

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 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.	FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
7:30	Gerard W. Michels
9:00	Joseph Russo/San Francesco diPaola/ Alesio Atria/Sanfilippo, Giuseppe, Vincenze, Antonino, Vito, Antonino/ Giuseppe Valenza/Giuseppina Dolce/ Filippa e Santo Cracchiolo/Antonina Cilluffo/
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Scout Sunday: George Bley, Mr. Taite, Arthur Rogers
5:00PM	Vincent Diglio
MON.	FEBRUARY 3 - STS. BLAISE AND ANSGAR
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Rocco Silvis
TUE.	FEBRUARY 4 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Barbara Scotti
9:00	Nora Malley
WED.	FEBRUARY 5 - ST. AGATHA
7:00	Mark Porcaro
9:00	Charlotte Wintergerst (ANNI)
THU.	FEBRUARY 6 - ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS
7:00	Geraldine & John Ward
9:00	Robert J. Schaefer
FRI.	FEBRUARY 7 - WEEKDAY/FIRST FRIDAY
7:00	Angie Ferzola
9:00	Madeline Sepe
SAT.	FEBRUARY 8 - ST. JEROME EMILIANI/ ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priests of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/Ida Viola/ Margita Sarkanj/Cecilia D'Alessandro/ 11:45 Memorial Mass: Gerald J. Ryan, Robert G. White, Anthony Rullo, Sr., Lucille C. Schwab, Cecilia D'Alessandro, Elizabeth T. Aioisio, Eleanor Bortone, Giuseppe Valenza, Ann Frances Kelly, Dorothy Haufe, Dominick J. Viscardi, George J. Bilasz, Robert J. Schaefer, 5:00PM Henry & Elizabeth Rader
SUN.	FEBRUARY 9 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Anna Roemmelt
9:00	Giuseppe Valenza/
10:30	John & Alice Shortall/Michael Gunning
NOON	Carl Dokter/Joan Leonard
5:00PM	People of the Parish

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 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 Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Especially,

*Dominick J. Viscardi, George J. Bilasz,
Robert J. Schaefer,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Connie Delio
at the request of Pauline & Jean.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of David J. McConville.



***IN HONOR OF ST. BLAISE
ON FEBRUARY 3, THROATS
WILL BE BLESSED AT
BOTH THE
7:00 AND 9:00AM MASS***

TODAY'S READINGS

The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4
Ps 24:7, 8, 10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51 Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

From the Pastor's desk:

PRESENTATION AND CONTINUATION

Usually, this would be the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, and we would hear St. Matthew's account of the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. This year, however, that is superseded by the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, and we learn of that from St. Luke. Yet, both Gospels are connected.

The Presentation reminds us that Joseph and Mary were practicing Jews and *anawim* ("the lowly ones"), who raised Jesus in the religious Tradition of the Chosen People. They did willingly whatever was required of them by Jewish ritual law. In doing so, they enabled Jesus, as He Himself would say, to complete the Law of Moses and the teachings of the Prophets. This was not just another "Kodak moment" in their lives, such as we often have. They practiced their faith daily in prayer, in worship, and in lifestyle, always placing themselves in the hands of God.

How Jesus completed the Law and the Prophets may be found in the Beatitudes (see Mt. 5:1-12). If we look closely, we will see that each one describes Christ, Who is poor in spirit (dependent upon the Father); Who mourns (over sin in the world); Who, though Divine, is meek and lowly; Who hungers and thirsts for righteousness (the justice that comes from carrying out the Father's will); Who is merciful (toward sinners); Who is pure of heart; Who is the peacemaker between God and creation; Who was persecuted and insulted for the sake of righteousness.

Like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we are called to practice each day the Faith at we profess. We must follow the example of Christ in order to attain the fullness of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. It is not easy; we often suffer when we live as Christians. Christ offered His disciples His crown of thorns, not a bouquet of roses, but He accompanies us through every tribulation to the reward of eternal life.

And blessed are you, if you are not ashamed to be recognized as His disciple by the way that you live your life, faithfully carrying out His commandment!

~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 weekly second collection. About \$25,000 has been collected so far - and spent to pay for the unexpected expenses of fuel oil and renting the temporary heating system.

The temporary set-up is enabling us to use the Center until a permanent system is installed, hopefully soon. We have begun to receive bids for a new system, but they are all extremely high, so far.

Meanwhile, repairs to the gym floor and the cafeteria are progressing, and some improvements are being made to the Center - more on that another time.

As always, 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

E-GIVING IS HERE!

Have you signed up yet with *Faith Direct* or another e-giv2ing 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 1/27/20, **200** families pledged **\$72,632**, 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 overage recorded by 12/31. *Consider a gift to the Parish, instead.*

MAGNIFICAT FOR LENT

Copies of the *Magnificat Lenten Companion* will go on sale next weekend in the main vestibule of the church and in the Gift Shop. At just \$3/copy, it's an excellent and economical guide to Christian living during Lent and for preparing to celebrate the Paschal Mystery during Holy Week and Easter.

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 11:45am Saturday, February 8. See pg. 2 for listing.



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!

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the request for much needed blood donations. Despite the cold, icy weather and the holiday weekend, the blood drive on January 19 here at St. Margaret was a **HUGE SUCCESS!**

We are happy to report that **84 units** of blood were collected, starting the new year off on a positive note. Very special thanks go to parish Blood Drive volunteers, Terry Basedow and Annette Dubiel, who provided service above and beyond the call of duty to make the blood donation process run so smoothly throughout the day.

A job well done by all!

MAGGIE'S LITTLE THEATER

Presents

The Envelope,

Please



A Musical Review of Academy Award-Winning Songs
(plus a few that SHOULD have won)

Saturdays, March 14 & 21 at 8pm
Sundays, March 15 & 22 at 2:30pm
Friday, March 20 at 8pm

Adults \$20 - Seniors (65+) \$18
Children (11 and under) \$18

917-579-5389

www.maggieslittletheater.org

TICKETS ARE ON SALE

325 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

With this Sunday's feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the traditional keeping of Christmas for forty days comes to a close, and many of us will pack away our creches until next Advent.

Although the images and decorations are being stored away, keep Christmas alive in your heart by living Christ's call to follow Him in the activities of daily life!



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.**

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

160TH ANNIVERSARY

Our Parish will be 160 years old this May, the first Mass here having been celebrated on May 20, 1860.

The next event 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. Save the date and plan on celebrating with your fellow parishioners.

We now are forming a committee to work on the dinner-dance. Please consider lending a hand for this important moment in the history of our Parish. Contact Fr. Armato to offer your time and talents.

A *family "tar beach picnic"* for mid-July also would be great - again, if we could get people to work on it.