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**SECOND
SUNDAY**

IN

ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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

SUN.	DECEMBER 8 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
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	Dina Prozzi
NOON	Bernice Muller
5:00PM	Deceased of the Pecoraro & Barbaro Families
MON.	DECEMBER 9 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00	Rose D'Amato
9:00	People of the U.S.A.
TUE.	DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:00	Rosemarie Elia (ANNI)
9:00	David P. Jones (ANNI)
WED.	DECEMBER 11 - ST. DAMASUS I
7:00	Joseph Flannery
9:00	Elizabeth "Betsy" Braithwaite
THU.	DECEMBER 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
7:00	Louis & James Palumbo
9:00	Lauretta Burriesci
FRI.	DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY
7:00	Piero Zangrelli
9:00	People of the Parish
SAT.	DECEMBER 14 - ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
9:00	Collective: Amelia Oswald
11:45	Memorial Mass: Serina Angrisani, Caterina Pellegrino, William J. Lienhart, Maria Mangino, Angelina Ferzola, Georgianna Bloodgood, Giuseppe Anello,
5:00PM	Gaspere LaManna
SUN.	DECEMBER 15 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
7:30	Helen Dowdle
9:00	Il Popolo della Parocchia/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Gracie e Sal Manardo/ Giuseppa Dolce/Gaetano Catalano/Salvatore D'Amico/ Casimir Krzewski
10:30	Casimir Krzewski
NOON	Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM	Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tollis



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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.

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

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 Marchindongo, 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, Anthony Pittelli,

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,

*Georgianna Bloodgood, Marie D'Albert,
Kathleen Fanto, Rodney J. Muhlon,
Constance Delio
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Olivia & Giuseppe Silvestri
at the request of Louisa Fabiilli.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of David P. Jones at the
request of Barbara Mundy.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are in memory of Caterina Pellegrino at
the request of the Moreale Family.*



**SAINT
LUCY
DECEMBER 13**

TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday in Advent

Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday:	Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

From the Pastor's desk:

ADVENT - II

We're into the second week of Advent already. Christmas will be upon us in no time flat, and there's still much preparation to be done, and I don't mean the shopping, wrapping, decorating, and all the rest. In the midst of the usual busyness of the month, we often put aside our deeper need for spiritual preparation.

I suggested several prayerful and charitable activities in this column last week, and I wonder how many have been put into effect in the lives of the people around me. I've had problems myself, as a result of the demands of administering the Parish, so now I have to redouble my efforts to getting back on proper course.

The bottom line is not to get discouraged over what hasn't been done yet with respect to spiritual preparation, but to turn to the Lord now, asking Him for the grace to prepare the way to receive Him. Engage Him in silent prayer, reflect over a passage of Scripture, or spend quality time with Him in church. Take advantage of the opportunities for confession, to lighten the load you've been carrying. Invoke the assistance of our Lady and the saints who have followed the Master.

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

~Fr. Armato

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**.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

will hold their next meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, at 9:30am in the Convent. "Giving Tree" gifts will be assembled at this time.

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 #: (____) - ____ - _____

COMMITMENT

Many thanks to the families who have made a commitment to increase their weekly contributions to the Parish! Forms still are available in church, if you haven't completed one yet. *Your* Parish is counting on *you*. Collections already are up slightly from last year.

As always, thanks for your generosity!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

in preparation for Christmas will be heard in church, on Monday, Dec, 16th from 4:00 to 8pm. The very last opportunity for confession before Christmas will be on Saturday, Dec. 21st from 3:00 to 4:45pm.

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

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 you wish.

Please visit our Parish website,
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 **\$67,812, 102.9%** of our
Annual Catholic Appeal goal of **\$65,897**, thanks to
the **185** families who have pledged so far. **\$67,812**
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. See pg. 2 for
listing.**



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!

LESSONS & CAROLS

this year, 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, Raymond J. Maurer, Sr. Dorothy
Murawski, Joe Ritti, 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** 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 the students of St. Margaret Parish on achieving honors at

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School:

MATTHEW BARBES, ADRIANNA DAVILA,
BRYAN DAVILA, RICHARD HUBERT,
JOSEPH LaBARBERA, JORDAN NADILE,
ASHLEY SADOWSKI, TIMOTHY WALLS,
ERIN LAKE, JAMES BOND, KRISTANA CALI,
ANNALISA CICCO, STEVEN SIANO

We wish these students continued success in their future endeavors.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Christmas wreaths to decorate the side walls of the church can be donated in memory of your loved ones for \$25 per commemoration. Please contact the Rectory offices ASAP to make the arrangements. Only twenty wreaths are available.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Thanks be to God, Fr. Joseph, and Linda Andrzejewski! Eleven new altar servers from the Academy are being installed this weekend. We look forward to their assistance at Mass in service to the whole Parish community.

Father and Linda will try to get a group of servers from the Religious Education Program after the holy days.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring the Christmas

“GIVING TREE”



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

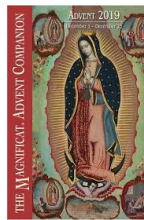
WHAT: New, unwrapped toys or clothing for children ages infant to 12 years.

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 or to the convent, (66-25 79th Place) on Wednesday or Saturday from 10am to 12 Noon.

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

**MAGNIFICAT
ADVENT COMPANION**



We are at the Second Sunday in Advent. As we've done that 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!

**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.**