

ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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~ **MASS BELLS** ~

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2, 2022

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 2, 2022 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Anna e Guido Carosi/Margaret Amore/ Ignazio Mangiaracina/John Amore/ Michelle LaBove/
NOON	Velma Begy
5:00PM	Estelle Postel
MON.	JANUARY 3 - HOLY NAME OF JESUS
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Marion Farrenkopf
TUE.	JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
7:00	Anthony Pazemenas
9:00	Louis Meyers
WED.	JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN
7:00	Elize Pererson
9:00	Mary Jane Huemmer
THU.	JANUARY 6 - ST. ANDRE BESSETTE
7:00	Frank Kala
9:00	Thomas Quinn
FRI.	JANUARY 7 - FIRST FRIDAY ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT
7:00	Paul Milana, Sr.
9:00	Sr. Rose Godfrey Cerar
SAT.	JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
9:00	Deceased Priest of the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses/ Holy Hour
9:30	Holy Hour
5:00PM	Stanley Andrzejewski (anniv)
SUN.	JANUARY 9 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00	Thomas Mazza
10:00	Daniele Bussa/Cynthia Martino/Anthony Clemente
NOON	Peter Bojceniuk
5:00PM	Jeffrey Matusiak



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. 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 **BEFORE YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE CATERING HALL.** 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 REHEARSALS ARE SUSPENDED.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #119 MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.

CUB PACK #119 MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED.

SENIOR CITIZENS meet every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Center.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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, 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, Carmen Gonzalez, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Bernard Russo, John & Katie Bryzgornia, Eric Velasquez, Joseph Simon, Emma Green, Mary Policke, Donna Stubbs, Heig Allocca, Joyce Seecheeck, The Valasquez Family, Kathryn Hummel, Caroline Martin, Michelle LaBove, Christine Arundel, Jamie Allison, Eileen Hagan, Regina Caridi, Lenny Masone, Lorraine Colon, James Buchanan, Joseph Guecia, Jacob Zane, Joan Grippo,

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:

*Carmela Bruno, Joseph T. Tucci,
May they rest in Christ's Peace!*

MEMORIALS

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

are offered in memory of John Pascale.

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Robert Forte and
Anita Ann Competello.*



**HOLY
NAME
OF
JESUS
JANUARY 3**

TODAY'S READINGS

***Epiphany of the Lord
Cycle C - Hymnal number 878***

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 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 4:14-22

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

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

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 104: 1b-2, 3-4,
24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Christmas Celebration Continues”

This weekend, we in the USA celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. (Most of the Church continues to observe the traditional date of January 6.) The word “epiphany” is of Greek origin and means a manifestation, or showing forth, in this case, the Messiah being recognized by gentiles, represented by the Magi, or “Wise Men” as we commonly call them.

Who and how many these strangers were and where they came from are not detailed in today’s Gospel account (St. Matthew is the only writer who refers to them), but tradition numbers them as three, because of the gifts that they presented (gold, frankincense, and myrrh), and names them Gaspar, Balthazar, and Melchior, coming from lands representing the three continents known to the Mediterranean peoples at that time: Asia, Africa, and Europe.

Gold is offered to the newborn King of kings and Lord of lords. Frankincense is presented because this Child is true God as well as true man. Finally, myrrh is given as a reminder that the Newborn has come into the world to die for the sins of all of mankind (myrrh was used in ancient times as an embalming agent).

The importance of the story, though, lies not with the gifts or the names of the Magi but that the promise of salvation has been fulfilled not only for the children of Israel but also for all of the Gentile peoples through Jesus Christ, the newborn King of the Jews, Who was rejected by the leaders of His own people even at His birth as well as at His Passion – leaders, both civil and religious, who should have known better, for the prophecies were many down through the ages. Today, then, should be a day of great rejoicing for people of every race and nation, of every time in history, for we have been shown the love and mercy of God, Who has sent His only-begotten Son to reconcile us to Himself.

Do we recognize the presence of God in our own lives? If so, how? If not, then we need to reflect more carefully, for truly God is with us. Do we manifest the presence of Christ to others by the way that we live as His good and faithful disciples? If not, then let us begin to do so, for every day that God gives us is a new opportunity to turn to Him.

