

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FIRST SUNDAY
IN
LENT
MARCH 1, 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. MARCH 1 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Giuseppe Valenza/Antonina Cilluffo/
Geraldine Ciaccio/
10:30 Kim Licari
NOON Salvatore Fischetta (BIRTH)
5:00PM Intention of Francesco & Maria Sciortino

MON. MARCH 2 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Ferdinand Erker

TUE. MARCH 3 - ST. KATHARINE DREXEL
7:00 Christopher Michael Pyzikiewicz
9:00 Joseph W. Mazzola
9:30 Stations of the Cross (Italian)

WED. MARCH 4 - ST. CASIMIR
7:00 Anne Marie Roggie
9:00 James Hartmann (BIRTH)

THU. MARCH 5 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00 Intention of Andrew Kastner
9:00 Josephine Iannotta

**FRI. MARCH 6 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER/
ABSTINENCE**
7:00 Eileen & Margaret Flynn
9:00 Tom & Helen Dasanto
9:30 Station of the Cross (English)

**SAT. MARCH 7 - ST. PERPETUA AND
FELICITY**
9:00 **Collective:** Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls
in purgatory/Joseph W. Mazzola/
Salvatore Diglio/
5:00PM Irish Night Committee

SUN. MARCH 8 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
7:30 William R. Roemmelt
9:00 Il Popolo Parrocchia/Gaetano Morreale/
Giuseppe Valenza/
10:30 John Ciorciari (BIRTH)
NOON Edward H. Morrissey/Nellie Tollis
5:00PM Aurora Cermeli

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!

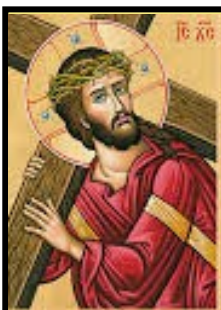
IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana.

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.



**DURING THE SEASON OF
LENT, WE WILL HAVE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AS FOLLOWS:**

**Tuesdays, 9:30am in Italian
Fridays, 9:30am in English**

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 Weirchs CP, Hannah Lehman, Daniel Wilson, John Austin Bryzgornia Dave Kazmier,

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,

*Jeannine Stimpfel, Kenneth J. Kramer,
Geraldine Ciaccio
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Fred Basedow
at the request of Frank & Florence Cerar.*



**DON'T FORGET
TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD
ON MARCH 7**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Sunday in Lent

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7C-8 Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

From the Pastor's Desk:

The holy season of Lent has begun. Yes, it's a penitential season, but it also is one full of hope as we are renewed in our determination to follow Christ. Nevertheless, we usually view this as a gloomy time of year, a time of "having to do without", or we see it just as another opportunity to get back on our diets or to kick a bad habit. We see only ashes, and we forget about the haloes.

It truly is a time for giving up and doing without, but doing so for a particular purpose: to help us to refocus our lives centered on God and to deepen our relationship with Him. As nature abhors a vacuum, so our lives also need to be occupied, spiritually as well as physically. If you are going to do without something, be prepared to put something *positive* in its place. The three keys of Lent - fasting, almsgiving, and prayer - give us important tools to do this.

If you give up time watching TV or using the internet/social media, use some of the time you save for prayer, or to read and reflect on Scripture or some other solid, spiritual work. Get to Mass faithfully every weekend. Pray the Rosary every day, especially the Sorrowful Mysteries. Go to confession before Easter. If you give up a particular food, or drink, or cigarettes, use some of the money you save towards helping those who do not have the bare necessities of life. If you go out to dinner, put aside the same amount that you leave for a tip and put it in the poor box. Be more patient with others as God is patient with you.

The time truly will fly, but let's allow Lent to be an unhurried period of spiritual growth, a time in which we challenge ourselves, using the grace God gives us to be better disciples of Jesus Christ His Son. Don't let it zoom by in artificialities or despair. Make it meaningful, and keep it realistic so as to finish Lent in a way that prepares you for a more worthy celebration of Easter.

~Fr. Armato

DAY OF PRAYER IN ITALIAN

The Northeast Italian Apostolate will hold an annual Day of Prayer in Italian at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The day includes spiritual conferences, Rosary, Via Crucis, and holy Mass with Bishop DiMarzio. The cost is \$25/person, including hot lunch.

Call 718-649-0324 to make reservations.

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, thank God!

To date, your contributions to the weekly second collections have provided \$32,072. Of this, \$23,150 has been paid for the rental of the temporary toiler. Another \$10,813 has been spent for fuel oil to power it. Thus, "only" \$1,891 has come from our regular income and reserves, so far.

Our next major expense (about \$8,000) will be to replace the Center's four heating pumps early next month.

Please say a prayer that we will be able to replace our HVAC system soon!

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

ST. MARGARET SPORTS ASSN. INSTRUCTIONAL VOLLEYBALL

for girls 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade

March 14th and 28th

April 4th and 18th

10am to 11:30am

Fee is \$60.00

To sign up google **St. Margaret Dragons**
any questions email
stm_volleyball@aol.com

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign is underway. Our goal for this year has been set at just over \$80,000. With about 650 families registered in the Parish, it comes to an average donation of \$125 per family, certainly not a burden if we ALL pitch in between now and Christmas.

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 are being mailed out to those who participated in last year's campaign; other material will be available in church in the coming weeks.

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.

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

THIS 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, March 10 at 9:30am, and
Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00pm

Call the Academy 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 THIS 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 5pm 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.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

will hold their next meeting on Monday,
March 9th at 9:30am in the Convent.