

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2020

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.	JANUARY 5 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:30	Richard Nadler
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Giuseppina Dolce/
10:30	Maria C. Puglese
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	People of the Parish
MON.	JANUARY 6 - ST. ANDRE BESSETTE
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Rosalen Becker
TUE.	JANUARY 7 - ST. RAYMOND
7:00	Patrick Curran
9:00	Angie Ferzola
WED.	JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
7:00	Gaetano Morreale
9:00	Wanda & Rudy Hohenfeld
THU.	JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
7:00	John Cori
9:00	Angie Ferzola
FRI.	JANUARY 10 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
7:00	Angie O'Neill
9:00	Laisamma Scaria
SAT.	JANUARY 11 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priest of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/
5:00PM	Blanche Dathe
SUN.	JANUARY 12 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:30	Thomas Mazza
9:00	Il Popolo Parrocchia/
10:30	Jeffrey Matusiak
NOON	Augusta Mundy (BIRTH)
5:00PM	Richard Ortiz



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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 Marchindondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pittelli, 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,

*Florence Maurer, Josephine Sabella,
Marguerite T. Tighe, Adriana Sciulara,*

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojcenjuk
at the request of Helen Bojcenjuk.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojcenjuk at the
request of Helen Bojcenjuk.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojcenjuk
at the request of Helen Bojcenjuk.*

TODAY'S READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

From the Pastor's desk:

THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONTINUES

This weekend, we in the USA celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord (most of the Church continues to observe the traditional day, January 6). The word "epiphany" has Greek roots and means a manifestation, or showing forth, in this case, the Messiah being recognized by gentiles, represented by the Magi.

Who and how many these strangers were and where they came from are not detailed in the Gospel account (only St. Matthew even refers to them), but tradition numbers them as three, because of the gifts presented (frankincense, gold, and myrrh), and names them Gaspar, Balthazar, and Melchior, coming from lands representing the three continents known at that time: Asia, Africa, and Europe. The importance of the story is that salvation has come to the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, the newborn King of the Jews, Who was rejected by the leaders of His own people, who should have known better.

Do we recognize God in our lives? If so, how? If not, we need to reflect more carefully, for truly God is with us. May we come to know Him better in this new year, and may He bless you abundantly!

~Fr. Armato

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.

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped decorate and maintain the church's ambience and to our liturgical ministers who helped to make the celebrations such beautiful expressions of our faith! God bless you all!

FISCAL-PASTORAL REPORT

As he has done in the last two years, Fr. Armato has provided a **fiscal and pastoral report** on stewardship and ministry. Copies has been placed in the church vestibules. Please take one, read it carefully, and share it with your family members.

We still are operating at a deficit. It is important for each of you to pray over our commitment to supporting **our parish** and to give as much as your means will allow.

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 #: (____) - ____ - _____

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for tax purposes

WILL BE ISSUED

ONLY UPON REQUEST

Please call the Rectory, **718-326-1911**,

AFTER JANUARY 17,

if you would like a statement mailed to you.

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

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.**

Thank you for your generous donations of Holiday Foods for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are now in need of coffee, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, tuna and cookies.

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:

Maureen, 917-589-6804

Anne, 718-350-9448

Bridie, 917-302-3569

Sue, 646-330-8451

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're now at **\$68,672**, **104.2%** of our *Annual Catholic Appeal* goal of **\$65,897**, thanks to the **190** families who have pledged this year, and there's still a little more in the pipeline. Since over **\$68,000** has been paid in, **we'll get back money again this year.**

CENTER'S BOILER

Thanks to all who have donated so generously in our second collections to replace the Center's boilers! So far, about \$12,000 has been collected. It's a good start toward an expensive and unexpected job. (The cost of heating oil alone for the first two weeks was more than \$4,000, and we have to pay for the rental of the equipment.)

The temporary system will be in place for a few weeks while a permanent heating system is installed. In the meanwhile, the Academy, CYO, Senior Citizens meetings, After-school Program, and other meetings all can take place in a comfortable setting.

Again, thank you for your patience, support and generosity!

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 following students from our parish who have attained Honor Roll status at:

The Mary Louis Academy:

SARAH KELLY, ZARA McPARTLAND,
STEPHANIE MEDITZ, DEVON NICHOLSON
SAMANTHA COVERLY,
AOIFE CAROLINE BURKE, KATE HAMILL,
JULIA MACKIEWICZ,
DEIRDRE NICHOLSON

We wish these students continued success in their future endeavors.



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.

ST. MARGARET
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



MARDI
GRAS
BALL

FEBRUARY 1, 2020, 7:30PM

\$50 per person includes
dinner/soda/wine/desserts
signature drinks for purchase

ADULTS ONLY, PLEASE



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**, 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.

No appointment taken - just walk in!

CHRISTMAS WREATH
MEMORIALS



In memory of Gloria & Phillip Prima
Donated by Annette Heilman.

In memory of the Rice, Waters & Minogue Families
Donated by Pat Minogue.

In memory of Patrick J. Conety
Donated by Michael Barbusi.

In memory of Louise & Raymond Cullen
Donated by Ray Cullen.

In memory of Phyllis Armato and Fr. Sal D'Anna
Donated by Fr. Armato.