

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

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

## **PASTOR**

**Rev. ROBERT J. ARMATO**

## **PAROCHIAL VICARS**

**REV. MSGR. ROBERT J. THELEN**  
**REV. JOSEPH PALACKAL, CMI**

## **IN RESIDENCE**

**REV. MICHAEL UDOH**

## **PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

**Sr. Bridget Olwell, OSU**  
*bridgetosu7@gmail.com*

## **ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**718-326-0922**  
**Victoria Richardson, Principal**  
*stmargprincipal@gmail.com*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**718-326-0922**  
**Ms. Victoria LoBosco**  
**Mrs. Karen Gonzales**  
**Coordinators**  
*stmargaretre@gmail.com*

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**718-326-1911**  
**Don Competello, Director**  
**Diane Competello, Asst. Director**  
*DnDSingit@aol.com*

## **LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS**

**Kathryn Burger    Hazel Scanlon**  
**Jeanne Perry      Sue Karcher**  
**Mary Anne Todzia**

## **GIFT SHOP**

**Sue Karcher, Coordinator**  
*parishcalendar@aol.com*

## **CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICES:**

**Mary Pascale, Receptionist**  
**Phone: 718-326-1911**

**Fax: 718-326-1883**  
**E-mail: [stmargaretmv@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretmv@gmail.com)**

**Website: [www.stmargaretmv.com](http://www.stmargaretmv.com)**

**Schedule/Calendar:**  
*parishcalendar@aol.com*



**FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ADVENT  
DECEMBER 22, 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 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
7:30	Julius Averna
9:00	Adriana Caruso/Francesco e Maria Virruso/ Pellegrino e Giuseppa Benfari/Salvatore D'Amico/Nicola Mancino/Agostino Messina/ In onore de Santa Lucia/ People of the Parish
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Peter & Dorothy Keehner
5:00PM	Rosaleen, Tom, Catherine & Michael Reilly
<b>MON.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY</b>
7:00	Karl Sippenauer (ANNI)
9:00	Pasquale Pompeo
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
7:00	Anthony Tavarone
9:00	Jorge Bonilla
5:00PM	Carl Dokter
MIDNIGHT	People of the Parish
<b>WED.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD/HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>
8:00	Virginia Congemi
10:00	<i>(Italian/English)</i> Maria Bachman/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatoloe defunti della famiglia/ Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Salvatore D'Amico/Biagia Scaturro/ John J. & Margaret M. Forte
NOON	<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>
<b>THU.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN</b>
7:00	Ferdinand Troje
9:00	Elsie Bode
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 27 - ST. JOHN</b>
7:00	Philomena Karcher (ANNI)
9:00	Margaret Frontino
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 28 - THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Carol McDonald (BIRTH)
5:00PM	Margaret Maloney (ANNI)
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>
7:30	Carol McDonald
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Salvatore D'Amico/ Tom Cordero
10:30	Tom Cordero
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Rose & Pete LoMurno



***FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ADVENT  
DECEMBER 22***

## **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, 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 Marchindondo, 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, 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 Frohnhoefer  
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



## ***WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED***

*Especially,  
Gaetano Morreale, Joseph Lodato,  
Joseph Siano,  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

### WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Carol McDonald  
at the request of Annette Dubiel.*

### TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Maria Bachman at the  
request of Ben Armato, (uncle).*

### ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Carol McDonald  
at the request of Annette Dubiel.*



**SAINT  
JOHN  
DECEMBER 27**

## TODAY'S READINGS

### *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

Is 7:10-14  
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Rom 1:1-7  
Mt 1:18-24

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14 Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79 <b>VIGIL</b> Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	<b>MIDNIGHT</b> Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 <b>DAY</b> Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17 Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

*From the Pastor's desk:*

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

As Advent comes to a close, we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior according to the flesh. We hear, amid the secular songs and greetings of "the season", the songs of the angels, the inquiry of the Magi, and the marveling words of the shepherds in the fields as well as those of Simeon and Anna in the Temple.

This is indeed a time of wonder, be we young or old, for the wonder that we celebrate is of Divine origin, intended by God from before the beginning of time. It is nothing less than that of the love of our God and Father poured out for us and for our salvation through the coming into human history of the long-awaited Savior, the Eternal Word of God made flesh, the only-begotten Son, Who has reconciled us to God by atoning for our sins and has shared in our humanity that we might share in His divinity.

May God grant you and yours every grace and blessing as you honor Jesus the Christ, and may you keep the spirit of Christmas alive in your hearts every day all the year through! God bless us, every one!

*~Fr. Armato*

### ***CHRISTMAS WREATHS***

Christmas wreaths to decorate the side wall of the church still 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.

### **160TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

Our Parish will be 160 years old next May. Among the events being planned for the anniversary is the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving **Saturday evening, May 16**, followed by a **jubilee dinner-dance** to benefit both the Parish and the Academy. Please save the date and plan on celebrating with your fellow parishioners.

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

### **CENTER'S BOILER**

Thanks to all who have donated so generously in our second collections to replace the Center's boiler. So far, about \$8,000 has been collected. It's a good start toward an expensive and unexpected job.

We are renting a temporary system for a few weeks to heat and thus enable us to use the Center while the old boilers are removed and new ones are being installed.

Again, thank you for your patience, cooperation and 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 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 **\$68,472, 103.9%** of our *Annual Catholic Appeal* goal of **\$65,897**, thanks to the **189** families who have pledged so far, and there's more in the pipeline. **\$68,033** 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!*

## JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION

IRISH NIGHT  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

6:00 to 11:00PM

Traditional Irish Dinner with  
Music by

***THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS***

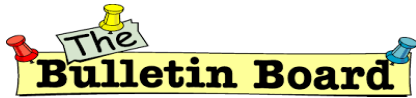
\$50p/p

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:

**Mareen, 917-589-6804 - Anne, 718-350-9448 -  
Bridie, 917-302-3569 - Sue, 646-330-8451**





**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**.

**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 your family members.



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

Our next trip will be on  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**

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 FEBRUARY TRIP.**



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Tuesday, December 24th*

5:00pm and Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

*Wednesday, December 25th*

8:00am

10:00am (Bilingual-Italian/English)

12:00 Noon

**NO EVENING MASS**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,**

**THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**(NEW YEAR'S EVE)**

*Tuesday, December 31st*

Vigil Mass 5:00pm

**(NEW YEAR'S DAY)**

*Wednesday, January 1, 2020*

9:00am (Bilingual-Italian/English)

10:30am, 12 Noon

**NO EVENING MASS**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE**



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. We will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **Sunday, January 19, 2020** from 9:00am until 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Help us start the new year right - plan on helping patients in need, by making a blood donation once again. Any questions, please e-mail [parishcalendar@aol.com](mailto:parishcalendar@aol.com)

**No appointments taken - just walk in!**