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SIXTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 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.	FEBRUARY 11 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Ann LoFaso
9:00	Our Lady of Lourdes/Antonino, Giuseppe e Antonina Catalano/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Leonardo e Filippo Curatolo/Maria Coppola/Anna Babino/Sylvia Schock/Giovanni e Gaetano Caruso/ Phyllis Armato
10:30	Phyllis Armato
NOON	Michael Machado
5:00PM	Michael Younghese
MON.	FEBRUARY 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00	The O'Connor, Sloane & DiPierro Families
9:00	Philip & Leonardo Curatolo
TUE.	FEBRUARY 13 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Ann LoFaso
9:00	Rose D'Amato
WED.	FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00	Wolfgang Lipovec
9:00	Michael Machado
3:00PM	Liturgy of the Word
7:30PM	People of the Parish
THU.	FEBRUARY 15 - THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00	Irma Lackner
9:00	The Giordano and Sepi Families
FRI.	FEBRUARY 16 - FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00	Lottie & Stanley Andrzejewski
9:00	Johann, Maria & John Michitsch
SAT.	FEBRUARY 17 - THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER
9:00	COLLECTIVE: Thomas Marx/Angelina Grillo
11:45	MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS: Rose Mirabella/ Antoinette P. Tomasulo/Massimo Cappela/ Madeline Maranzano/Nicholas Krapf/Dorothy Locano/Carol Falk/Anthony LoPresti/
5:00PM	MaryAnn Germann
SUN.	FEBRUARY 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Giovanna Picciuca/Calogero e Salvatore DiMaggio/Tony LoPresti/Maria Coppola/
10:30	John Taormina
NOON	Aida Baker
5:00PM	Nancy Gardini

ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

ashes will be distributed at all of the Masses. Ashes and prayer pamphlets in English and Italian, to bring to the homebound, will be available at the Sacristy after each of the Masses and services.

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, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, John Downer, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Patricia Johnson, Scott White, Baby McKinley Kelleher, Isabelle Azzaro, Lucy Lento, Sean Harrison, Michael Russo, 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 McGarry, Michael Mavin, Denis Fink, Marc Pagnozzi, 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, Daniel Fox, Domenica Millitello, Caterina D'Anna, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Carol Arevalo, Jim O'Driscoll, Victoria Lippolis, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Charles Schaaf, Joseph Russo,

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

*Epecially,
Filippa Cracchiolo,
David J. McConville,
Margaret Rose Swiatocha,
Frederick J. LeDoux,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Dolores DeBiase
at the request of Henry & Kathy Talbot.*

***DURING THE SEASON OF LENT, WE
WILL HAVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
BEGINNING ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 20TH, AS FOLLOWS:***

<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>9:30am</i>	<i>In Italian</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>9:30am</i>	<i>In English</i>
<i>Fridays</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>In English</i>

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46).

Psalm - I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading - Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1).

Gospel - The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2

Thursday: Dt 30:15 - 20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15



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.

FAITH DIRECT

Thank you for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collection donation of your choosing. 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

JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "Old" Testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim His way.

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 donations 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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2018

WEEKDAYS OF LENT:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY:

These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat, (this includes chicken). There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

From the Pastor's Desk:

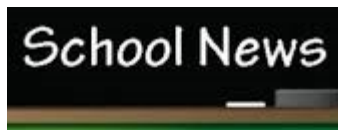
The holy season of Lent begins this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. True, it's a penitential season, yet it's also one of hope-filled renewal. Still, we often view this as a gloomy time of year, a time of "having to do without", or we see it just as another opportunity to get back on our diets or to kick a bad habit. We see only ashes, and we forget about haloes.

It is, indeed, a time for giving up and doing without, but giving up and doing without for a particular purpose: to help us to refocus our lives so as to draw us closer to God and to deepen our relationship with Him. We know from our science classes that nature abhors a vacuum. Our lives, too, need to be full, spiritually as well as physically. If you are about to give up or to do without something, therefore, be prepared to put something *positive* in its place. The three keys of Lent - fasting, almsgiving and prayer - offer us important tools to accomplish this.

For example, if you give up time watching TV or using the internet/social media, use part of the time you save for prayer, or to read and reflect on Scripture or some other solid, spiritual work. Get to Mass faithfully every weekend, and, if you have the opportunity, stop in to a church during the week for Mass or to pray quietly. Pray a Rosary each day, especially the Sorrowful Mysteries, and get to confession before Easter. If you give up a particular food, or drink, or cigarettes, use some of the money you save toward helping those who do not have the bare necessities of life. Likewise, if you go out to dinner, put aside the same amount that you leave for a tip and give it to the St. Vincent DePaul Society to ease the needs of the hungry. Be more patient with others as God is patient with you.

Let's allow Lent to be an unhurried period of spiritual growth, a time in which we challenge ourselves, using the grace God gives us, to be better children of God and disciples of Jesus Christ. Don't let it zoom by in artificialities or despair. Make it meaningful, and keep it realistic so as to finish Lent in a way that makes for a worthier celebration of Easter.

~Fr. Armato



Catholic Schools Week was filled with many exciting events. Our week opened with Mass as a community, celebrated by Fr. Bob. All were invited to visit the school and see the many wonderful learning activities going on. Deacon John blessed our newly installed LabLeaner STEM lab. We welcomed students and families on the many tours offered throughout the week. Sports Day was filled with great team sports. It was close, but the white team pulled through and won. Our 8th graders received their rings on Wednesday. Teachers surprised the students by switching classes for one period on Mix It Up Day while students wore mixed up attire. Students played Zingo for prizes on Student Appreciation Day and also enjoyed snacks and ices. We presented an assembly to Bishop DiMarzio as he visited us on Thursday, too. He also was given a tour of our great academy. Our experienced band presented a lovely medley of songs Thursday evening. On Teacher Appreciation Day, teachers, teacher aides and staff were served a wonderful luncheon with great games and prizes provided by our generous parents. Our final event of the week was a Talent Show where students entertained us with singing, jokes, puppetry, dancing, miming and more. Maybe next year we will include our talented parents in the program. Registration is ongoing; don't miss your spot in our great school!

FREE STYLE CONCERT LIVE: TKA AND JUDY TORRES

Friday, April 20th - doors open at 8pm

St. Margaret Gym

\$50.00p/p (includes 1 drink)

For tickets call **Katy, 718-326-0922**

JUST A REMINDER . . .

for all **ARISE** participants. Session one begins the week of February 12th in the Convent meeting room. It's not too late to register for this Lenten Program.

Any questions, please call Sr. Bridget,

**718-326-1911 or e-mail
bridgetosu7@gmail.com**



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

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH

Our Lady of Hope Church, 1:00pm

Light refreshments will be served in the

School Cafeteria after the Mass

For more information, 718-429-5438 or

www.ourladyofhopeparish.org

Sponsored by

The Senior Goal Group



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.

THE 6TH ANNUAL
BRIDGE TO LIFE CAMPAIGN

Sponsored by The St. Vincent DePaul Society

WHEN: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th to

Good Friday, Mar. 30th.

WHY: to help women in a crisis pregnancy
 choose life over abortion.

DONATE: Cash or check written to "Bridge to

Life". Envelopes marked Bridge to Life are

on the radiators in the Church. Put them in

the collection basket or Rectory mailbox.

HELP PROTECT THE UNBORN.



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

\$23.00/p. For reservations/information call

Betty, 718-326-0198

ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL WIN
A FREE RIDE ON OUR MARCH TRIP,
MONDAY, MARCH 12TH.

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY