

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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THIRD SUNDAY
IN
LENT
MARCH 15, 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 15 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
7:30	Jeanette Tavarone
9:00	Joseph Russo/Giuseppe Valenza/Lina Casasanta/Mimma Ciaccio/
10:30	People of the Parish
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Megan Garczynski
MON.	MARCH 16 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:00	Bridie Smyth
9:00	Rose D'Amato
TUE.	MARCH 17 - ST. PATRICK
7:00	Louis & Margaret Hegener
9:00	Deceased of Rice & Minogue Families
9:30	Stations of the Cross (Italian)
WED.	MARCH 18 - ST. CYRIL
7:00	Emilia Janus
9:00	Robert & Marion Hartmann
THU.	MARCH 19 - ST. JOSEPH SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00	McNiff, Tamburino & Hanover Families
9:00	** Marguerite Scaturro (BIRTH)
FRI.	MARCH 20 - LENTEN WEEKDAY/ ABSTINENCE
7:00	Antoinette Composto
9:00	Fred Basedow
9:30	Station of the Cross (English)
SAT.	MARCH 21- LENTEN WEEKDAY
9:00	Collective: Geraldine Ciaccio/ Fr. John Newell/
5:00PM	Emma Putillo
SUN.	MARCH 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
7:30	Robert Hawd
9:00	Daniele Bussa/Giuseppe Valenza/Lina Casasanta/Mimma Ciaccio/Giovanna Ferrara/
10:30	Michael, Catherine, Tom and Rosaleen Reilly
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Intention of Francesco Sciortino

** Bi-lingual (Italian/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!

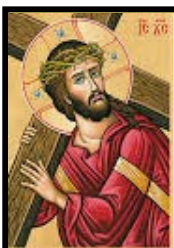
IL CORO ITALIANO pratica ogni Domenica prima della Messa Italiana.

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.



**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, 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 Marchindiondo, 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 Bryzgoria, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney,

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,

*Rev. John J. Newell, Rev. James H. Sweeney,
Frank Robertazzi, Rev. Martin Kirby,
Terence M. McCormick
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOSTS THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Jeannine Stimpfel
at the request of Maria & John Schell.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Rose Accardi
at the request of brother, Ben Armato.*



***St. Patrick
March 17th***

***St. Joseph
March 19th***



TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday in Lent

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3, 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

From the Pastor's Desk:

~The Spirit, Living Water, and Truth~

We take a break this week from our readings from the Gospel according to St. Matthew and switch over to St. John. This is a very ancient arrangement, going back many centuries, as the Church uses these weeks before Easter for the proximate preparation of those who are to be baptized at the Great Vigil Mass.

Today, in the account of Jesus encountering a Gentile woman at the well, Christ puts it quite directly that true worship of God is not a matter of one particular place but rather of a personal openness to the Gift of the Holy Spirit and to the truth of the Father's love. The living water of which He speaks is that same Spirit, Who flows in us and through us for our sanctification and that of the whole world, and Who makes us all apostles. All people are called to salvation, Jew and Gentile alike.

The most remarkable part of it all, perhaps, is what St. Paul tells us in the second reading: that "God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." It doesn't get any more blow-your-mind profound than that. God initiates; we are to respond.

The life of the Samaritan woman, who, until she met Christ, had been a less than exemplary person, changed. She went from being settled in her sinful lifestyle, to skepticism, to seeking, to coming to belief in Jesus, and finally to being His disciple and apostle, so that eventually others also came to listen to and believe in Him.

Those who will become our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Great Vigil of Easter also are undergoing a transformation, from an old way of life, to seeking and learning about Christ, and eventually to becoming members of His Body, the Church - His disciples and apostles. Now they are preparing to make the greatest commitment of their lives: to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and to live in Him. We pray for them as they come to the end of this journey.

We, too, are called to conversion of heart and to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ, to draw others to Him, and, through Him, to the Father. Our lives should be lives of worship, not only terms of rituals celebrated in the comfort zone of a church building, but also every day in every aspect of our secular activities. To worship God in Spirit and in truth is to live a life of holiness and righteousness, of justice and mercy, of forgiveness and compassion, even as He has loved us.

We encounter the living and loving God in our celebration of the Sacraments, in our prayers, and in our meditation on His Word, and we serve Him in our humble service to those around us. He has poured clean water upon us in Baptism, cleansed us from all our iniquities, and has given us a new Spirit. Let us live in that Spirit and in truth!

~Fr. Armato

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

CLOTHING PICK-UP

Sunday, March 29

from 8:30am to 12 Noon

The truck will be on 79th Place

for your items.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS

AT THE RECTORY DOOR

PARISH CENTER UPDATE

Four new heat pumps were installed in the Parish Center last week, but we're still using the temporary system while we explore bids and funding options for a new combined HVAC system for both the Center and the Church. Thanks for your generosity in the second collection each week! It's helped us to keep the strain on our reserves to a relative minimum.

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 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. That's about the cost of one latte, or one loaf of bread, or one pack of cigarettes, each week - 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 have been mailed out to those who participated in last year's campaign; other material will be available in church in the coming weeks.

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, April 18.

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!

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 is working on the dinner-dance. Details will follow shortly.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The priests of the Parish are available for **confession** after most weekday morning Masses in addition to Saturday afternoons and by appointment.

We also will hold a **holy hour** of **Eucharistic Adoration** at 9:30am on the **first Saturday** of each month, starting on April 4.

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

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.

SAINT MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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

A tour is on March 24 at 6:00pm
Call the Academy, 718-326-0922,
for more information.



ST. MARGARET'S YONKERS EMPIRE CITY BUS TRIP

Our next trip will be on
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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 MAY TRIP.**

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 H.S. \$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

Angie Paredes - Morris Catholic H.S., \$6,000

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, 718-578-8237 for tickets

DAY OF PRAYER IN ITALIAN

The annual **Day of Prayer in Italian** on March 21 has been **cancelled** out of concern for the health of our expected participants.

Thank you for your understanding!

ST. MARGARET SPORTS ASSN. INSTRUCTIONAL VOLLEYBALL

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

March 28, April 4 & 18 - 10am to 11:30am.

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