

St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY

IN LENT

MARCH 4, 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. MARCH 4 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
7:30 Eileen Flynn
9:00 Anna Premiano/Giuseppina Scaturro/
Massimo Cappela/Antonino Realmuto/Maria
Coppola/Filippa Cracchiolo/
People of the Parish
NOON Edward H. & Ellen T. Morrissey/Nellie Malone
Tollis
5:00PM Aurora Cermeli
- MON. MARCH 5 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 David L. Ortiz (ANNI)
9:00 Albert & Julia Paetzig
- TUE. MARCH 6 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Louis Meyers
9:30 Stations of the Cross - Italian
- WED. MARCH 7 - STS. PERPETUA/FELICITY**
7:00 Ann LoFaso
9:00 Dominick Sepi
9:30 Stations of the Cross - English
- THU. MARCH 8 - ST. JOHN OF GOD**
7:00 John Ciorcari (BIRTH)
9:00 Josie Dorsaneo
- FRI. MARCH 9 - ST. FRANCES OF ROME**
7:00 Gaspar Labita
9:00 Arthur Savarese (ANNI)
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English
- SAT. MARCH 10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
9:00 COLLECTIVE: Kenneth Kasner/Carol Falk/
Denise Napolitano (ANNI)/John Sebastian Udoh/
Rosemary Sebastian Udoh Ignatius/
11:45 **MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS:** Mary C.
Marga/Anthony J. Torre/Eugene Pasculli/
Gerard W. Michels/Filippa Cracchiolo/David
J. McConville/Margaret Swiatocha/Frederick
J. LeDoux/Eileen DeLeonardis/Rita Savasta/
Sylvester J. Speicher/Michael J. Caslin/Anna B.
Takacs/Salvatrice Gioia/
5:00PM Erick Steigerwald
- SUN. MARCH 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
7:30 Charles Chiarello
9:00 Antonino Catalano/Caterina Garolfalo/Giovanni
Ferrara
10:30 Louise Moeller
NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM People of the Parish

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.



**DON'T FORGET TO
SET YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD, NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 11TH**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karen Guarascio, Connie Faccibene, Eileen Hinrichs, Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, John Downer, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Scott White, Baby McKinley Kelleher, Sean Harrison, Justin James Quirke, Parish Wert, Michael Hirst, Elizabeth Ott, Marion Caracciola, Baby Keila Mary Champoli, Brooke and Alexa Renda, The Ferrugio Family, 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, Evelyn Mojica, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Carol Arevalo, Jim O'Driscoll, Victoria Lippolis, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Charles Schaaf, Joseph Russo, Alvaro Andrez Gonzalez.

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***

*May they rest
in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

are available for the
altar candles, sanctuary lamps, and
bread and wine.

Make arrangements at the Rectory

**DURING THE SEASON OF LENT, WE
WILL HAVE STATIONS OF THE
CROSS AS FOLLOWS:**

Tuesdays	9:30am	In Italian
Wednesdays	9:30am	In English
Fridays	7:30pm	In English

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God gives the Law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3; 7-8; 12-17])

Psalm - LORD, You have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading - We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

Gospel - Many began to believe in Jesus' Name when they saw the signs He was doing (John 2:13-25).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

FAITH DIRECT

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with *Faith Direct* will provide St. Margaret Parish with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal** is about to begin, calling for the participation of *every* family in the Parish to support the needs of the Church in the Diocese of Brooklyn, including here in Middle Village. Our Parish goal has been set at **\$69,365**, which will help the Diocese to provide social services, assistance to the elderly, assisted living housing for retired priests, youth outreach, and other services. Whatever we raise above our goal will be returned to the Parish to help us address our own local needs, which are various and many.

Previous donors will receive a direct mailing from the Appeal offices; envelopes will be provided in the Church during the registration period for anyone making a first-time donation.

Please consider prayerfully your own level of participation and respond as generously as you can once the Appeal begins. Some can make a large donation; many can give but a little; everyone can give something. We can achieve our goal together!

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH

Our Lady of Hope Church, at 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

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.

GIORNATA DI PREGHIERA

The Italian Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn will offer a **Lenten Day of Prayer in Italian** at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 9:30 am. It will include devotional prayer, spiritual conferences, Mass with Bp. DiMarzio, and a hot lunch. The cost is \$20 per person. Call **718-649-0324** to register.

DEANERY CORNER . . .

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Taste of the World, International Food Festival

Sunday, March 11th., 2:30 - 5pm OLQM School auditorium, entrance at back of parking lot. \$30/p/p at the door. For tickets call

718-268-6251.

School News

We began the Lenten season thinking about ways we can be more like Jesus. All students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 have reflected on their sacrifices by placing them on crosses located on each floor. As a school community, we are collecting coins and placing them in baby bottles to help the **Bridge to Life program**. This is our first year as an academy to participate in the program. We look forward to helping others. Don't forget registration is ongoing; don't miss your spot in our great school! Call our office (718-326-0922) to schedule a tour. We have many great programs to offer; scholarships are also available.

MASPETH TOWN HALL

will offer Regents Review classes during the month of June in Global Transition, Living Environment, Chemistry, Earth Science, US History & Government, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and Physics. Each class has a maximum of 12 students. The fee is \$80 per course. Registration is on a first come/ first served basis. If you are interested, please call their office between 9am and 5pm: 718-335-6049.



LIVE:

TKA AND JUDY TORRES

Friday, April 20th - doors open at 8:00pm

St. Margaret Gym

\$50.00 p/p (includes 1 drink)

For tickets call

Katy, 718-326-0922

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give



SAINT FRANCES OF ROME

Frances's life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor.

Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected, and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband.

As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together, with their husbands' blessing, to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

Within a few years, a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome and left Frances's second son dead. Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances's daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society, serving the poorest of the poor.

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.

THE 6TH ANNUAL BRIDGE TO LIFE CAMPAIGN

Sponsored by The St. Vincent dePaul Society.

WHEN: now through Good Friday, March 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, March 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 APRIL TRIP**

MAGGIE'S LITTLE THEATER

Announces **AUDITIONS**

for our Summer Production of

MAN OF LaMANCHA

by Dale Wasserman, Music by Mitch Leigh,

Lyrics by Joe Darion.

Wed., March 7th - 7:30 to 9:30pm

Fri., March 9th - 7:30 to 9:30pm

Sun., Mar. 11th - 7:30 to 9:30pm

St. Margaret Parish Hall

66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, NY.

Audition, character descriptions and other information are on our website www.maggieslittletheater.org.

PLEASE NOTE: the roles of Don Quixote and the Padre have already been cast.



ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY CLOTHING PICK UP

Sunday, March 18th

from 8:30am to 12 Noon.

The truck will be on 79th Place for your items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE
ITEMS AT THE RECTORY DOOR**

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

thanks the many parishioners who have responded to Boy Scout Troop 119's post-Christmas Food Drive. The food pantry was very depleted after the holidays, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.