St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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FEAST of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 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. 7:30 9:00 10:30 NOON 5:00PM	DECEMBER 30 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH John & Theresa Rice Il Popolo della Parocchia Arthur Ezzo Pete & Rose LoMurno Peter Bojceniuk
MON.	DECEMBER 31 - SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:00	Deceased Priests of the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre
9:00 5:00PM	Augie DeSimone Louis & Joan Meyers
TUE. 9:00	JANUARY 1, 2019 - THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD/ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Enrico Franzese
10:30 NOON	People of the Parish Kathleen Hurley
WED. 7:00 9:00	JANUARY 2 - STS. BASIL & GREGORY Velma Begy Louise DelGrosso
THU.	JANUARY 3 - THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
7:00 9:00	Stanislawa Krzewski Luis & Aida Parrales
FRI.	JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON/FIRST FRIDAY
7:00 9:00	Anne O'Dea Magda Pogorelz
SAT.	JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN/ FIRST SATURDAY
9:00	COLLECTIVE: Dec'd Priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre/ Richard Nadler/Salvatore Diglio
5:00PM	Sr. Rose Godfrey Cerar
SUN.	JANUARY 6 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:30 9:00 10:30 NOON 5:00PM	People of the Parish Daniele Bussa/ Eta M. Tierney Peter Bojceniuk Louise Pecoraro
6.	THE HOLY FAMILY OF



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 <u>MUST</u> 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 prattica 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.

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 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, 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,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

<u>MEMORIALS</u>

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Geraldine Ward, Eileen & Margaret Flynn, and Peter Bojceniuk at the request of Helen Bojceniuk.

LAMP & CANDLE THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Eileen G. Hinrichs at the request of Mary Pascale.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Peter Bojceniuk at the request of Helen Bojceniuk.

TODAY'S READINGS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, *or* I Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, *or* Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 Col. 3: 12-21, *or* I John 3: 1-2, 21-24 Luke 2: 41-52

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3 cd-4 Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29-3-6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51
Solemnity of the	Epiphany of Our Lord
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

~ Scripture Study ~

Are you interested in learning more about the Word of God revealed in Sacred Scripture? Join our Bible study class with Fr. Wilson. The session is held every Monday afternoon in the Convent meeting room (66-25 79th Place) at 1:00 pm, and will resume on Monday, January 7.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" ~ St. Jerome.

~ Our Lady of Czestochowa ~

Bishop Paul Sanchez recently blessed an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of **Our Lady of Czestochowa**, who is honored as Queen of Poland. The original, miraculous icon, one of the oldest portrayals of Our Lady, is kept and venerated in the shrine dedicated to her at the Monastery of Jasna Gora in Czestochowa, Poland.

Our icon has been placed for public veneration in the shrine of our Crucified Savior, on the baptismal font side of the front of the church.

May the Blessed Ever-virgin Mary, our Mother, protect and intercede for you and your loved ones!

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 worshiping 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 #:	()

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

~ A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~

Monday, December 31, 2018 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:00 am (English) 10:30 am 12:00 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTING

Call the toll-free, NY State hotline, **1-800-342-3720,** 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.

~ Deanery News ~

The **Holy Name Society** at *Our Lady of Hope* invites all to a celebration of their patronal feast, that of the Holy Name of Jesus, on Thursday, January 3, at 7:30 pm in the church, located on Eliot Avenue between 72nd and 74th Streets.

In addition, all men of our Parish, 18 years old and up, are welcome and encouraged to join the Holy Name Society at OLH. Their next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 17, the patronal feast of Our Lady of Hope Parish, immediately following devotional prayers in the church.

<u>~ St. Margaret Gift Shop ~</u>

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 4:00 pm Saturdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm and Sundays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

The Gift Shop is CLOSED for the holidays and will reopen Wednesday, January 2.

~ Use Your Envelopes ~

Please use your donation envelopes. We send out over 900 each mailing, costing the Parish (you!) several hundred dollars each time, but it appears that less than one sixth are being used. We cannot issue annual donation statements for tax purposes unless we have information provided on the envelopes.

Families who do not use their envelopes will be deleted from the mailings during 2019.

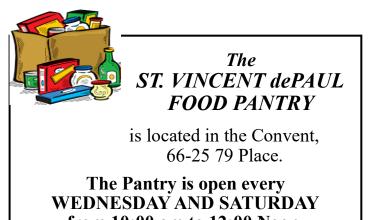
We are in the process of updating and improving our recording system and expect to have it up and running to issue statements beginning February 1.

