St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 20, 2019

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

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JANUARY 25 - THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL		
IN ORDINARY TIME Ron Mahler Anthony Lopresti/Daniele Bussa/Salvatore Pistone/Luigi, Michael e Savario Bosco/		
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THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21,

IN OBSERVANCE OF

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY

PARISH INFORMATION

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

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm, or by appointment with a priest.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mondays after the 9am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS - Monday, at 1:00pm in the Convent Meeting Room.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS meet every Wednesday at 12 Noon in the Parish Center.

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, Anne Gorian,

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, Joseph Costa, Gemma Bernaudo

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

<u>MEMORIALS</u>

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of John Stimpfel at the request of John & Maria Schell.

LAMP & CANDLE THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Anna Scarpa.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of Eta M. Tierney.

TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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10, 17
Acts 9:1-22
1:1-5 7-8a, 10
8-10 5 9r 27 1

BOY SCOUT TROOP #119

is sponsoring a Post-Holiday Food Drive in order to replenish the pantry since the Holidays. They are asking that parishioners donate 2-3 non-perishable food items, between now and mid February.

Food items can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church or at the food pantry on Wednesdays and Saturdays, between 10am and 12 Noon.

We thank you for your generosity, and wish you and yours a happy and healthy New Year!

LENTEN SERVICE

This Lent, we will talk through the Mass using Bishop Barron's DVD series *"THE MASS"*.

Bishop Barron created and filmed "THE MASS" to help Catholics understand what the Mass is really about. He will take us through the major parts of the Mass in detail. He says the Mass is beauty and mystery (and who doesn't love a good mystery?). Once we truly understand and believe, we will embrace the privilege of attending Mass and hopefully be able to share that enthusiasm with others.

Treat yourself and allow yourself to be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Registration for this 6-week program will be held on February 9/10 and February 16/17. Sessions will be held Monday evenings at 7:00pm and Wednesday mornings at 11:00am, beginning the week of February 25th.

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 #: (____)-___-

ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK

For each car, truck, or van, running or not, The Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle. If you, a family member, or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call 718-491-2525, or go on-line at svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org. IRS Tax deduction/Free Towing/Any Condition. Thank you for your participation!

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR IRISH NIGHT SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 DETAILS WILL FOLLOW!



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in St. Margaret Catholic Academy Library on **SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND** from 9:00am to 3:30pm. <u>THE COST:</u> \$45.00 per person <u>THE BENEFITS:</u> 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record. <u>CONTACT:</u> Sister Bridget at <u>718-326-1911</u> for more information or to register.

<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

~ 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.

<u>~ Monthly Memorial Mass ~</u>

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 at 11:45 am Saturday, February 9.



The ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY

is located in the Convent, 66-25 79 Place.

The Pantry is open every WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 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!

~ BLOOD DRIVE TODAY ~

St. Margaret Parish has sponsored many very successful blood donation drives in the past. There is still a **CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE**, and the New York Blood Center is asking again for our help. St. Margaret Parish is sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE today**, **January 20**, **2019** from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM in the Parish Hall. To ensure that you will be able to donate blood, please remember to include foods rich in iron in your diet and to eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before you come.

St. Margaret Parish blood donors have given the gift of life so generously in the past. In 2018, a record 339 units of blood were collected at the St. Margaret Parish Blood Drives. Please help us to keep up the good work and start the new year off right. Mark your calendar and plan on helping patients in need by making a blood donation once again.

For more information and/or to make a blood donation appointment, please e-mail parishcalendar@aol.com.



~ ACADEMY NEWS ~

All parishioners are invited to our

Better Late than Never New Year's Masquerade Ball, this 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** by this Tuesday to get your tickets.

~ Academy Open House ~

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 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!



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Our next trip will be on Monday, February 11 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 call **Betty at 718-326-0198.**

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

FAITH DIRECT

The Christmas Season culminated with the celebration of the wonderful Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, and but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct. Faith Direct* automatically will process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing.

Signing up is easy! Visit faith.Direct/NY299, or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God bless you,

~Fr. Armato

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN INTERCESSIONS

For those who pray before abortion clinics, who march for life, or who witness to the rights of all human beings, that God might strengthen and guide them, we pray to the Lord: Lord of life, hear our prayer.

For those who long for the equality of all persons, that their dedication to the unborn, the old, the condemned, and the forgotten, may grow every day, we pray to the Lord: Lord of life, hear our prayer.

For all who teach the Gospel of Life, that they might be driven by love alone, we pray to the Lord: Lord of life, hear our prayer.

For those who work to defend the lives of the unborn, The sick, the infirm and the aged: those who defend humanity's inalienable right to life, we pray to the Lord: Lord of life, hear our prayer.

For all who work for life, that they might be assured of our gratitude and prayers for the holy work they do, we pray to the Lord: Lord of life, hear our prayer.