

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ MASS BELLS ~

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THIRD SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 24, 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.	JANUARY 24 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Rosanna Maurer
10:00	Anthony Lopresti/Angela Scaturro/ Rosaria Vitale/Luigi, Michael e Saverio Bosco/Giuseppe Catalano
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Jacob M. & Miriam J. Weiner Family
MON.	JANUARY 25 - CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE
7:00	Mina Sippenauer (anniv)
9:00	Arthur Woods
TUE.	JANUARY 26 - STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS
7:00	Gerald McDonald (birth)
9:00	Robert J. Schaefer
WED.	JANUARY 27 - ST. ANGELA MERICI
7:00	Anthony Lopresti
9:00	John Bohan
THU.	JANUARY 28 - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
7:00	Anna Cavaliere
9:00	Rose Goffredo
FRI.	JANUARY 29 - WEEKDAY
7:00	Professor J. Franzetti
9:00	Gerald & William J. Collins
SAT.	JANUARY 30 - WEEKDAY
9:00	collective: Deceased Religious of the Brooklyn & Rockville Centre Dioceses/ People of the Parish
5:00PM	
SUN.	JANUARY 31 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00	Anita Cacioppo
10:00	Cefina Capritto
NOON	Antonina Vaccaro
5:00PM	Frank Tomitz (anniv)



CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE JANUARY 25

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 Marchindondo, The Scaturro Family, 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, Karen Schaefer, Jill Archbold, Fr. Paul Weirichs CP, Hannah Lehman, John Austin Bryzgornia, 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, Genevieve (Jean) Cahill, Gerard Frohnhoefer,

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***

*May they rest
in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Gerald Collins and Family.

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of Catherine & Arthur Rogers.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Jean Marie Peshniak
at the request of the Rectory Staff.*



***SAINT
ANGELA MERICI
JANUARY 27***

TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10
Ps 25:4-9
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25
Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39
Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Dropping Everything for Jesus”

Imagine an almost perfect stranger coming up to you and telling you to drop everything, to change your ways, and to follow him, no questions asked. It's unlikely that most of us would comply any too quickly. Yet, that is exactly what Christ's first disciples did in today's Gospel passage.

Now, we might think that it was easy for them. After all, we say, they had little to give up aside from backbreaking work and dealing with stinky fish every day. But we would be wrong. These were businessmen with partners and employees, families and homes. They were not wealthy by any stretch of the imagination, and perhaps barely eked out a living for themselves and their families, but they surely were people with something to lose: their livelihood, their way of life, their families, and their lives. Their positive response was as radical and surprising as Jesus' call.

How do we respond to that same call today? Are we prepared to repent of our sins and change our lives, removing all obstacles that separate us from God? Are we ready to drop everything to live the life of Christian discipleship, to take up our crosses each day and even to lay down our lives to follow Jesus, Who offers us eternal life? As one Mid-west US bishop put it recently, are we truly committed to following Jesus Christ, or do we simply admire Him from a safe distance?

These are questions that each one of us must answer for ourselves, sooner or later, and the sooner the better. Jesus calls us each day to reject sin and to accept the grace of God in order to live a life of holiness. We may not leave our jobs, families, and homes behind, but each of us must respond with commitment and proclaim our love for Jesus Christ by living as He has commanded us to live.

“Repent, then come and follow Me,” He says. May God bless you along your journey of faith and bring you to the fullness of life that Christ has won for us!

~Fr. Armato



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign has come to a close. Thanks to the **198 families** have pledged \$77,445, we hit **96.8%** of our goal of **\$80,015**.

While we didn't attain our goal this year, we exceeded the 2019 pledges by \$4,813. This is remarkable, given the difference in conditions between 2019 and 2020. God bless all of you who responded!

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!

ASK FATHER

We will resume small groups for discussion and prayer once the closures are over. Meanwhile, if you have a question about the Faith, Scripture, liturgy, etc., jot it down and submit it via the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory. We will try to address the questions each week here in the *Mass Bells*.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open only for Masses and baptisms, and closed at all other times to enable us to clean and sanitize.

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. Families or couples are allowed to sit together, but individuals still must observe social distance in church.

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!

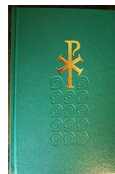
MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

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, February 13, 2021.



NEW HYMNALS

Our new hardbound hymnal with the full three-year cycle of Scripture readings 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.

SEX ABUSE REPORTING

Call 1-800-342-3720 or 1-888-634-4499 toll free to report possible cases of sexual abuse involving children or adults.

PARISH FINANCES

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!

Still, we are projecting an *operating loss of over \$300,000* for the current fiscal year. We are at the point where we cannot pay our bills without dipping into what remains of rapidly thinning reserves.

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.

A financial report for 2019-20 actual and a projection for 2020-21 will be provided to the Parish in February.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for tax purposes
WILL BE AVAILABLE
ONLY UPON REQUEST

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911

AFTER FEBRUARY 1

if you would like a statement mailed to you.

YOUNG SINGERS WANTED

We now have music at all weekend Masses. In order to enhance the celebration at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass, we have formed 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 in the next few weeks.

VOLUNTEER TECHIE WANTED

We need the assistance of someone who is tech savvy to help with developing the parish website and our e-mail database. Please contact Fr. Armato, if you are interested.

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

MANY, MANY THANKS from the New York Blood Center to all who responded to the request for much needed blood donations. Due to COVID-19 we could not host our Blood Drive on Sunday, January 17 in any of our parish buildings but the drive was conducted at The Shops at Atlas Park.

We are happy to report that 48 units of blood were collected, a great testament to the dedication of the members of our community in supporting our Blood Drives. We commend the New York Blood Center staff for a job well done!

FORMED IS HERE!

FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute, has come to St. Margaret's and is available without charge to all parishioners. All that is needed to visit the website is Internet access and an e-mail account. Simply go to *formed.org*, enter our Parish name, and then follow the prompts.

FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more.

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 per session.

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



***SAINT
THOMAS
AQUINAS
JANUARY 28***