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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 3, 2021

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. 8:00 10:00 NOON 5:00PM	JANUARY 3 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD People of the Parish Stanley Andrzejewski Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer Julia & Jan Valalik
MON. 7:00 9:00	JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON Purgatorial Society Louis Meyers
TUE. 7:00 9:00	JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN Peg Ryan Patrick Cronin
WED. 7:00 9:00	JANUARY 6 - ST. ANDRE BESSETTE Frank Kraft Cathleen Joyce
THU. 7:00 9:00	JANUARY 7 - ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT Elizabeth T. Aloisio (anniv) Barbara Gianelli
FRI. 7:00 9:00	JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY Millie Schiraldi John Bohan
SAT. 9:00 11:45 5:00PM	JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY collective: Rosemarie Sparacio Monthly Memorial Mass: John J. Powers, Daniel Boyle, Janie Corbo, Anna Cavaliere Frank Marino
SUN. 8:00 10:00 NOON 5:00PM	JANUARY 10 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD Thomas Mazza Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/ Jeffrey Matusiak The Hanover Family

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 3



PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

**Monday - Friday - 9am to Noon
and 1pm to 5pm
Saturday - by appointment
Sunday - closed**

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm in the church.

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 Sunday of each month, at 1:30pm and 2:30pm. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child. No more than two children will be baptized at each session, with a maximum of 25 guests per family.

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 Wednesday, 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 **SUSPENDED**

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. **SUSPENDED**

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. **SUSPENDED**

SENIOR CITIZENS meet every Wednesday at 12 Noon in the Parish Center. **SUSPENDED**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Connie Faccibene, Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Ronald Frazier, Robert Sabini, Lee Falk, McKinley Kelleher, Sean Harrison, Justin James Quirke, Elizabeth Ott, Mary Harrison, Gloria Pemaj, Allen McConville, Jack Marchindiondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pittelli, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, Immaculate Marge D'Elia, Jim O'Friscoll, Mary Rigovich, Matteo Sabini, Bob Biolsi, The Mojica Family, Msgr. Leonard Badia, Matthew Zender, Anthony Pittelli, Josephine Hartnett, Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirichs CP, Hannah Lehman, John Austin Bryzgoria, Dave Kazmier, John Nogiewich, Tim Rooney, Frank Ciccone, Cindy (Peli) Heege, Charlie Krzewski, Helga Zender, Deacon John DeBiase, Tom Haubert, John Miller, Cathie Greulich, Sr. Mary James Fox, Edward Pandolfo, Paul Colangelo, Carmen Gonzalez, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Marco Colalella, Fr. William Farrugia, Bernard Russo,

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.

Pray for first responders and
medical personnel.

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:

*Anna Cavaliere, Marion D. Langley,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Robert C. Thoering
at the request of Barry Stockman.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Gerard O'Leary.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

is lit in memory of John Pascale.



**SAINT
ELIZABETH ANN
SETON
JANUARY 4**

TODAY'S READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-9, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15m 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-5, 6a, 9b
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 55:1-11
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
1 Jn 5:1-9
Mk 1:7-11

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Stars, Magi, Coheirs, and Copartners”

Much was made in the last few weeks about the astronomical phenomenon called the “Great Conjunction”, actually an alignment of planets that some referred to as the “Star of Bethlehem”. The fact that it was no such thing, but merely an event that occurs once every several hundred years totally out of sync with the time of our Lord’s birth, made no difference. The Star or Conjunction got more play in the media than did the religious importance of Christ’s birth.

That shouldn’t surprise us, given the secular nature of the media. A distraction that happens once in every five lifetimes is better than focusing on the prospects of eternity. The reason for the birth of the Savior of the universe, no less Who He is, causes great anxiety among the wise and the learned. It also caused a good deal of anxiety among the elites of Christ’s own time, for they knew that acknowledgement of His long-awaited birth would upset the accepted order and cause them problems.

The point of the story that St. Matthew presents in the Gospel for this Epiphany Sunday is that God miraculously revealed to the Gentiles the birth of the promised Messiah (that’s what “epiphany” means: a showing forth or revelation), Who was rejected or feared or ignored by His own people. St. Matthew draws on themes and incidents scattered across the Hebrew Scriptures in order to show an authentic connection between the promise and its fulfillment in Jesus. All the evidence lined up for him, just as he knew that it would for his readers.

It’s one of the reasons why, aside from the Easter Season, our first reading comes from the Old Testament and ties into the Gospel. For instance, some of the details that we portray in our Nativity scenes (like the camels, the kings, and the gifts that they offered to the Infant) come from today’s first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Truly, it is a beautiful story, and it remains full of meaning for us twenty centuries removed from the action.

The bottom line of today’s feast and readings, though, is the assurance in the last line of the second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to his Gentile disciples in Ephesus in Asia Minor, “that the Gentiles are coheirs [with the Jews], members of the same Body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel,” i.e., through the victory that God achieved in Jesus Christ: the victory of grace, eternal life, and reconciliation with God over sin, death, and separation from Him.

Today’s solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord often is referred to as “Little Christmas” and still is celebrated by most Christians on January 6, twelve days after the solemnity of the Nativity. Regardless of what it’s called or when, plus or minus a few days, it is celebrated, its meaning and importance remain for us today: that we, too, are united in the Body of Christ Who fulfilled the promises made over the centuries to the Chosen People, the physical descendants of Abraham. Gentiles though we are, we, too, can call Abraham “our Father in Faith” because of Christ.

