

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 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.	DECEMBER 27 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
7:30	Philomena Karcher (anniv)
9:00	Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Geraldine Ciaccio/ Adriana e Andrea Sciuara/ Pete & Rose LoMurno
10:30	Pete & Rose LoMurno
NOON	Peter Bojcenjuk
5:00PM	Angie Ferzola
MON.	DECEMBER 28 - THE HOLY INNOCENTS
7:00	Carol McDonald (birth)
9:00	Rev. Msgr. John Lavin (anniv)
TUE.	DECEMBER 29 - ST. THOMAS BECKET
7:00	Fritz Schneider
9:00	Tom Cordero
WED.	DECEMBER 30 - SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:00	Fritz & Wilhomena Schneider and Odolino Crisologo
9:00	John & Theresa Rice
THU.	DECEMBER 31 - ST. SYLVESTER
7:00	Dorothy Reilly
9:00	Joseph Miller
5:00PM	Anthony & Antoinette Santora/Nancy Gardini
FRI.	JANUARY 1, 2021 - OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
9:00	Sr. Rose Godfrey Cerar
10:30	John Pascale
NOON	Enrico Franzese
	NO EVENING MASS
	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
SAT.	JANUARY 2 - STS. BASIL AND GREGORY
9:00	Collective: Deceased Priests of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/Mary Narky Velma Begy/Bill & Lee DiGiovanna/Souls in Purgatory
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00PM	Maria C. Pugliese
SUN.	JANUARY 3 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Stanley Andrzejewski
NOON	Fire Lt. Kevin J. & William Pfeifer
5:00PM	Julia & Jan Valalik



*The priests and staff
of St. Margaret Parish
wish you a blessed
New Year!*

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, 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, Frank Ciccone, Cindy (Peli) Heege, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Dr. Vincent P. Rappa, 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,

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:

John J. Powers, Mary Maulella,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*



***THE HOLY
INNOCENTS
DECEMBER 28***

TODAY'S READINGS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9
Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8
Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-8a, 8 b-9, 10
Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Family, Faith and Faithfulness”

The term “family” can have different meanings. For instance, we speak about the human family, or a family of nations or of languages (Romance, Germanic, Slavic, Gaelic, etc.), or even of critters. Last summer, we had a messy and destructive family of raccoons that decided to nest by our AC unit.

The word conjures up various images in people's minds. The 1950s TV image of a father, a mother, and two children (often a boy and a girl) seems rather dated today, as we are told that this model not only is not comprehensive enough but also is rather discriminatory. One has only to look at the so-called families of modern TV programs to see the diversity of the “new norms”, each of which, we are told, is as equally valid and acceptable as the old model. A family, however, is not just a random collection of characters, as the PC crowd would have us think.

A true family is one that images the Most Holy Trinity. It is to be a communion of persons united by ties of mutual love, i.e., the total giving to the self to the other, in the manner of the Divine Trinity. The human family begins with a husband and a wife bound together in a permanent and faithful covenant of love, which, if physically fruitful, may be blessed with the birth of one or more children. This is what Professor Scott Hahn refers to as “the first society” in his excellent book by the same name, which I strongly recommend for everyone to read.

The family, as this first society, is the basic building block of all the rest, whether secular (our neighborhood community, the nation, or the world), or religious (our parish, the diocese, or the universal Church), or otherwise. Each of these entities is composed of a family of families united together, each one carrying out its proper role in the structure of the greater in order to achieve a common good. As such, the family is the initial and natural setting in which children are born, nurtured, and formed to share in the life, traditions, and heritage of the larger community, and where they are taught proper relationships with and responsibilities toward others.

Although this once was considered the norm, many people today struggle with it, going their own way of life in alternative relationships, usually temporary and often sadly unsuccessful or even destructive. What is missing in many cases is that unifying bond of true (not merely romantic, physical, or affectionate) love that unites a man and a woman and brings them together in a permanent relationship for their own mutual good, that of their offspring, and that of the greater community.

