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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 2, 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. DECEMBER 2 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 Concetta & John Aversa
9:00 Giuseppina Scaturro/Lucia Tartamella/Vincenzo, Marguerita e Maria Schiano/Benito e Angelo Valente/Carlo Prantil/
10:30 Fred Basedow (ANNI)
NOON People of the Parish
5:00PM Anthony DeSiervi

MON. DECEMBER 3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
7:00 Karl Matzelle
9:00 Frank Jacobovics (BIRTH/ANNI)

TUE. DECEMBER 4 - ST. JOHN DAMASCENE
7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Rose D'Amato

WED. DECEMBER 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:00 Philip Composto
9:00 Concetta & Giovanni Scala

THU. DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS
7:00 George Ash
9:00 Pierine Skvis

FRI. DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE/ FIRST FRIDAY
7:00 Jay Zdon
9:00 Filippo & Girolama Curatolo
5:00PM Robert Narky

SAT. DECEMBER 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY/ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
9:00 COLLECTIVE: Carol Ann Falk
10:30 People of the Parish
5:00PM Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tollis

SUN. DECEMBER 9 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 Geraldine Ward/Eileen Flynn
9:00 Antonino Catalano/Giovanni Ugliadoro/ Santo Ugliadora/Lucia Ugliadoro/Rosaria, Rosario e Nunzio Taormina
10:30 Frank & Maria Amendola
NOON Elizabeth "Betsy" Braithwaite
5:00PM People of the Parish

PARISH INFORMATION

The Rectory office is open
Monday - Thursday - 9 am to Noon, and 1 pm to 7pm
Friday - 9 am to Noon, and 1 pm to 5 pm
Saturday - by appointment
Sunday - closed

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.

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 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 YOUTH 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.



**FIRST
SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karen Guarascio, Connie Faccibene, 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, Elizabeth Ott, Marion Caracciola, Baby Keila Mary Champoli, The Ferrugio Family, Sandra Slattery, 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, Alvaro Andres Gonzalez, Luis Sanchez, Billy Gillespie, George McGarry, Cathie Greulich, Anthony Bruno, Charles G. Krzewski, John Wert, Joseph Stubbs, Bob & Karen Schaefer, Michael Hirst, Mary Harrison, John Murphy, Anne McGinnis, Richard Santangelo, Norma Voyer, Vicky Turato, Adriana Caruso, Julio Pelaez, Maritza Gutierrez, Graciela Mora, Cindy Mulore, Salvatore Tuttolomondo, Gloria Mojica,

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,
Albert Vecchione, Eileen G. Hinrichs,
Peter J. Ficalora,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Anne McKenna
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

LAMP AND CANDLE THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Eileen G. Hinrichs
at the request of Don & Diane Competello.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Guido Carosi.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thes 3:12-4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6
Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9
Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

MANY THANKS FROM
THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

To **Kathy Henn** who baked 30 Pumpkin breads for our clients.

To **St. Margaret Catholic Academy** for nearly 1,000 items of food.

To all of our generous **parishioners** for various food items.

To **Grand Insurance Company** who donated 25 vouchers for free turkeys for Thanksgiving.



MAGNIFICAT COMPANIONS

Copies of the *Magnificat Advent Companion* are on sale after most of the Masses this weekend and at the Rectory Offices during the week, *while supplies last*. At just \$2.00 per copy, they are a great way to prepare prayerfully for Christmas.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Very often, people come to the Rectory asking for a certificate or letter attesting to their being active members of our Parish. That's hard for us to do, if there is no record of their being registered.

All families worshipping here at St. Margaret's are encouraged to register with the Rectory Offices. All you have to do is complete the following information and drop it into the collection basket. We'll take it from there.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (____) - ____ - ____

THE ADVENT WREATH

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is rose-colored and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is rose, a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle" symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels:

"Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men!"



FROM THE ACADEMY

SAVE THE DATE . . .

Better Late than Never New Year's Masquerade Ball, Friday, January 25 at 8pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$50 and include a hot buffet, soda, wine and beer.

Dance the night away.

Dress to dazzle or disguise.

Tickets will be available December 3; please call the School, **718-326-0922**.

GIVE A GIFT OF A BOOK . . .

SAINT MARGARET SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

will be open to the public on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 2 to 6:30pm and on Friday, Dec. 7 from 12:30 to 6:30pm.

Did you know that reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about 1.8 million words per year?

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

for the husband and family of Mary Murphy, our crossing guard. Mr. Murphy was in a very bad construction accident.

Let us pray for a speedy recovery!

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

All are invited to experience a *Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, at Sacred Heart*

(83-17 78th Avenue, Glendale) at 10am next Saturday, December 8. For more information call **718-821-6434**.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

There are just a few more weeks to go for this year's campaign. **Only money above goal that is received by December 31 will come back to the Parish**, so please make your pledges and *complete your payments ASAP*. So far, we'll get back just \$1,394 collected out of \$3,786 over goal.

JUST A REMINDER . . .

While we no longer celebrate private memorial Masses, families who wish to have an annual or "month's mind" Mass offered for a loved one can join in the memorial Mass celebrated each month, for the repose of the souls of those buried from our church during the preceding month. Call the Rectory Offices to make the arrangements. **The next memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:45am Saturday, December 15.**

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY

is located at 66-25 79 Place
Middle Village, NY



The pantry is open on WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY from 10am to 12 Noon.

The Food Pantry is in need of small (1-2lb.) canned hams for our Christmas food bags. As always, thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS

"GIVING TREE"



The St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring the Christmas **"GIVING TREE"** to provide toys and clothing to less fortunate children.

WHAT: Unwrapped toy or clothing item (new) for ages infant to 12 years.
WHEN: Now through December 9th
WHERE: Food bin in the vestibule of Church, or in the Convent on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am to 12 Noon.

Many thanks 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
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.

WE ALSO HAVE ITEMS FOR
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Contact us: StMargGiftShop@yahoo.com



***YOU ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO JOIN US***
*on Sunday, December 9th
at 3:00pm in the Church,
when our annual **Lessons and Carols**
will take place.*
*It will be presented by our choirs -
adult, Italian and children's.*
*Please join us for a
prayerful and spiritual afternoon.*

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

Monday, December 17, 2018



The bus will be in front of the Church and will leave
promptly at 9am. The cost is **\$25.00 p/p.**

For reservations/information call
Betty, 718-326-0198

**ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL WIN
A FREE RIDE
ON OUR JANUARY 2019 TRIP**

SEXUAL ABUSE

Call 1-800-342-3720, the toll-free, NY State
hotline, or the toll-free, Diocesan number,
1-888-634-4499, to report *any possible sexual
abuse of children or adults* by anyone.

Both lines are confidential.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE ..

Saturday, December 8th is the *Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary*, a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
Masses for this feast are on Fri., Dec. 7 at 5pm
and on Sat., Dec. 8, at 9am & 10:30am only.

BISHOP SANCHEZ

Bishop Sanchez will visit us and celebrate
the 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 15. He
will meet with members of the Parish Finance
and Pastoral councils and the Rectory Office
staff in the Rectory immediately after Mass.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Confessions in preparation for Christmas will
be heard on Monday, December 17, from 7:30
to 9:00 am, 4:00 to 5:30 pm, and 6:30 to 8:00
pm. The very **last opportunity** for confessions
before Christmas will be Saturday, December
22, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.



THE ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

Speech and Hearing Center is offering
FREE speech and hearing screenings through
December 11th. Please call the center,
718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment. The
Center is located at 152-11 Union Tpke.,
Flushing.