

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN

ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 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 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 Malazzo/Mariano e Lucia Sottile/ Gaetano Morreale/
10:30	John Maunsell
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Daniel Fitzgerald
MON.	FEBRUARY 24 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Marie D'Amato
9:00	The Pirtz & McDevitt Families
TUE.	FEBRUARY 25 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Gloria & Phil Prima
9:00	Johann Michitsch
WED.	FEBRUARY 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY <u>FAST AND ABSTINENCE</u>
7:00	Roman Krzewski
9:00	Grace Ann Franzese (BIRTH)
NOON	Robert J. Schaefer
4:30PM	Liturgy of the Word
7:30PM	People of the Parish
THU.	FEBRUARY 27 - THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00	Billy Heilman
9:00	Angie Ferzola
FRI.	FEBRUARY 28 - FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY/ABSTINENCE
7:00	Philip Composto
9:00	Robert J. Schaefer
9:30	Station of the Cross (English)
SAT.	FEBRUARY 29 - SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
9:00	Collective: Ida Lento (ANNI)/Maria Falsetta
5:00PM	Marie DeSabato
SUN.	MARCH 1 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Giuseppe Valenza/Antonina Cilluffo/
10:30	Kim Licari
NOON	Salvatore Fischetti (BIRTH)
5:00PM	Intention of Francesco & Maria Sciortino

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ashes will be distributed at all the Masses. Ashes and prayer pamphlets in English and Italian, to bring to the homebound, will be available at the Sacristy after each of the Masses and services.

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, Daniel 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 Frohnoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici**



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Especially,

*Josephine Cannizzaro, Joseph Olfano,
Malta Iozzia, Richard T. Parker,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Elizabeth Pompeo
at the request of Enio & Isa Prozzi.*

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a 10b-11a, 23 Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

From the Pastor's desk:

“You have heard it said, . . . But I say to you. . . .” - Continued

Jesus continues in this week's Gospel passage to expound on the depths of the precepts and teachings of the Law and the Prophets that He brings to fulfillment. The bottom line is that the attitude that must govern the actions and words of His disciples must be that of love. Love goes beyond the minimal measures of law. Either it is unbounded, or it is not love in the true sense of the word.

How difficult it is for us (or disciples of any condition or period in history) to comply with what Jesus not only teaches but also commands! Our rebellious nature would rather strike back at injury and hold grudges. We're not supposed to be chumps or gluttons for punishment, but we are supposed to be merciful, forgiving peacemakers. If we seek forgiveness from God, we must be willing to forgive others. Whatever we do, we do by the power and grace of His Holy Spirit, given to us first at the time of our baptism, and granted to us whenever we ask for the Gift.

We leave the Sermon on the Mount today. When we come back to the Gospel according to St. Matthew at the end of June, we'll pick up at Chapter 10. I strongly recommend reading and praying over the entire Sermon on your own, though. It's only three chapters long (5, 6, and 7), but its teachings are at the very core of the Christian lifestyle.

May our lives of faithful discipleship demonstrate the Faith that our lips profess, and may God bless us as we set out on our Lenten journey!

~Fr. Armato

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.*

Enrollment forms are available in the vestibules of the church and at the Rectory Offices to facilitate your signing up.

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

The repairs to the gym and the cafeteria are complete. Some improvements in the cafeteria are almost done, and a surprise awaits the kids in the cafeteria, through the generosity of Ms. Richardson, the Principal of our Academy.

Unfortunately, we are still tied into the temporary heating system as we await more economically reasonable proposals.

As always, thank you for your patience, support, and especially for your generosity!

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2020

WEEKDAYS OF LENT:

There is no obligation to fast except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY:

These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat, (this includes chicken). There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

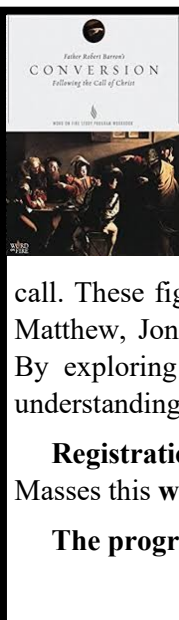
All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, preferably during the Lenten/Easter Season.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign is getting 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. Materials will be mailed out to those who participated in last year's campaign; other material will be available in church in the coming weeks.



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 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, February 22/23.**

The program begins the week.

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

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 Academy office, **718-326-0922**,
for more information.

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.



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.**