

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

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

**~MASS BELLS~**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 28, 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**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>JANUARY 28 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
7:30	Catherine & Edward Flynn
9:00	Vincenzo Giresi/Tomaso Scalici/Calogero Gucciardino/Saverio Michele Bosco/Salute e benessere di Maria Repole/
10:30	Dolores De Biase
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Catherine Fazio
<b>MON.</b>	<b>JANUARY 29 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	David L. Ortiz (BIRTH)
9:00	Frank Banks
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JANUARY 30 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Robert Ciborowski
9:00	Marie D'Amato
<b>WED.</b>	<b>JANUARY 31 - ST. JOHN BOSCO</b>
7:00	Dorothy Lind
9:00	Joseph & Mary Rinaldi
<b>THU.</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 1 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Mark Porcaro (ANNI)
9:00	Dominick Congemi
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/FIRST FRIDAY</b>
7:00	Branden Barnes
9:00	Miguel Farina
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 3 - ST. BLAISE/FIRST SATURDAY</b>
9:00	COLLECTIVE: Dsd. Priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Rockville Center/Holy Souls/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/
5:00PM	Leonardo DiStefano
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 4 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
7:30	Dsd. Of the Femia & Vivone Families
9:00	Anna Premiano/Caterina Garofalo/Giovanni Ferrara/
10:30	Scout Sunday/George Bley
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	People of the Parish

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE . . . .**

**ST. BLAISE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD - THROATS WILL BE BLESSED AS FOLLOWS:  
ON SAT. FEB. 3RD AT THE 9AM MASS INDIVIDUALLY, AND 5PM MASS IN GROUP  
ON SUN. FEB. 4TH  
AT ALL THE MASSES, IN GROUP**

## **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.

## 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, Domenica Millitello, Daniel Fox,

*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,  
Nicholas Krapf,*

*May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

### ST. BLAISE

According to his legendary acts, which became widely known in W. Europe at the time of the crusades, Blaise was a physician who became bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, where he was martyred. One of his miracles was the saving of the life of a boy who had half swallowed a fish-bone which could not be extricated; hence the rite of the Blessing of St. Blaise, incorporated in the Roman ritual, against infections of the throat. His feast is observed with much solemnity throughout the East, as was also the case, in ancient times, in the West. His symbol is a wool comb, sometimes made of iron rather than of wood, with which a legend states he was martyred.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalms** - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** - Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** - The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13;  
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;  
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
[22-32]

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19,  
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

## **BOY SCOUT TROOP #119**

The Holidays are far behind us 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.

Boy Scout Troop #119 is sponsoring a Post-Holiday Food Drive. They are asking that parishioners donate 2-3 non-perishable food items, until 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.

We thank you for your generosity, and wish you and yours a happy and healthy New Year!



### **DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

to be given in St. Margaret School Library  
on **SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD**

from 9:00am to 3:30pm

**THE COST:** \$45.00 per person

**THE BENEFITS:** 10% discount on liability  
and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4  
points deducted from your driving record.

**CONTACT:** Sister Bridget, **718-326-1911**  
for more information or to register.

## **BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE**

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the request for much needed blood donations. Last Sunday's Blood Drive was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** We are very happy to report that a St. Margaret record was set - **91 units of blood were collected**, the highest number ever here, in a single Blood Drive. Very special thanks go also to parish Blood Drive volunteers Terry Basedow, Anne & Tom Lenihan, Rachel Luscher and Martha Rickey who provided service above and beyond the call of duty to make the blood donation process run so smoothly throughout the day.

***A job well done by all!***

## **GUATEMALA SERVICE TRIP**

Former student of SMA Class of 2009, **Cristina Martello**, will be participating in a Medical Service trip to La Antigua, Guatemala in March of 2018 with professors and classmates. In alignment with carrying out God's will of service to others, Cristina and her classmates have a mission "to develop into students who value compassionate service and who can further translate this service into a life-long responsibility to contribute to a more just society." In Guatemala, Cristina will be providing physical therapy services to patients who do not have such care available to them including teaching movement strategies, developing muscular strength, and improving functional mobility.

Cristina will be raising money to bring various medical supplies to Guatemala, including custom-made wheelchairs for the patients. In order to provide as many supplies and wheelchairs as possible, please consider donating on behalf of benefiting highly disabled patients in need of therapeutic care. All donation can be left at St. Margaret Parish Rectory to the attention of Cristina Martello. Thank you to all parishioners who can assist and support this service.

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2018**

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the Church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the Child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting", suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?



**REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 IS NOW OPEN AT  
ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities!**

Received a scholarship last year? Re-apply by March 30, 2018

First time Scholarship applicant? Apply by April 30, 2018

**[www.futuresineducation.org](http://www.futuresineducation.org)**

To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education  
please contact ***Principal, Victoria Richardson at 718-326-0922***

**WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU!**

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***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.

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



**JOIN US AT  
ST. MARGARET  
ANNUAL  
IRISH NIGHT CELEBRATION**

***SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD***

from 6:00pm til 11:00pm

Tickets are \$50.00, which includes traditional Irish dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee & dessert.

Entertainment by

***THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS***

Help us honor our first *Irish Person of the Year*,  
a long time active member of the

St. Margaret Community

***ELVA O'BRIEN!!***

For additional information and tickets, call:

Anne, 718-326-1256, Bridie, 917-302-3569,

Maureen, 917-589-6804 or

Susan, 718-417-3102/646-330-8451.

**DON'T MISS  
THE FUN!!!**



**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**



**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 in need of juice,  
coffee, tuna, rice, canned fruit and  
pasta sauce. As always we thank you  
for your generosity.



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

**Monday, February 12th.**

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**

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

for tax purposes will

**ONLY BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911

if you would like a statement mailed to you.

**DEANERY CORNER...**

**Resurrection-Ascension Parish:**

The K of C, Juniper Valley Council & RA Home  
Academy Assoc. presents "Radio Bingo" Where Bingo  
meets "Name That Tune". An evening of entertainment  
on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at 7pm in RA gym. \$35 per person  
includes bingo games, beer, wine, soda, and snacks. For  
info. call Mr. McCabe, 718-779-2692.

Free English classes at RA on Thursdays from  
6-8pm.

Free Spanish classes at RA on Saturdays from  
3-5pm