

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

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

**~MASS BELLS~**

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## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2018**

### **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. JANUARY 7, 2018 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30 People of the Parish  
9:00 Maria C. Pugliese/Filippo Bondi/Antonino Catalano/Rosa e Frank Scaturro/Giovanni Bilello/Franco Scatturo/Daniele Bussa/Giuseppina Scaturro/Benito Valenti/  
10:30 Antonino Genna  
NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer  
5:00PM Deacon Warren Winkler

### **MON. JANUARY 8 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

7:00 Vincenzo Martello  
9:00 Philip & Leonardo Curatolo

### **TUE. JANUARY 9 - WEEKDAY**

7:00 Purgatorial Society  
9:00 Irene Marx

### **WED. JANUARY 10 - WEEKDAY**

7:00 Giuseppe Ruggiero  
9:00 Catherine Lenihan

### **THU. JANUARY 11 - WEEKDAY**

7:00 Virginia Siracusa  
9:00 Augusta Mundy (BIRTH)

### **FRI. JANUARY 12 - WEEKDAY**

7:00 Ann Langley  
9:00 Frank Aguggia

### **SAT. JANUARY 13 - ST. HILARY**

9:00 COLLECTIVE: Anna & Wilhelm Nick/  
Jeffrey Matusiak/Roberto Varela/  
5:00PM Luigi & Filomena DeSimone

### **SUN. JANUARY 14 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 Thomas Mazza  
9:00 Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/  
Francesco Sclafani/Giuseppe Alesandro/  
Giuseppina Scaturro/Michele Oddo/  
10:30 John J. Forte (ANNI)  
NOON Joan Leonard  
5:00PM Dante Colombi

## **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 RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY  
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

## 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 Bumbra, 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 Frohnhoefer  
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



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

*Especially,*

*Paul A. Rose, Antoinette P. Tomasulo,  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*



### **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.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** - You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** - The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** - The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary His Mother (Matthew 2:1-12).

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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

Dec. 13	916	No Winner
Dec. 14	607	No Winner
Dec. 15	786	No Winner
Dec. 16	696	No Winner
Dec. 17	762	No Winner
Dec. 18	092	E. Morrissey (b) W. Kaley (b) M. Dokter (b)
Dec. 19	540	C. Tait (b)
Dec. 20	622	J/M Delatte (b)
Dec. 21	183	P. Dell (b) D. Deith (b)
Dec. 22	433	No Winner
Dec. 23	746	No Winner
Dec. 24	679	No Winner
Dec. 25	949	No Winner
Dec. 26	366	No Winner
Dec. 27	700	No Winner
Dec. 28	820	No Winner
Dec. 29	057	No Winner
Dec. 30	678	No Winner
Dec. 31	506	No Winner

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**LUCKY NUMBERS IS SUSPENDED**  
**AFTER THIS DRAWING OF**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**PROMISE FULFILLED**

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through His fidelity to them, all people shall become His children and rejoice in the fulfillment of His promise to Israel.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans - purple, gold and green. A few will be in on the secret; the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the Magi: Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a King; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the creche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

**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@outlook.com

### ***From the Pastor's desk:***

As we begin a new year, most of us have made resolutions, many of them sure to fall by the wayside before the month is out. (I've already eaten enough sweets to get me to next weekend if not beyond.) We all have our mix of them, from self-improvement to weight loss to exercising more to kicking a bad habit, etc. One positive thing for which we should strive - and seldom do - is to move God up a few notches on our list of priorities.

Spend a few more minutes in prayer, whether formal by attending Mass more often, or informal by reflecting privately on a passage of Scripture, or saying a Rosary, or just being quiet with the Lord for a few minutes each day. Allot God some additional time also by getting involved in the life of YOUR Parish. We especially need the involvement of more men in liturgical ministries as well as in apostolic activities. Finally, move God up another notch or two financially, improving your stewardship, making it a real and important part of your household budget; give of your substance, not just what is left over.

Some take their relationship with God seriously; many, unfortunately, do not, giving Him only the minimum attention. Take some time as this year begins to see where you can make improvements. "What return can I make to the LORD for all the good that He has shown me?" asked the psalmist almost 3,000 years ago. Today, we might ask ourselves how we can increase the time, talents and treasure that we return to Him, for all we have received in His gift.

May 2018 be a year of spiritual renewal and recommitment for you and for our Parish, and may God, Who is never outdone in generosity, bless you and yours abundantly!

*~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





## 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**



## 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, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix and instant mashed potatoes. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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)

## **BOY SCOUT TROOP #119**

The Holidays are over and we all have finished opening our presents and counting our blessings. However, there are some among us who are not as fortunate as we are.

Therefore, Boy Scout Troop #119 is sponsoring a Post-Holiday Food Drive. They are asking that parishioners donate 2-3 non-perishable food items, between now and the end of January.

Food items can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church or at the food pantry on Wednesdays and Saturdays, between 10am and 12 noon.

They thank you for your generosity, and wish you and yours a Happy and healthy New Year!



## **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!!!

## **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

for tax purposes will  
**ONLY BE AVAILABLE**  
**UPON REQUEST**

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911,  
**AFTER JANUARY 14TH**  
if you would like a statement mailed to you.