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BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 12, 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 12 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:30	Thomas Mazza
9:00	Il Popolo Parrochia/
10:30	Jeffrey Matusiak
NOON	Augusta Mundy (BIRTH)
5:00PM	Richard Ortiz
MON.	JANUARY 13 - ST. HILARY
7:00	Rose D'Amato
9:00	Luigi & Filomena DeSimone
TUE.	JANUARY 14 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Thomas Giuliano
9:00	Angelina (Angie) Ferzola
WED.	JANUARY 15 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Mary & Catherine Remminger
9:00	Robert & Marion Hartmann
THU.	JANUARY 16 - WEEKDAY
7:00	John J. Forte (ANNI)
9:00	Theodore Mundy, Jr. (BIRTH)
FRI.	JANUARY 17 - ST. ANTHONY
7:00	John A. Gluszak
9:00	Marie Sparacio
SAT.	JANUARY 18 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Fr. Joseph Gancila/ Angie Ferzola/
2:30PM	WEDDING: Andrew Peli and Megan Sughrue
5:00PM	Florence & Joseph Dalton
SUN.	JANUARY 19 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Rocco Silvis/
10:30	Giulia Caruana
NOON	Rosalen Becker
5:00PM	Intention of the Rooney Family



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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, Bob & Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirich CP,

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,

*Robert G. White, Anthony Rullo, Sr.
Lucille C. Schwab, Gerald J. Ryan,
Cecilia D'Alessandro
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

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

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Constance Delio
at the request of Terry Basedow.*

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20,
IN OBSERVANCE OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

TODAY'S READINGS

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, 5, 7-9a, ab-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19, Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13:17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

From the Pastor's desk:

NOW YOU CAN PUT AWAY THE CHRISTMAS STUFF

The Christmas Season ends this weekend with Sunday's Evening Prayer. Ordinary Time begins on Monday. This doesn't mean that nothing special will be happening; it's just that we will count, or order, the successive Sundays outside of the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

In the Gospel, Jesus comes to be baptized by St. John the Baptist. It wasn't a sacramental baptism like we received. John's baptism was a call to repentance and to embrace the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. This makes it all the more confusing, as Jesus had no sin of which to repent, and He is literally the embodiment of the Kingdom of the Father that has broken into time and history. Why, then, would He be baptized? What should we understand from the scene?

This is the last of the manifestation stories that we hear. Little by little the Christ has been manifested to shepherds, ordinary people, and Magi. Now, fully grown, His manifestation is witnessed to by God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Both John and Jesus submit themselves in humility to the will of the Father, so that the divine plan for our salvation might be fulfilled. We might reflect again on Mary's "Be it done to me according to your word" and Joseph's silent Yes.

Do we recognize what God wills for us? If so, do we embrace it? If not, we need to reflect more carefully, for truly God is with us and calls us to Himself. May we come to know Him better day by day, and may He bless you abundantly!

~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 #:(_____) - _____ - _____

PARISH CENTER UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who are donating so generously in our second collections to replace the Center's boilers with about \$18,000 having been collected so far toward defraying the unexpected expenses of fuel oil, temporary heating, and replacement of the old boilers.

The temporary system will be in place for a few more weeks, enabling us to make some limited use of the Center while a permanent heating system is installed.

Meanwhile, we also are in the process of repairing the damage to the gym floor and the cafeteria. We have lights, heating, and running water, and the inspector's report indicates that there is **NO** mold.

Again, thank you for your patience, support, 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

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

The 2019 *Annual Catholic Appeal* campaign has ended. As of 1/6/20, **195** families pledged **\$69,867**, surpassing our goal of **\$65,897**, and **\$68,281** was paid in by 12/31/19, so we'll get **back some money**.

Please do NOT make any new pledges at this time, since we only receive the excess based on what was recorded by Christmas. Consider a gift to the Parish, instead.

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.

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, February 8.



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.**

We are now in need of coffee, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, mayo, tuna, cookies and cooking oil.

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

As always, thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the caring and generous parishioners and friends who donated to the St. Vincent dePaul Christmas "Giving Tree".

Hundreds of great toys, beautiful clothing (including 30 kids winter jackets) and many gift cards were collected.

All of these transferred into many happy smiles for the children and their parents.



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

No appointments taken - just walk in!



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

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

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.**

FISCAL-PASTORAL REPORT

Copies of the **fiscal and pastoral report** on stewardship and ministry that Fr. Armato issued last weekend still are available in the church vestibules. Please take one, if you haven't done so already, read it carefully, and share it with your family members.

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

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Mardi Gras Ball

FEBRUARY 1, 2020

7:30PM

\$50 per person includes
Dinner/soda/wine/desserts.

Signature drinks available for purchase

Makes a great gift!

ADULTS ONLY, PLEASE.

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION

IRISH NIGHT

SATURDAY

MARCH 7, 2020

6:00 to 11:00pm



Traditional Irish Dinner with
Music by

THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS

\$50/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

160TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Our Parish will be 160 years old this 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.