b)

**PLEASE NOTE:
LUCKY NUMBERS WILL BE
SUSPENDED AFTER LAST
DRAWING ON DECEMBER 31, 2017**



**ST. MARGARET'S
YONKERS EMPIRE
CITY BUS TRIP**

Monday, January 15, 2018

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
FEBRUARY TRIP**

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

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.