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**THIRD
SUNDAY**

IN

ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 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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| SUN. | DECEMBER 15 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT |
| 7:30 | Helen Dowdle |
| 9:00 | Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/Gracie e Sal Manardo/ Giuseppa Dolce/Salvatore D'Amico/Vincenzo, Salvatore e Giovanna Consiglio/Gaetano Catalano/Godofredo Ordogna/In onore de Santa Lucia/ |
| 10:30 | Casimir Krzewski |
| NOON | Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst |
| 5:00PM | Edward & Nelli (Malone) Tollis |
| MON. | DECEMBER 16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Helen Gates |
| 9:00 | Tom, Rosaleen, Catherine and Michael Reilly |
| TUE. | DECEMBER 17 - ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Peter Radske (ANNI) |
| 9:00 | Daniel Fitzgerald |
| WED. | DECEMBER 18 - ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | John Reissig |
| 9:00 | James Bohan (ANNI) |
| THU. | DECEMBER 19 - ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Alfeo Pazzini |
| 9:00 | Anna & Wilhelm Nick/The Stalzer Family |
| FRI. | DECEMBER 20 - ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 7:00 | Irene & Arthur Connolly |
| 9:00 | Tom Farrenkopf |
| SAT. | DECEMBER 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS |
| 9:00 | Collective: Giacomo Gennari |
| 5:00PM | Marie Sparacio |
| SUN. | DECEMBER 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT |
| 7:30 | Julius Aversa |
| 9:00 | Adriana Caruso/Francesco e Maria Virruso/ Pellegrino e Giuseppa Benfari/Salvatore D'Amico/Nicola Mancino/Agostino Messina/ Andrea, Giuseppe, Grazia e Laura Palazzolo/ In onore de Santa Lucia/ |
| 10:30 | People of the Parish |
| NOON | Peter & Dorothy Keehner |
| 5:00PM | Rosaleen, Tom, Catherine & Michael Reilly |



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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, 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 Pittelli, Marion Caracciola, Vita Mazzola, Giovanni Campo, Edward Stoltzenberg, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Carol Arevalo, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoli, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, Fr. William Farrugia, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, Cathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Anthony Pittelli, Josephine Hartnett,

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 Frohnhofer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Epecially,

*Michael Damato, Gregory W. Burke
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Fred Basedow
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Angie Ferzola at the
request of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.*

***Your are cordially invited to
join the Choirs of
St. Margaret Parish today,
Sunday, December 15th
at 3:00pm in Church, for a Spiritual
afternoon of Lessons and Carols***



TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday in Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 1:1-17 |
| Tuesday: | Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17 |
| Wednesday: | Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25 |
| Thursday: | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25 |
| Friday: | Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38 |
| Saturday: | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45 |
| Sunday: | Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24 |

From the Pastor's desk:

ADVENT III - GAUDETE SUNDAY

The call this week is *Gaudete!* - *Rejoice!* With all the busyness that still needs to get done in the next ten days, you may not feel up to rejoicing until your dinner guests leave on the 25th, and probably will be too tired to do so even then.

The shopping, decorating, wrapping, baking, and cooking are getting done, but how have you prepared your soul? While Lent definitely is seen as a penitential season, Advent, with all its distractions, usually is not viewed in the same way. Nevertheless, it is a time of purification to receive the Lord, not only at Christmas, but also before receiving Him in the Sacrament of the Most holy Eucharist.

This Monday, all of the churches in Queens, Brooklyn, and the City are offering extended time for confessions from 3:00 to 8:00pm. We'll participate here and add some time after the 7:00am Mass, too. Please take advantage of these opportunities. The last occasion for confession before Christmas will be next Saturday afternoon, from 3:00 to 4:45. Freedom from sin is reason to rejoice!

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

~Fr. Armato

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please do not delay in contacting the Rectory in the event that someone needs the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick because of advanced age or illness.

CENTER'S BOILER

Thanks to all who have donated so generously in our second collection to repair the Center's boiler! So far, just over \$4,000 has been collected. It's a good start toward what is likely to be an expensive job before all the work is finished.

Unfortunately, boilers do not break down in the summer any more than AC units fail in the winter. Nevertheless, we will get the work done as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience!

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 #:(____)-____-_____

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.

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 that you wish.. For your convenience, a supply of forms is available in the vestibules of the church to facilitate your signing up.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We've done it!!! We're now at **\$68,087, 103.3%** of our *Annual Catholic Appeal* goal of **\$65,897**, thanks to the **186** families who have pledged so far, and there's more in the pipeline. **\$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, January 11, 2020.



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 upon us! 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

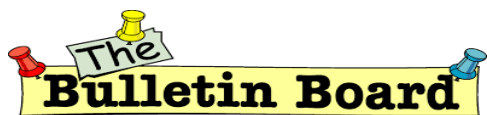
As always, thank you for your generosity!

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*, TODAY, Dec. 15 at 3pm in church**, followed by light refreshments in the Hall, and a ***jubilee dinner-dance*** benefiting the Parish and the Academy on **Saturday evening, May 16.**



Congratulations to our new altar servers!



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**.

SAVE THE DATE ...

Mardi Gras Ball

February 1, 2020, 7:30pm

\$50p/p includes music, hot food, drinks, dessert

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE

FISCAL-PASTORAL REPORT

As he has done in the last two years, Fr. Armato will provide our parishioners with a fiscal and pastoral report on stewardship and ministry before the end of the year.

Copies will be placed in the church vestibules. Please take one, read it carefully, and share it with you family members.



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Our next trip will be this

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.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - 2019

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 16th

3:00 to 8:00pm

Saturday, December 21st

3:00 to 4:45pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00pm and Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25th

8:00am

10:00am (Bilingual-Italian/English)

12:00 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,

THE MOTHER OF GOD

(NEW YEAR'S EVE)

Tuesday, December 31st

Vigil Mass 5:00pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,

THE MOTHER OF GOD

(NEW YEAR'S DAY)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

9:00am (Bilingual-Italian/English)

10:30am, 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

**JOIN THE CELEBRATION
IRISH NIGHT SATURDAY,
MARCH 7, 2020, 6:00 to 11:00pm**

Traditional Irish Dinner

Music by

THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS

\$50.00 per person

Honoring "The Ones Who Led the Way",
celebrating St. Margaret's 160th Anniversary, we will
honor the past and present members of the community
and long-standing Irish Night Committee members
at the 5:00pm Mass.

For more information/tickets call:

Maureen Postel, 917-589-6804

Anne Lenihan, 718-350-9448

Bridie Mitchell, 917-302,3569

Susan Conte, 646-330-8451

