

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

***~ MASS BELLS ~***

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**FIRST  
SUNDAY**

**IN**

**ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 1, 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**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
7:30	Thomas Foudy (ANNI)
9:00	William Nichols/Giuseppina Napolitano/ Caterina Pelligrino/ Edwin Burch
10:30	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
NOON	Marie Buchman
5:00PM	
<b>MON.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2 - ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Marie Buchman (BIRTH)
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER</b>
7:00	Karl Matzelle
9:00	Frank Jacobovics (ANNI & BIRTH)
<b>WED.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4 - ST. JOHN DAMASCENE</b>
7:00	Philip J. Composto
9:00	Ida Lento/Maria Falsetta
<b>THU.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Lorenza Sigovic
9:00	Anthony DeSiervi
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS</b>
7:00	Thomas Woehr
9:00	Irene Butrym
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE/PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory/ Intention of Elizabeth Aloisio/ Lt. Michael Maloney FDNY (BIRTH)
5:00PM	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Antonino Catalano/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Maria Chiarenza/Anna Scarpa/Caterina Pellegrino/ Dina Prozzi
10:30	Bernice Muller
NOON	Dsd. of the Pecoraro & Barbaro Families
5:00PM	



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## **PARISH INFORMATION**

### **Rectory Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday - 9 am to Noon, and  
1 pm to 5pm**

**Tuesday & Wednesday evenings  
5-7pm**

**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.

**THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY**  
devotion are prayed every morning in the church  
at 8:30am.

**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](http://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 Monday,  
from 6-7 pm in the Church. For more info,  
[DnDsingit@aol.com](mailto: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, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, Scott White, Baby McKinley Kelleher, Sean Harrison, Justin James Quirke, Elizabeth Ott, John Wert, Mary Harrison, John Murphy, Anne McGinnis, Norma Voyer, Vicky Turato, Julio Pelaez, Maritza Gutierrez, Graciela Mora, Cindy Mulore, Salvatore Tuttolomondo, Gloria Mojica, Gloria Pemaj, Anne Gorian, Allen McConville, Joseph Simon, Jack Marchindiondo, The Scaturro Family, Joseph Siano, Louis Pitelli, Marion Caracciola, Vita Mazzola, Giovanni Campo, Edward Stoltzenberg, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Carol Arevalo, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoll, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, Fr. William Farrugia, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, Cathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine,

***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***

*May they rest  
in Christ's Peace!*

### MEMORIALS

#### **WINE & HOST THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Fred Basedow  
at the request of Terry.*

#### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit in memory of Tom Farrenkopf at the  
request of Terry Basedow.*

#### **ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Charles B. White at  
the request of Kathleen Ducey.*

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### ***First Sunday in Advent***

Is 2:1-5  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Rom 13:11-14  
Mt 24:37-44

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Is 4:2-6 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:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

***From the Pastor's desk:***

**ADVENT**

While some radio stations have been playing what they call “Christmas music” and some TV stations have been showing what they call “Christmas movies” for over a month already, we Catholic Christians are just beginning the holy season of Advent this weekend. It is for us a four Sunday time of prayerful preparation for the celebration of the birth of the Christ, the central event of all of human history.

We usually scramble for time to decorate, and shop, and bake, and attend parties, and only to find ourselves exhausted yet spiritually unprepared to celebrate Christ, no less to offer Him a proper place in our souls. Instead, use this time well:

- ~ Take the opportunity to spend a few minutes before or after Mass in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- ~ Come to *Lessons and Carols* here on Sunday, December 15.
- ~ Do some spiritual reading, like a chapter a day from the Gospel according to St. Luke, or the week's daily readings for Mass as shown on page 3, or day by day with the “Magnificat Advent Companion”.
- ~ Treat yourself to reading Pope Benedict's short book, “Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives”.
- ~ Pray quietly at home, especially the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- ~ Do acts of charity. Donate to our Food Pantry, or the Academy's *Toys-for-Tots*, new clothing drives, or your favorite charitable institution - and don't forget your Parish either!

May your spiritual preparation be fruitful this Advent, and may God continue to grant you and yours every grace and blessing!

~*Fr. Armato*

**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 #:(\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

**160TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

***Save the dates!*** Several events are being planned for the celebration of our Parish's 160th anniversary. Among them are *Lessons and Carols* on **Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15**, followed by light refreshments, and a *jubilee dinner-dance* benefiting the Parish and the Academy on **Saturday evening, May 16**.

