

# ***St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~MASS BELLS~**

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## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DECEMBER 31, 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**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 31 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Filippo e Rosa Scandariato/ Silvio Scandariato/Angela Iannitelli/Nicola Mancino/
10:30	Pete & Rose LoMurno
NOON	Arthur Ezzo
5:00PM	Rosemary Sebastian Udoh (for Sunday)
<b>MON.</b>	<b>JANUARY 1, 2018 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD</b>
9:00	People of the Parish (English)
10:30	Enrico Franzese
	<b><u>NO EVENING MASS</u></b>
	<b><u>NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</u></b>
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JANUARY 2 - STS. BASIL THE GREAT/ GREGORY</b>
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Frank Aguggia
<b>WED.</b>	<b>JANUARY 3 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Velma Begy
9:00	John Hynes
<b>THU.</b>	<b>JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON</b>
7:00	Dolores DeBiase
9:00	Louis Meyers
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN/ FIRST FRIDAY</b>
7:00	Peggy & Chris Collumb
9:00	Richard Nadler
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>JANUARY 6 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY/ FIRST SATURDAY</b>
<b>9:00</b>	COLLECTIVE: Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Salvatore Diglio/ Welfare of Carol Falk/Mary, James & Joseph O'Connor/Eileen, Michael & Michael Sloane/ Sr. Rose Godfrey Cerar
5:00PM	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>JANUARY 7 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Maria C. Pugliese/Filippo Bondi/Antonino Catalano/Rosa e Frankie Scatturo/Giovanni Bilello/Franco Scatturo/Daniele Bussa/ Giuseppina Scaturro
10:30	Antonino Genna
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Deacon Warren Winkler

## **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](http://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](mailto: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.

***THE SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS NOW  
CELEBRATED AT 9:00AM***

## 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, 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, Larry Dumbra, Bob Marvin, Joseph O'Brien, Katie Bryzgornia,

*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 Frohnhofer  
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



### ***WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED***

*Especially,*

*Maureen B. McAuley, Joseph Grasso,  
Peter Bourquine,  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

### MEMORIALS

#### **WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Gerard Klein at  
the request of Joseph & Mary Ann Scagluiso.*

### **THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE**

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of His face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and His presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." (Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3).

**Psalms** - The Lord remembers his covenant for ever (Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9).

**Second Reading** - "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead and he received Isaac back as a symbol. (Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19).

**Gospel** - The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him (Luke 2:22-40).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Num 6:22-27; Gal. 4:4-7;  
Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3-6; John 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or  
Luke 3:23-38

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12



## **FROM THE ACADEMY . . .**

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. Give us a call to make an appointment to enroll you child/children.

### **CHRISTMAS WREATH MEMORIALS**

In memory of Lottie & Stanley Andrzejewski  
Donated by daughter, Linda.

In memory of Phyllis Armato  
Donated by Fr. Armato.

In memory of Phyllis Armato  
Donated by husband, Benjamin Armato.

In memory of John Torre  
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Brenden Gilfedder.

In memory of Patrick J. Conety  
Donated by Michael & Christine Barbuzze.



### ***SAVE THE DATE . . .***

Join us at St. Margaret Annual Irish Night  
Celebration, Saturday, March 3rd from  
6:00pm til 11:00pm.

We will honor our first Irish Person of the Year -  
a long time active member of the St. Margaret  
Community - Elva O'Brien!!  
Don't miss the fun!!!

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when He was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to Him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that He would delight in it even more since His mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the Rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick and strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.

### **WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND** **JANUARY 25 - 28, 2018**

Every year the holidays take a toll on all of us and a Cursillo weekend is an excellent way to put the meaning of this Christmas season back into perspective. The St. Paul's Cursillo will hold a Cursillo weekend in Glen Cove, NY, January 25-28. It will consist of a series of talks and discussions which offer you the opportunity to work at getting to know yourself, realize your strength while discovering what place God plays in your life and how to get even closer to him. The cost of the weekend is \$325.00.

For more information please call  
Beth Barker, 631-831-6074 or email  
Beth1160@optonline.net or  
Julie Charles, 917-402-0800 or email  
Julie6229@outlookcom.

***From the Pastor's Desk:***

Today, in the midst of the Christmas liturgical season, the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are presented to us as a model human family, an example to be followed by all families. It is not an impossible goal or just wishful thinking. Rather, they show us what family life can be when its members cooperate fully with the grace that God gives to help them live together in love despite the difficulties and problems that work and home life and school throw against us.

May the Holy Family be your guide and inspiration, interceding for you and yours as you strive to live more faithfully and lovingly as a human family responding to the grace of God! May God bless you abundantly throughout the new year!

*~Fr. Armato*



***SEASON FOUR  
NEW HEART, NEW SPIRIT***

Welcome to Season Four of *ARISE*, Together in Christ.

Once again, as for Season Two, the faith sharing sessions take place during the special time of year we call Lent.

In season Two the focus was on “conversion”. In Season Four, guided by the rich message proclaimed and celebrated in the liturgies of Lent and Holy Week, we will explore together the themes of forgiveness and reconciliation. These themes prepare us for the great celebration of the Easter vigil where some may celebrate their Baptism, and where all of us are invited to renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the new life we have in Christ.

Sign up Sunday weekends are January 13/14 and January 20/21. Season four small group meetings begin Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

May *ARISE* increase our understanding of the great love God has for us.

“A clean heart create for me, God;  
renew in me a steadfast spirit”. Psalm 51:12

God offers us in Christ, much more-not just a heart cleansed, not just a spirit renewed:

“I will give you a new heart  
and place a new spirit within you”. Ezekiel 36:26



**MAGGIE'S**  
**LITTLE**  
**THEATER**

announces auditions for the role of  
**Don Quixote** in *Man of La Mancha*.

This audition is for **this role specifically**.

The rest of the cast will audition at a later date. Auditions for **Don Quixote** will be held on Sunday, January 7th from 2pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Audition requirements are listed on our web site or by calling 917-579-5389. Performances are on weekends beginning June 30th, for 3 weeks. Rehearsals begin in April. For information, visit [www.maggieslittletheater.org](http://www.maggieslittletheater.org) or email [maggieslittletheater@gmail.com](mailto:maggieslittletheater@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:StMargGiftShop@yahoo.com)

**THE RECTORY**  
**WILL BE CLOSED ON**

New Year's Day, January 1, 2018

**MASSES:** 9am and 10:30am (Both in English)

**NO EVENING MASS**

**NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

***THE PRIESTS AND PARISH STAFF WISH  
ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND  
BLESSED NEW YEAR!***

**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, apple juice, cereal, peanut butter and jelly. .

Thank you for your generosity.



**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  
MARCH TRIP**

**BLOOD DRIVE**



St. Margaret has sponsored several very successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. There is still a **CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE** and the New York blood Center is asking for our help. We will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st**. From 9am to 3pm in the Parish Hall. Please consider giving blood. To ensure that you will be able to donate, remember to include foods rich in iron in your diet and to eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before you come. For more information and/or to make a donation appointment please email [parishcalendar@aol.com](mailto:parishcalendar@aol.com)