On today's feast of the Holy Family, the Scriptures speak to us quite naturally of families of faith, namely that of our ancestors in the Faith, the elderly couple Abraham and Sarah, in the first and second readings, and the young Holy Family of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in the Gospel. The former are given to us as examples of people whose faith was strong enough to enable them to trust in God's goodness, as strange as its realization might have seemed to them at the time. The latter are presented to us, not as a noble but unattainable ideal, but as the example of the realistically achievable relationship. All were simple people who were open to the grace of God.

Each family is called to a life of holiness and, thereby, to right relationship among its members and with God, the unseen member of every family. Parents are to set the example of love and respect for others through their love for one another and to form their children, guided by the teachings of the Faith.

“Nemo dat quod non habet” (“No one gives what he does not have”), says the Latin maxim. Therefore, parents must practice the Faith themselves, trusting in God Who give them the grace to carry out their responsibilities within the bond of marriage and as parents.

As we are about to begin a new year, let us rededicate ourselves to putting our faith into action and to accepting the grace of God, that we may grow stronger in our love for Him and for one another as members of the family of St. Margaret's Parish. May God our Father grant you and yours every grace and blessing, and may the Holy Family of Nazareth intercede for you!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign continues toward our goal of **\$80,015**. So far, **185 families have pledged \$73,178 (91.5%)**. We have **\$6,837 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 January 2, 2021.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!

FORMED IS COMING!

FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute, is coming to St. Margaret's in early 2021, 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.

BAPTISMS

Beginning in January, 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.

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.

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.



ACADEMY NEWS

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

St. Francis Preparatory School:

LAUTARO ARTIGALA, FILLIP BIELECKI,
SOFIA CARIDI, JESSICA DOHERTY,
SEBASTIANO ELMI, JULIA FERRANTINO,
ANDREW FRANZESE, SKYE KENNIFF,
GABRIELLA MARTINO, MARGUERITE MAUCERI,
MAGGIE MEENAN, ASHLEY MUNSON,
ANTHONY NAZARIO, IVANA ODDO,
SAMANTHA PACHECO, ELIANA SCANDARIATO,
GIUSEPPE SCANDARIATO, JILLIAN SCHMALZ,
JUSTIN SCHMALZ, JOHN ZHIVANAJ

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School:

MATTHEW BARBES, ADRIANNA DAVILA,
BRYAN DAVILA, RICHARD HUBERT,
DYLAN JONES, JOSEPH LaBARBERA,
ERIN LAKE, ASHLEY SADOWSKI, FIORELLA
VELIZ CAMPOS, DAVID DOJLIDKO,
TADHG McPARTLAND, LOUIS PERROTTA,
PATRICIA PERROTTA, STEVEN SIANO,
IZABELLA RODZIEWICZ, KAMRYN WALLS,
JAMES BOND, JUSTIN MARRONE

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

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!

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. Please
*use the request forms available in the church
vestibule and at the Rectory for your intentions.*

CONGRATULATIONS

*to Monsignor Thelen on the
50th Anniversary of his
Ordination to the Priesthood
December 18, 1970 - 2020
Ad multos annos!*

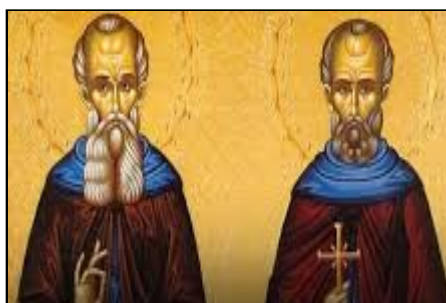


PARISH FINANCES

We depend on your kindness very heavily at this
time of year. Please be generous in the special
collections to **your parish**. We are projecting an
operating loss of over \$300,000 for the current fiscal
year, 9/1/20-8/31/21. We are at the point where we
cannot pay our bills without dipping into what
remains of rapidly thinning reserves.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support
your parish as best as possible during these difficult
times, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings!

To use **Faith Direct** for e-giving, go to the icon
on our website and follow the instructions to sign
up; or you can go straight to the **Faith Direct**
website and enter our parish code **NY299**. You can
change your decision later on, as you wish.



**SAINTS
BASIL
AND
GREGORY
JANUARY 2**