May we come to know Christ Jesus better in this new year, and, through Him, our God and Father, and may the Lord grant you and yours every grace and blessing!

~ *Fr. Armato*



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

With a few last-minute donations, we are closing the **2021 Annual Catholic Appeal** campaign with **\$79,785 in pledges** received from **183 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **105% of goal**. *Thanks to all who made this year's Campaign a success for the Parish!*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We 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 Saturday, January 8.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord! Let us pray for our nation.

PARISH LIFE

Life and mission in the Parish are returning to normal as Mass, meetings, athletics, prayer meetings, outreach, etc., all are resuming.

Take reasonable precautions, but get involved in the life of your Parish as much as possible!

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

Thanks all of our parishioners and the parents and children of St. Margaret Academy for their very generous donations to our Thanksgiving Food Drive and to our Christmas Giving Tree.

A special "thank you" to Kathy Henn who baked a pumpkin bread for each of our pantry families.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for tax purposes

**WILL BE ISSUED
ONLY UPON REQUEST.**

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911,

AFTER JANUARY 9th.

if you would like a statement mailed to you.

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

The Food Pantry is in need of cooking oil, mayo, catsup, ground coffee (no decaf), bottled juice and tuna. As always, 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 15.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

We are back to 100% occupancy for use of the church for Mass and other celebrations. The Church will be open for private prayer until 12 Noon on weekdays, from 8:30am to 6pm on Saturdays, and between Masses on Sundays.

Come early and/or stay afterwards to pray, and bring someone to Mass with you!

Please observe these common sense rules for your safety and that of others as we enter into a new phase of the pandemic:

~ Do **NOT** enter the church, if you are feeling sick.
~ Church teaching does **NOT** prohibit vaccinations; they are encouraged.

~ **PLEASE WEAR A FACEMASK OR COVERING AT ALL TIMES AS A BASIC PRECAUTION WHILE IN THE CHURCH, EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED.** In your charity, consider those around you.

~ Receive Communion in the hand.
~ Leave nothing behind you when leaving the church after Mass.

CONNECT TO FORMED!

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.

FORMED is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation, prayer, sacramental preparation, and so much more. Recent presentations include videos on Jesus, the Holy Family, daily reflections, love and marriage, activities for children, and many other interesting topics.

The app can be downloaded very easily to your computer or ROKU and also to your cell phone or iPad so that you can enjoy the presentations wherever you happen to be.

To **register** on FORMED:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org/signup
- 2) Enter our Zip Code, 11379, and select St. Margaret.
- 3) Enter your name and email address.

If you **already have a FORMED account**:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org
- 2) Click on "Sign In"
- 3) Enter your email address
- 4) Click the link to your email
- 5) BOOM! You're in and free to explore to your heart's delight.

PARISH FINANCES

Thanks to all of you who are responding to the stewardship initiative and continue to support *your* parish as best as possible during these difficult times, whether through e-giving or in-pew offerings, and for your generosity in the several regular and special collections during Advent and Christmas!

Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship and commit to increasing your on-going support as your means will allow.

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 **faithdirect.net** and enter our parish code, **NY299**. You can change your decision later on, as you wish.

OPEN MEETING

The clergy and people of our Deanery parishes will celebrate Mass with Bishop Brennan at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs beginning at 7:30pm this Friday, January 7. All are welcome.



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

IS OPEN

Sunday, from 9am until 1pm

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: StMargGiftShop@ yahoo.com

MARY' GARDEN

Work has been done to spruce up the garden areas in front of the Parish Hall as a place for prayer to our Blessed Mother. We've also cleaned up the property alongside the Parish Center, allowing more air and light into the classrooms and also providing areas for seasonal planting.

Some money has been donated already, but more donations are needed. Memorials can be made for \$250 for each intention and will be posted on a commemorative board in the church vestibule. Please contact the Rectory to arrange for your intention.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

There is an **URGENT NEED** for Blood donations and the New York Blood Center is asking again for our help.



St. Margaret Parish will be sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **Sunday, January 16, 2022** from **9:00am until 3:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Please remember to eat and drink before you come and to bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it is requested that you schedule an appointment for this Blood Drive by calling 800-933-2566 or go to

<https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/driveschedule/284611>

Walk-ins will be accommodated if social distancing can be maintained. For your safety and the safety of others, a mask must be worn at all times.