

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 9, 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 9 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	Anna Roemmelt
9:00	In honor Our Lady of Lourdes/Antonino, Giuseppe e Antonina Catalano/ Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Maria, Leonardo e Filippo Curatolo/ Giuseppe Valenza/Guilia, Anna Maria e Antonino Colombo/Vito Vincenzo Manzella
10:30	John & Alice Shortall/Michael Gunning
NOON	Carl Dokter/Joan Leonard
5:00PM	People of the Parish
MON.	FEBRUARY 10 - ST. SCHOLASTICA
7:00	Rose D'Amato
9:00	Dottie Miller (BIRTH)
TUE.	FEBRUARY 11 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES
7:00	Agatha Palumbo
9:00	Phyllis Armato
WED.	FEBRUARY 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Joe Mullins
9:00	Florence & Joseph Dalton
THU.	FEBRUARY 13 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Elizabeth T. Aloisio
9:00	Robert J. Schaefer
FRI.	FEBRUARY 14 - STS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS
7:00	Dec. of the Motto & Barrett Families
9:00	Florence Maurer
SAT.	FEBRUARY 15 - WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Irma Lackner/Deborah Lovell/ Agatha Palumbo
5:00PM	Nancy Gardini
SUN.	FEBRUARY 16 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	William Roemmelt
9:00	Rose Carbornara/Giuseppe Valenza/ Daniele Bussa/Vito e Giuseppa Stabile/ Giuseppa Barone/Filippo Amato/ Joseph & Kathryn Buscemi (ANNI)
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17,
IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENT'S DAY
MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY**

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,

*John J. Scotti, Thomas Ash,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Andy Cafieio
at the request of Catherine DeSena.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Robert J. Schaefer at the
request of the Napolitano Family.*



***OUR LADY
OF LOURDES
FEBRUARY 11***

TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10
Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5, 10,11 Mk 7:14-23
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37, 40 Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20 21-22 Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

From the Pastor's desk:

SALT AND LIGHT

According to the Book of Exodus (Ex. 3:1-14), God appeared to Moses on Mount Horeb in the form of a flaming bush, which was not destroyed by the flame. Moses asked God for His Name, and He replied, "I am Who am." Some Scripture scholars alternately interpret this as "I am the One Who is for you." This might help us to understand the unconsumed bush more clearly as a symbol of God's abundant and inexhaustible self-gift, "the Gift that keeps on giving" without depletion or diminishment.

In today's Gospel, taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the new Moses, tells His disciples that they (we) are to be salt and light. Now, note that salt and light do not exist for their own sakes. Salt is only good to use as a seasoning, to bring out the flavor of food; light is used so that those around it might see clearly and not get hurt by stumbling around in the dark. So, where does that leave us?

We, who are created in the image and likeness of God, are called to "season" our society by living according to Christ's teachings and following the Divine way, offering ourselves fully in love for the sake of others. In the midst of people who stumble about in a darkened, sin-filled world, we are called to shine forth the light of the Truth of God's merciful love for fallen mankind, poured out for us in the Blood of His only-begotten Son, Who has loved us to the full.

We are to season the world around us, which has lost its taste for true love and justice, for goodness and beauty, and for truth and the defense of the sacredness of all life. (Last Sunday's Super Bowl half-time debauchery was a good example of the tastelessness that society offers us today.) We are to be lights in the darkness: to be lights of faith, hope, and charity, of compassion, mercy, and forgiveness.

May our lives of faithful discipleship demonstrate clearly the Faith that we profess, as we strive to be "salt for the earth and light for the world"!

~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 \$28,000 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 done, and some improvements are being made to the Cafeteria.

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 2/3/20, **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 this 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, March 14.



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!



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

will be given in
St. Margaret

Catholic Academy Library on
Saturday, March 7,
from 9:00am to 3:30pm

THE COST: \$45.00 per person
THE BENEFITS: 10% discount on liability and collision insurance for 3 years. Up to 4 points deducted from your driving record.

CONTACT: Sister Bridget at
718-326-1911

for more information or to register.

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 NOW ON SALE

GETTING TO KNOW MOTHER CABRINI

Come and learn about this extraordinary saint
with Sister Lucille Souza, MSC

Sunday, March 1, at 1:00pm

in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Mercy Church,
70-01 Kessel Street, Forest Hills.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Elevator access is available.

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.



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Our next trip will be on **THIS**
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.**