

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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SECOND SUNDAY

IN

LENT

MARCH 8, 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. 7:30 9:00	MARCH 8 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT William R. Roemmelt Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Gaetano Morreale/ Giuseppe Valenza/Mimma Ciaccio/Andrea Tranchina/Santo e Filippa Cracchiolo/Luigi, Saverio e Michael Bosco/ John Cirociari (BIRTH)
10:30 NOON 5:00PM	Edward H. Morrissey/Nellie Tollia Aurora Cermeli
MON. 7:00 9:00	MARCH 9 - ST. FRANCES OF ROME Zdenko Vglesic Attilio & Elvia Viola
TUE. 7:00 9:00 9:30	MARCH 10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY Sophie Huber Erich Steigerwald Stations of the Cross (Italian)
WED. 7:00 9:00	MARCH 11 - LENTEN WEEKDAY Pat O'Brien Robert & Marion Hartmann
THU. 7:00 9:00	MARCH 12 - LENTEN WEEKDAY Intention of Frank Miller Anna Nick & Franziska Stalzer
FRI. 7:00 9:00 9:30	MARCH 13 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ ABSTINENCE Ruth O'Hehir (ANNI) Jeanette Tavarone Station of the Cross (English)
SAT. 9:00	MARCH 14 - LENTEN WEEKDAY Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Angelina Fischetti (ANNI)
11:45	Memorial Mass: John J. Scotti, Thomas Ash, Rocco Silvis, Ann Takojeff, Josephine Cannizzaro, Joseph Olfano, Malta Iozzia, Richard T. Parker, Jeannine Stimpfel, Kenneth J. Kramer, Geraldine Ciaccio,
5:00PM	Michael Maloney, FDNY (ANNI)
SUN. 7:30 9:00	MARCH 15 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Jeanette Tavarone Joseph Russo/Giuseppe Valenza/Lina Casasanta/Mimma Ciaccio/ People of the Parish
10:30 NOON 5:00PM	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer Megan Garczynski

**DURING THE SEASON OF LENT, WE WILL HAVE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AS FOLLOWS:
Tuesdays, 9:30am in Italian
Fridays, 9:30am in English**

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, 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, 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***

*Epecially,
Lina Casasanta
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir
at the request of the O'Hehir Family.*

ALTAR CANDLE THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Ruth O'Hehir
at the request of the O'Hehir Family.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Ruth O'Hehir
at the request of the O'Hehir Family.*

TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday in Lent

Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 23:1-12
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26 39a, 40-42

From the Pastor's desk:

~On Fulfilling the Law and the Prophets~

A few weeks ago in our Gospel reading from the Sermon on the Mount, we heard Jesus telling the people that He had come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to fulfill them. In today's Gospel, the Law of the Covenant and the words of the Prophets are personified in Moses and Elijah, who, along with God the Father (the Voice) and the Holy Spirit (the Cloud), testify about the reality of Christ as He is transfigured (glorified) in the presence of His three main disciples.

What did the Apostles see? Some of the ancient Fathers of the Church tell us that the Apostles saw Christ in the fullness of His divine Nature, unmasked of His humanity. He is true God and true man, the eternally begotten Son of the Father, entering human history as the Word of God made flesh. We might liken it to barely seeing a person in the shadows of a darkened room and then, when the lights suddenly and glaringly come on full tilt, seeing him/her in all his/her reality.

As a people of faith and children of Abraham, who trusted in God's faithfulness to His promises, we come before God, trusting in His love for us to bring us to eternal life through Christ Jesus, and acting upon His command that we listen to His beloved Son. *Note:* We are to LISTEN, not simply to hear; i.e., we must pay attention and respond actively and positively to what Christ has taught us to do: "Love one another, as I have loved you."

This holy season of Lent is one in which we are called to look at our lives to see where we need not only to kick bad habits, but also to correct where love is absent from our lives: love of God and love of neighbor. That requires prayer and sacrifice, but when we do so, then we, too, will fulfill the Law and the Prophets.

~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

The repairs to the gym and the cafeteria are complete, thank God!

Your contributions to the weekly second collections have provided over \$32,072. Of this, over \$23,150 has been paid for the rental of the temporary boiler. 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 this 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!

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.

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.

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.

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. See pg. 2 for listing.

CORONA VIRUS RESPONSES

In response to growing concern over the Corona virus, we will suspend the shaking of hands at Mass during the exchange of the Sign of Peace and when leaving Mass until further notice. Please receive Communion in the hand (an ancient practice) rather than on the tongue.

Please also use common sense:

- ~ Stay home, if you do not feel well;
- ~ See your doctor, if symptoms persist;
- ~ Cover your mouth and nose, if you have to cough or sneeze;

Let us pray through the intercession of St. Michael that the disease may spare us, our loved ones, and all people!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The **Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Hope Parish** will meet in their academy's cafeteria this Tuesday at 7:30pm. All men over the age of 18 from any parish are welcome and encouraged to join.

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

To sign up google **St. Margaret Dragons** any questions email

stm_volleyball@aol.com

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.

Academy News.....

Congratulations to our Scholarship Award winners of the class of 2020! The students listed below have been awarded \$175,000 in scholarship to the following Catholic High Schools as of February 14, 2020

Maggie Meenan - Continuing Catholic Education Grant, \$1,000
Filip Bielecki, St. Francis Prep, \$38,220
Dominic Franco, Cathedral Prep, \$36,000
Bianca Frascino, Moreau Grant to Holy Cross \$8,000
Amanda Fricke, The Mary Louis Academy, \$14,000
Marguerite Mauceri, St. Francis Prep, \$38,220
Matthew Shalvey, Molloy, \$1,000
Patricia Tyszuk, St. John's Prep, \$10,000
Amber Osoy, Notre Dame, \$14,000
Angelie Paredes, Morris Catholic High School \$6,000

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### **Family Bingo**

**Saturday, March 21 - 2PM-5PM**

**Tickets: \$20 Adult**

**\$10 Children ages 3+**

**Family Package:**

**2 adults, 2 children \$50**

**Children must be accompanied  
by an adult**

**Call Margaret for tickets  
718-578-8237**



## **ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP**

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

## **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.