**2020 CALENDARS**

**WE ARE DISTRIBUTING OUR  
TRADITIONAL CALENDARS THIS  
WEEKEND. THEY WILL BE OUTSIDE  
OF EACH CONFESSIONAL IN THE CHURCH.  
OUR SINCEREST THANKS  
TO MICHAEL ROEMMELT OF  
MICHAEL'S FUNERAL HOME  
FOR HIS GENEROSITY.**



## ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

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

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: [parishcalendar@aol.com](mailto:parishcalendar@aol.com)

**STOCK UP FOR  
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS!**

### E-GIVING IS HERE!

Have you signed up yet with *Faith Direct* or  
another e-giving service? It benefits both you and  
our Parish. Enrollment is friendly, safe, and trouble-  
free AND you can change your intended giving  
anytime that you wish.

Please visit our Parish website,  
[stmargaretmv.com](http://stmargaretmv.com)  
and click DONATE, or contact the Rectory,  
**718-326-1911**  
for more information.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We've done it!!! We're now at **\$67,317, 102.2%** of our  
*Annual Catholic Appeal* goal of **\$65,897**, thanks to  
the **183** families who have pledged so far. **\$66,428**  
has been paid in already, which means that **we're  
getting back money this year.**

If you've been hesitating until now, this is a good  
time to consider giving to this year's Appeal. ***Every  
dollar over goal that is received by 12/31/19 will  
come back to the Parish.*** Envelopes are still  
available in church, so please donate whatever you  
can now, and *send your donation directly to the  
Appeals office.*

## MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

A **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, December 14.**



## THE ST. VINCENT FOOD PANTRY

is located in the Convent  
66-25 79th Place

**The Pantry is open every  
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY  
from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon.**

*The Holidays are coming! Please donate coffee, tea,  
apple juice or cider, stuffing mix, canned yams,  
instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce  
and cooking oil.*

*For more info. call Terry, 718-326-0188*

***As always, thank you for your generosity!***

## SAVE THE DATE . . .

This year our **Lessons & Carols** will  
be dedicated to the deceased members  
of the adult choir, ***Anne Abbruzzese, Tom Brucato,  
Augie DeSimone, Joe DiChiaro, Joe and Georgette  
Hauck, Rose LaVaglia, Dorothy Murawski, Joe  
Ritti, and Joe VanSchaick,*** who served for many  
years.

Lessons & Carols will be a combination of our  
adult choirs and our "Cherub" (youth) choir and  
their parents!

Please join us for a prayerful and spiritual  
afternoon. Mark the date: **Sunday, December 15 at  
3:00pm in the Church.**



# The Bulletin Board

## A WAY TO HELP ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Yankee Candle is one of the fundraisers St. Margaret Catholic Academy participates in. If you would like to help us in our effort to raise funds for our school: go to [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and enter our Group #990015939 in the "Start Shopping" box. Shop for catalog items to help us increase sales. Your shipment will come directly to your home. On-line sales can be entered up until **January 8, 2020**.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to former St. Margaret students  
on achieving honors at

### Holy Cross High School:

JAMES ROEMMELT AND RIPLEY PETROVIC

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

## MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION



Now that we are in the season of Advent, as we've done the last few years, copies of the *Magnificat Advent Companion* are on sale in the church vestibule and the Gift Shop for just **\$2.00/copy**. Get yours while they last.



## MEMORIALIZE A MISSALETTE FOR 2020

You can put the name of a loved one on a missalette for one year. There are two types of forms: one "In Honor of (living-white)", and one "In Memory of (deceased-purple)". Each person who uses the missalette is asked to pray one Hail Mary for your intention. Forms are in the church. Please return ASAP.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



The St. Vincent dePaul Society is  
sponsoring the Christmas

### "GIVING TREE"

Proceeds will go to less fortunate children in our parish and neighboring parishes.

**WHAT:** New, unwrapped toys or clothing for children ages infant to 12 years.

**WHEN:** Through December 9th

**WHERE:** Please choose a gift card (or two) from the vestibule of the Church and return your gifts to the black bin in church vestibule or to the convent, (66-25 79 Place) on Wednesday or Saturday from 10am to 12 Noon.

Thank you for your generosity, and may you have a blessed Christmas!



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

Our next trip will be on

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019.**

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 JANUARY TRIP.**