

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

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

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**SECOND SUNDAY**  
**IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 19, 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**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>JANUARY 19 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Rocco Silvis/
10:30	Giulia Caruana
NOON	Rosalen Becker
5:00PM	Intention of the Rooney Family
<b>MON.</b>	<b>JANUARY 20 - STS. FABIAN &amp; SEBASTIAN/ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</b>
9:00	Magdalena Nadler
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>JANUARY 21 - ST. AGNES</b>
7:00	Lester Goczan
9:00	Fred Basedow
<b>WED.</b>	<b>JANUARY 22 - ST. VINCENT/ DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN</b>
7:00	Frank Gioia
9:00	Robert & Marion Hartmann
<b>THU.</b>	<b>JANUARY 23 - WEEKDAY</b>
7:00	Frank Gioia
9:00	Angelo Scaturro (BIRTH)
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>JANUARY 24 - ST. FRANCIS deSALES</b>
7:00	Angie Ferzola
9:00	Jacob M. & Miriam J. Weiner & Family
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>JANUARY 25 - CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL</b>
9:00	<b>Collective:</b> Mina Sippenaur (ANNI)/ Rev. Msgr. William A. Varvaro/Patricia Carstons/
5:00PM	Marie Desabato
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>JANUARY 26 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
7:30	Gerald McDonald (BIRTH)
9:00	Il Popolo Parrochia/Giuseppina Potestio/ Savario, Michael e Luigi Bosco/Anthony LoPresti/
10:30	Marie Desabato
NOON	Ivana Spaventi
5:00PM	Richard Gallo

## **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.

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

# 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 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, Bob & Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weinichs CP, Hannah Lehman,

***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 Frohnoefer  
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



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

*Especially,*

*Elizabeth T. Aloisio, Eleanor Bortone,  
Giuseppe Valenza  
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

## MEMORIALS

### **WINE & HOST THIS WEEK**

*are offered in memory of Joseph Ladato  
at the request of Phyllis Claussen.*

### **TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK**

*is lit in memory of Robert Forte at the  
request of Mary Pascale.*



***ST. FRANCIS  
deSALES  
JANUARY 24***

## TODAY'S READINGS

### *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 49:3 5-6  
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
1 Cor 1:1-3  
Jn 1:29-34

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23  
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,  
21, 23  
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13  
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28  
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37, 40-51  
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7  
Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,  
10b-11, 12-13  
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21  
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11  
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or  
Acts 9:1-22  
Ps 117:1bc, 2  
Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17  
Mt 4:12-23 or  
Mt 4:12-17

*From the Pastor's desk:*

## **OUR FIRST RIGHT**

This Wednesday, January 22, marks the 47th anniversary of the landmark US Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. Over 50 million children have been aborted in the USA alone since *Roe* legalized abortion in the US in 1973. Much has taken place since then, including last year's shameful New York State law that actually allows for the murder of children who survive an attempted abortion.

Many politicians today, campaigning at all levels of public office, proclaim their not-so-veiled support for abortion under the cover of "women's health", claiming it as a human right. In doing so, these politicians deny the most basic and intrinsic of all human rights, whether natural or constitutional: the very right to life, without which no other rights have any meaning or effect. Furthermore, besides the loss of innocent lives, millions of women's lives have been devastated because they consented to abort their children. The Church mourns with them, but also stands to minister to them, helping them to grieve and to heal.

Each year, there is a march on the Federal Capitol and Supreme Court buildings in Washington, DC. It is the largest of any demonstration held for any reason each year, and it is attended by tens of thousands of men, women, and children of all faiths, races, and ages, showing their support for the right to life - from conception to natural death - of every human being, regardless of social status. Don't look for it to get very much attention or coverage from any of the mainstream media reports. It isn't in keeping with their liberal-progressive social agenda.

We can march. We can pray. Both are good, but we also need to make sure that we support ONLY those politicians who defend innocent life. To do otherwise is to condone the genocide of our own children. If candidates want to represent us, then they must support our position on the intrinsic right to life. "Personally against, but publicly in favor" doesn't cut it; it never did, it never will.

~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 \$22,000 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, enabling us to use the Center until a permanent heating system is installed. We have begun to receive bids for a new system, but they are excessively high, so far.

Meanwhile, the damage to the gym floor and the cafeteria is being repaired. We have light, heating, and running water, and the inspector's report indicates that there is **NO** mold.

Again, thank you for your patience, support and especially for your 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)

### 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 vestibule of the church to facilitate your signing up.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2019 *Annual Catholic Appeal* campaign has ended. As of 1/13/20, **199** families pledged **\$72,432**, almost all of which was paid in by 12/31/19, so **we'll get back some money**. Thanks!

Please do **NOT** make any new pledges at this time, since we only receive the excess on what was recorded by 12/31. 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**,  
if you would like a statement mailed to you.

## 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**

## FISCAL-PASTORAL REPORT

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

While the deficit is down, it is still 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.

### PRO-VITA MASS

The annual Diocesan Pro Vita Mass, sponsored by the LI Chapter of the K of C will be celebrated at 5:00pm this Saturday, January 25, at St. James Cathedral-Basilica. Join the Knights in celebrating the gift of life and pray for respect for human life in all of its stages and conditions!



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**TODAY, JANUARY 19, 2020**

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, today 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!**

**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 you fellow parishioners.



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

Our next trip will be on  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.**

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 MARCH TRIP.**

**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**



**OPEN HOUSE FOR**  
**ST. MARGARET**  
**CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**JANUARY 26 AT 11:30AM**

**JANUARY 27 AT 9:30AM**

**JANUARY 28 at 6:30PM**

**COME, SEE OUR GREAT SCHOOL!**

**ZUMBA**  
**FUNDRAISER FOR**  
**ST. MARGARET**  
**CATHOLIC ACADEMY**



***JOIN US FOR A FUN DANCE PARTY***

while supporting our Academy!

Saturday, January 25 from 10:00 to 11:00am

in the Parish Hall.

\$10.00 per person at the door.

All proceeds go to SMCA

open to adults and children, ages 12 and up.

Questions?

**lindsaylevy1@gmail.com or**

**lindsaylevy@Zumba.com**