~ Monthly Memorial Mass ~

A bi-lingual (English and Italian) memorial Mass with music is celebrated each month for the repose of the souls of those who were buried from our church during the preceding month.

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 this monthly celebration. Please contact the Rectory at 718-326-1911 to make the arrangements.

The next memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 12, at 11:45 am.



from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Our Food Pantry is always in need of canned fruits and vegetables, dried pastas, rice, cereal, peanut butter, jams/jellies/preserves, tea and coffee, and similar "non-perishable" foods.

As always, thank you for your generosity!

~ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL and GENERATIONS OF FAITH CAMPAIGN ~

Many thanks to those of you who helped to make the **2018** Annual Catholic Appeal a successful campaign here at St. Margaret's! This is the first time in several years that we not only reached our goal but also exceeded it, resulting in a return to the Parish of almost \$2,000. Hopefully more families will participate in next year's Appeal campaign to make it a truly Parish-wide effort. Please continue to make your payments, if you have not completed them yet. All of the money received in this campaign is used only for ministry to our people.

Our Parish's participation in the *Generations of Faith Campaign* still has some time to go before completion. It is important for those of us who made a commitment to keep current on our pledge payments so as to enable us to pay for various projects for long-overdue maintenance of our aging buildings. We still have about \$300,000 to collect out of almost \$1 million in pledges that were made.

May God, Who is never outdone in generosity, reward you for your kindness and grant you every grace and blessing!

~ ACADEMY NEWS ~



SAVE THE DATE ...

Better Late than Never New Year's Masquerade Ball, will be held Friday, January 25, at 8:00 pm in the Parish

Center. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a hot buffet, soda, wine, beer, and musical entertainment.

Dance the night away!

Dress to dazzle or to disguise! Tickets are now available. Please call the Academy Office at **718-326-0922**, after Wednesday, Jan. 2.

<u>~ Academy Open House ~</u>

As part of our celebration of *Catholic Schools Week*, we will hold an **Open House** with tours of our school facilities, including our *STEM Lab*, *Computer Room*, and new *Art Room*, after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 26. Our *new Art Room* will be dedicated at this time in memory of our former art teacher, **Mrs. Dolores DeBiase**.

Come and see some of the educational benefits that we can offer **your** child!

More information on our Open House will be presented here in the coming weeks.



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Our next trip will be on Monday, January 14. The bus will be in front of the Church and will leave promptly at 9am.

The cost is **\$25.00 per person.**

For reservations or more information for the January trip, call Betty at 718-326-0198.

ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL WIN A FREE RIDE FOR OUR FEBUARY TRIP.

~ 2018 BAPTISMS ~

We were blessed during 2018 to be able to welcome the following children and young people as brothers and sisters in Christ through the waters of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit:

Dylan T. Volin, Sophia R. Benfari, Liliana M. Bzdyra, Giuliana D. Vicari, Brody V. Crafa, Shannon M. Donohue, Iga Garbowski, Emma G. Knapp, Mava Slawinski, Victoria Gromada, Elise A. DelRosario, Christian T. Oates, Mary-Josephine H. Martinez, Isabela Vukaj, Aiden S. Petrano, Sarah C. Solnica, Kelsev Jorawar, Isabella A. Caruana, Anthony J. Rodriguez, Michael J. D'Agostino, Jayden M. Aviles, Katherine T. Speidel, Dominic W. Hage, John T. Rotondi, Julian V. Sajin, Giuliana Porretto, Michaela R. Longo, Rosalie E. Estrella, Amilia Gutierrez, Kaitlyn Rodriguez, Madison R. Torres, Riley McC. Torres, Bella-Rose G. Savignano, Lorenzo D. Falanco, Carina M. Licona, Brandon A. Corbo, Joseph S. Papavero, Nelson L. Cruz Jr., Madison G. Genna, Anthony J. Marino, Jaxson D. Miller, Luke P. Ruebenacker, Gabriel N. Zamora-Reves, Gianna Kistinger, Joanna B. Jackson, James P. Salamanca, Joseph C. VanAllen Jr., Ellie L. Lore, Olivia P. Proietto, Antonio M. Rivera, Isabella J. Taylor, Samantha V. Gonzalez, Mia A. Echevarria, Gia S. Echevarria, Serafina R. Alesi, Adriana M. Kruczek

May you share in the divinity of Christ, Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity!

May God, Who has begun the good work in you, bring it to completion in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ!