

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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SIXTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 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 16 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	William Roemmelt
9:00	Rose Carbornara/Giuseppe Valenza/ Daniele Bussa/Vito e Giuseppina Stabile Giuseppa Barone/Filippo Amato/ Gaetana e Giovanni Caruso/
10:30	Joseph & Kathryn Buscemi (ANNI)
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Aida Barker
MON.	FEBRUARY 17 - PRESIDENTS DAY
9:00	Odolino P. Crisologo
TUE.	FEBRUARY 18 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Anna & Guido Carosi
9:00	John & Anna Rice
WED.	FEBRUARY 19 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Intention of Margaret Butler
9:00	Lottie & Stanley Andrzejewski
THU.	FEBRUARY 20 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Steven Dominic Belviso (BIRTH)
9:00	Ida Viola
FRI.	FEBRUARY 21 - ST. PETER DAMIAN
7:00	Sr. Anne Werner, D.W.
9:00	Rose Diglio
SAT.	FEBRUARY 22 - THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
9:00	Collective: Joseph & Lena Mazzola/ Samantha Barahona/Angelina Grillo/ Michael Putillo
5:00PM	
SUN.	FEBRUARY 23 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30	John & Theresa Rice
9:00	Il Popolo Parrocchia/Giuseppe Valenza/ Giuseppina Dolce/Antonina Cilluffo/ Antonino, Filippa e Giovanni D'Aloisio/ Felicia Milazzo/Mariano e Lucia Sottile/ Gaetano Morreale/
10:30	John Maunsell
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Daniel Fitzgerald

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENTS 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, 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, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, Cathie Greulich, Joseph & Mary Augustine, Anthony Pittelli, Josephine Hartnett, Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirichs CP, Hannah Lehman, Deniel Wilson,

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***

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Anthony Shelley
at the request of Phyllis Claussen.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Joseph & Lena Mazzola
at the request of Ben Armato.*

MAGNIFICAT FOR LENT

Copies of the *Magnificat Lenten Companion* are on sale 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

From the Pastor's desk:

“You have heard it said..., but I say to you....”

Over and over again in today's Gospel we hear this same formula as Christ expounds on the Law of Moses that was given to help the Chosen People stay faithful to the Covenant and then He seems to override it. We need to bear in mind the beginning of today's passage, though: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish but to fulfill.”

Christ's words can seem very harsh, very difficult to take in the ambience of 21st Century Western society. They call us to go beyond what the world allows - indifference toward religious practice, revenge, adultery, divorce, and equivocation. Instead, we are to hand on the true Faith intact and to give good example by the way we live according to its teachings, to seek reconciliation for injuries committed by us or to us, to live chastely whether we are single or married, and to be upright, righteous, and honest in our dealings with others - i.e., to love.

Christ's teachings are not merely one more set of philosophical suggestions to be followed or ignored as we please. Our adherence, or lack thereof, will have real consequences, in this life and in the life to come. Christ wants to unite us more perfectly with Himself, and so He calls us to a fuller life by living according to His teachings, AND, He give us the grace through His Holy Spirit to do so even in trying times. He has come that we might have life, and have it in abundance.

May our lives of faithful discipleship demonstrate clearly the Faith that our lips profess, and may our “Yes” to Christ be a complete and heartfelt “Yes”!

~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, which is being used to pay for the added expenses of renting and fueling the temporary heating system that enables us to use the Center until a permanent system is installed. We have received bids for a new system, but all are extremely high, so far.

Meanwhile, repairs to the gym and the cafeteria are done, and some improvements are being made now 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:

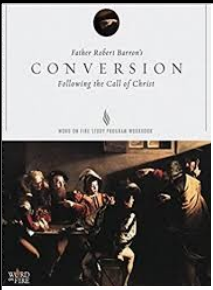
Rosaries - Medals - Gifts
Crucifixes - Statues - Bibles
other books **AND MORE!**

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign is about to get underway. Please think and pray about your response this year so that we may continue to serve the needs of our Parish and our Diocese.



LENTEN PROGRAM

Our Lenten Program will be an in-depth study of **CONVERSION** by Bishop Barron. Over the course of this 6-week study, we will examine 6 figures from the Bible who changed in response to God's call. These figures are: Bartimaeus, the rich young man, Matthew, Jonah, the woman at the well, and the journey of the Magi. By exploring these stories we will come to a deeper understanding of the dynamics of conversion in our lives.

Registration for this series is taking place after all the Masses **this weekend, Feb. 15/16, and next weekend, Feb. 22/23.**

The program begins the week of February 24.

DITCHING YOUR CAR?

If you're getting rid of your car, you can help our Parish by donating the used vehicle, running or not, to the *Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn*:

svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

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

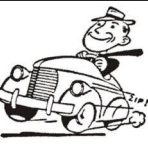
is located in the Convent
66-25 79th Place

**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
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 or www.maggieslittletheater.org

TICKETS ARE ON SALE

SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

is registering students for Nursery to
Grade 8, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Tours are as follows:

Tuesday, February 25 at 9:30am,

Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30am, and

Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00pm

call the school office, **718-326-0922** for
more information.



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Our next trip will be on

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 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 APRIL 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. We will celebrate with 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.

A committee has been formed to work on the
dinner-dance. Please consider lending a hand for
this important moment in the history of our Parish.
Contact Fr. Armato or Sr. Bridget 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.