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FOURTH SUNDAY

IN LENT

MARCH 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. MARCH 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
7:30 Charles Chiarello
9:00 Antonino Catalano/Caterine Garofalo/
Giovanni Ferrara/Godofredo Ordogna e
Famiglia/
10:30 Louise Moeller
NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer/
Patrick O'Brien
5:00PM People of the Parish
- MON. MARCH 12 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Anna Nick/Franziska Boors
9:00 Philip & Leonardo Curatolo
- TUE. MARCH 13 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Ruth O'Hehir
9:00 Rose D'Amato
9:30 Stations of the Cross - Italian
- WED. MARCH 14 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 John William Tyz, Sr.
9:00 Linda Castagna
9:30 Stations of the Cross - English
- THU. MARCH 15 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Mary McQuaid
9:00 Angelina Fischetti
- FRI. MARCH 16 - LENTEN WEEKDAY**
7:00 Bill Cuggy
9:00 Elfriede Poje
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - English
- SAT. MARCH 17 - ST. PATRICK**
9:00 COLLECTIVE: David J. McConville/Rita
Savasta/Welfare of Rene Lewis/Welfare
of Pamela Guerra/Vincent Seminario/
5:00PM The Rice & Minogue Families
- SUN. MARCH 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
7:30 Lydia J. Kramer
9:00 Calogero e Salvatore DiMaggio/Maria
Ruggeri/Giuseppa e Calogero Caruso/
10:30 Fred Basedow
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM Megan Garezynski

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.



**SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD TODAY,
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 Andres Gonzalez, Maria Powell,

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,

*Anna M. Wade, Albert Carroccia,
Ugo Falco, Frieda Wittine, Giuseppe Columbo,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir at the
request of The O'Hehir Family.*

SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR CANDLES

THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir at the
request of The O'Hehir Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Ruth O'Hehir at the
request of The O'Hehir Family.*

***We need to be aware that happiness can
sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't
know we had left open.***

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen People (2 Chr 36:14-16).

Psalm - Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you, Jerusalem! (Psalm 137).

Second Reading - God, Who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Eph 2:4-10).

Gospel - The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life (Jn 3:14-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

FAITH DIRECT

Fast. Pray. Give. We invite you to help your parish save money by enrolling with *Faith Direct*. This will provide St. Margaret Parish with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes.

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

GIORNATA DI PREGHIERA

The Italian Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn will offer a Lenten Day of Prayer in Italian in 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, by this Tuesday, to register.

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.

LAETARE SUNDAY

(FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT)

The day's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare is the first word, meaning "rejoice" in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink, or, more fittingly, rose, this change in color indicate a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

The joy of Easter being around the corner is symbolized in a few other interesting liturgical possibilities. During Lent, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal forbids flowers adorning the altar. But on Laetare Sunday, there's a temporary halt to these penitential observances.

At one time, marriages were generally forbidden during Lent, but Laetare Sunday was often associated as a day when marriages could be celebrated during the penitential season. Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savor what awaits us on Easter Sunday, the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and our hearts will always be filled with joy!

Being aware of traditions assists us in celebrating the beauty of our faith. As you can see, there is much associated with even a nondescript day like the Fourth Sunday of Lent, not to mention the rest of the season, or the 50 days of Easter and beyond. Take advantage of the richness of our Catholic traditions!

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*



The students in our academy are busy working on many great projects. We have our first Career Day on March 15 where students on every grade level will listen to presenters from various trades. Various drama presentations will take place this month. Come and check out our eighth graders present "Stations of the Cross in Shadow" on March 16 at 10 AM. Also, our Drama Club will present "Robin Hood and His Merry Men" on Friday, March 23 in the parish hall at 7 PM. Admission is \$5.00. Registration 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.

LIVE:

TKA AND JUDY TORRES

Friday, April 20th - doors open at 8pm

St. Margaret Gym

\$50.00 p/p (includes 1 drink)

For tickets call

Katy, 718-326-0922



ST. PATRICK'S LIFE

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Christian missionary, credited with converting Ireland to Christianity in the early 400s. So many legends surround his life that the truth is not easily found.

St. Patrick was not actually Irish. His exact birthplace and date is not known. However, it is believed he was born around 375AD in Scotland or Wales. His parents were Calpornius and Conchessa, Romans living in Roman Britain.

His real name is believed to be Maewyn Succat and he took on the name Patrick upon becoming a priest. As a teen he was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland to herd and tend sheep on Slemish mountain, County Antrim. During his six-year captivity, he became fluent in the Irish language, and turned to God in prayer. He escaped after having a dream sent from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast where he would find a ship waiting to sail to Britain. He is believed to have met up with his parents in Wales before traveling to France where he became a priest and later a Bishop. He was given the task of teaching Christianity to the Irish. He traveled throughout Ireland, preaching the Gospel and converting many. He and his disciples began building Churches all over the country. Patrick preached and converted all over Ireland for 40 years. The date cited for the beginning of St. Patrick's mission to Ireland is 432.

There is much debate over when and where he died. It is believed he died on March 17, 460 at Saul, Downpatrick. That is why Saint Patrick's day is celebrated on March 17th. Some people suggest he was also born on March 17th.

The clans of Ireland began to bicker over who should receive the honor of having his final resting-place on their land. To avoid this sacrilegious end to his life his friends secreted away his body to bury in a secret grave. Many believe this to be in Downpatrick, County Down, where there is a permanent memorial.

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 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



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 \$23.00/p. For reservations/information call Betty, 718-326-0198

**ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL WIN
A FREE RIDE ON OUR APRIL TRIP**

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!



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. 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**

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

Sunday, March 11th - 7:30 to 9:30pm

St. Margaret Parish Hall - 66-05 79th Place,
Middle Village NY

see our website: www.maggieslittletheater.org

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