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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 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 16 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 Piro Zangarilli
9:00 Gaetano Catalano/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio
Taormina/Saverio, Michael e Luigi Bosco/
Arturo Valanti/Domenica e Pietro Martorana/
Giuseppina DeFilippi/
10:30 Tom, Rosaleen, Catherine & Michael Reilly
NOON Fire Lt. Kevin J. and William Pfeifer
5:00PM Amelia Oswald

MON. DECEMBER 17 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 Peter Radske (ANNI)
9:00 Daniel Fitzgerald

TUE. DECEMBER 18 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 Priest Ordination Class of 1970
9:00 Helen Kosinski

WED. DECEMBER 19 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 Enrico Saviano
9:00 Augie DeSimone

THU. DECEMBER 20 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 Rosemarie Brennan (BRITH)
9:00 Andrew Dettling

FRI. DECEMBER 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS

7:00 Marie Sparacio
9:00 Anna & Wilhelm Nick/The Stalzer Family

SAT. DECEMBER 22 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 COLLECTIVE: Giacomo Gennari
5:00PM Virginia Congemi

SUN. DECEMBER 23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/
Salvatore e Calogero DiMaggio/Rosario,
Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Daniele Bussa/
Andrea, Giuseppe, Grazia e Laura Polazzolo/
Salvatore, Vito e Francesca Pipitone/
Nicola Mancino/Antonio Tartamella/
10:30 Karl Sippenauer (ANNI)
NOON Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM Rosaleen, Tom, Catherine & Michael Reilly

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.



**THIRD
SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 AS FOLLOWS:**

**7:30 TO 9:00 AM - 4:00 TO 5:30 PM -
6:30 to 8:00 PM**

LAST OPPORTUNITY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

SAT., DEC. 22 - 3:00 to 4:30PM

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, Larry Dumbra, Bob Marvin, Joseph O'Brien, Katie Bryzgoria, 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, Gloria Pemaj,

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,
Victoria Klotz,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Rudolf Nohenfeld
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

LAMP & CANDLE THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Margrit Meyer
at the request of St. Margaret's Choir.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Augie DeSimone.

TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 19-19
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

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. *Students in the Religious Ed Program*, Wednesday evening classes, should go to confession on Monday afternoon or evening.

The very **last opportunity** for confessions before Christmas will be Saturday, December 22, from 3:30 to 4:45 pm.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE . . .

We have resumed *Bible Class*, with Fr. Wilson on Monday at 1pm in the Convent meeting room.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK

Lauraine McConville for her generosity in donating American Flags for our flagpole, in memory of her uncle
David J. McConville.

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 #: (_____) - ____ - ____

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 17th

7:30 to 9:00am - 4:00 to 5:30pm -
6:30 to 8:00pm

Saturday, December 22nd

3:00 to 4:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, December 24th

5:00 pm - 11:30pm - Choral Prelude
Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25th

9:00am (Bilingual - Italian/English),
10:30am and 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Monday, December 31st

5:00pm Vigil Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:00am (English), 10:30am, 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

THE ADVENT WREATH

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is 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 are now on sale.

Please call the School, **718-326-0922**.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

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

Let us pray for a speedy recovery!

CONGRATULATIONS

to former St. Margaret Academy students who have received honors at

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School:

BRYAN DAVILA, RICHARD HUBERT,

MATTHEW FRAGAPANE,

JOSEPH LaBARBERA,

JORDANA NADILE, STEVEN SIANO,

TIMOTHY WALLS, FIORELLA VELIZ,

IZABELLA RODZIEWICA

We wish all of these students continued success in their future endeavors.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

There are just two 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, lest we forfeit receiving over \$2,000.**

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, January 12, 2019.**

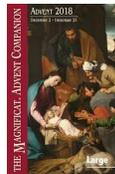
THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY

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



MAGNIFICAT COMPANIONS

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

THANKS!

Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to make last Sunday's *Lessons and Carols* such a wonderful, prayerful, and spiritually uplifting experience! By reminding us of the Mystery of the Word-made-flesh, you brought the Light of God's peace and love into the darkness of a busy and troubled world.

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

**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.

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

The cost is \$25.00 p/p
For reservations/information call
Betty, 718-326-0198

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.

CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS

The Christmas tree and Creche are two
popular symbols of Christmas. They are not
meant to be simply decorations, but, more
importantly, to draw us into the Mystery of the
God of all creation, Who has loved us and has
become one of us in Christ Jesus.

Bless your tree and Nativity scene. Use them
during these holy days as tools for prayer. May
the God of peace be with you!

Blessing of the Tree



Most holy Lord, our God,
We come with joy to celebrate the birth of Your
Son, Who rescued us from the darkness of sin by
making the Cross a tree of life and light.

Grant, we pray, that this tree, arrayed in
splendor, may remind us of the life-giving Cross
of Christ, that we may rejoice always in the new
life that shines in our hearts, through Christ, our
Lord, Amen!



Blessing of the Creche

Blessed are You, Lord God of every
people and nation, Who, from the beginning of
Creation, have made manifest Your love! Our
need for a Savior is great. You have sent Your
Son to be born of the Virgin Mary, and He has
brought us joy and peace, justice, mercy and
love.

Bless, O Lord, all who look upon this manger,
and grant that it may remind us of the humble
birth of Christ Jesus, our Lord, so as to raise our
thought to Him, Who is Immanuel, God-with-us,
and Savior of all, Who lives and reigns for ever
and ever. Amen!