The Promise, kept in custody by the Children of Israel, is intended for all of mankind. Everyone is called to the universal Kingdom of God. Whether or not people accept the Promise and answer positively is another matter, for answering in the affirmative and becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ upsets the apple cart and costs the follower his/her life. There is no cheap grace. As it was for Herod and the religious leaders of Palestine two thousand years ago, so it is for us today.

Once again, we can get caught up in stargazing and other distractions, or we can enter into the Mystery of God’s love for us in Christ Jesus. We need not travel to far and distant lands in search of the Promised One to offer Him ornate gifts. He is present in His holy Word, in His Sacraments, in His people, and in our souls. All He wants is to share His life with us. Let us do Him homage, then, by living as His faithful disciples, and offer Him the gift of our very selves, we who by His grace are His coheirs and copartners in the redemption that He has won for us!

~Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **188 families have pledged \$74,253 (92.8%)**. We have **\$5,762 to go**.

With about 650 families registered in the Parish, it comes to an *average donation of \$125 per family*. Even in these difficult times, it's certainly not a burden if we **ALL** pitch in between now and Christmas.

First come your own family needs, then those of the Parish. Finally, please consider your ACA responses so that we may continue to serve the needs of our Parish and our Diocese.

www.annualcatholicappeal.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will hold a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration consisting of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, litany, scriptural reading, and time for quiet, personal prayer from 9:30 until 10:30AM on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is February 6, 2021.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open only for the celebration of Masses and baptisms. It will be closed at all other times to enable us to clean and sanitize the facilities.

Please observe these rules for your safety and that of others:

Do **NOT** enter the church, if you are sick. Anyone entering the church **MUST** wear a facemask or covering. "Social distancing" **MUST** be observed at all times.

Sit **only** in the areas that are marked by a taped cross.

The lavatories are locked.

Do NOT leave **ANYTHING** in the pews or at the entrances.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY



is located in the Convent
66-25 79th Place

The Pantry is open every
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10:00am to 12:00Noon

Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry. At this time we are asking for **grocery store gift cards**, which can be placed in the rectory office mail slot.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

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.

Families who wish to have an annual or "month's mind" Mass offered for a loved one can join in the monthly celebration.

Contact the Rectory, **718-326-1911** to make the arrangements.

The next memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:45am Saturday, January 9, 2021. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin.

NEW HYMNALS

We have put our new hardbound hymnal with the full three-year cycle of Scripture readings into the pews in place of the annual missalette. This will save us time, work, and money in the long run, since it will last for over seven years with proper care.

The new books can be memorialized for \$25 per intention, as we've done with the missalettes. ***Use the forms provided in the church. Forms, and your donation can be returned to the Rectory or in the collection basket.***



***SAINT
JOHN NEUMANN
JANUARY 5***



ACADEMY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students from St. Margaret Parish on achieving honors at:

The Mary Louis Academy:

SAMANTHA COVERLY, SARAH KELLY,
DEIRDRE NICHOLSON, KATE HAMILL,
AOIFE CAROLINE BURKE,
JULIA MACKIEWICZ, ELLA McPARTLAND

We wish all of these students continued success in their future endeavors.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated only at 1:30pm on the first and third Sundays of each month (except April) with up to four children baptized at each celebration.

No more than twenty-five (25) family members and friends per child may attend, so that we can maintain social distancing.

ST. MARGARET BLOOD DRIVE AT THE SHOPS AT ATLAS PARK



St Margaret Parish has sponsored many successful Blood Donation Drives in the past. Since all uses of parish buildings are suspended, we will not be able to host our scheduled January 2021 Blood Drive.

The New York Blood Center has arranged to conduct our January Blood Drive at The Shops at Atlas Park. The drive will be held there on Sunday, January 17, 2021 from 9:00 am to 3:00pm. All blood donations that day will be credited to our parish.

Please consider making a donation that day since donations are desperately needed during this difficult time.

To schedule an appointment, call **800-933-2566**. Appointments are strongly encouraged and walk-ins will only be accommodated if social distancing can be maintained. Thank you for your continued support of our Blood Drives! Stay safe and well!

YOUNG SINGERS WANTED



We now have music to varying degrees at all weekend Masses. In order to enhance the celebration at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass, we'd like to form a group of young people to sing contemporary as well as traditional hymns.

If you're interested and in your late teens to twenty-something, please contact our Director of Music, Don Competello, after any of the Masses.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU . . .

to Terry Basedow and her St. Vincent dePaul Society crew.

They all worked tirelessly in providing food for those in need at Thanksgiving, and collecting, sorting and distributing clothing and toys to children at Christmas time.

A job well done to all!

FORMED IS COMING!

FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute, is coming to St. Margaret's in early 2121, and will be available without charge to all parishioners.

FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more. All that is needed to visit the website is Internet access and an e-mail account.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks, but you can preview it now at ***formed.org***.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MEMORIALS



*In memory of The deceased members of the
Cullen Family*

Donated by Ray Cullen

In memory of David J. McConville and Family

In memory of Mary & Frank Miller and Family