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SECOND SUNDAY
IN
ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 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.	DECEMBER 5 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8:00	Concetta & John Aversa
10:00	Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Michele LoRe/Frank Armano/
NOON	Martin & Charlotte Wintergerst
5:00PM	Peter Bojcenjuk
MON.	DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Anthony DeSiervi
TUE.	DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE
7:00	John McNeilis
9:00	Filippo & Girolama Curatolo
7:30PM	Robert Gockley, Sr.
WED.	DECEMBER 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00	Mario Salce
9:00	People of the Parish
7:30PM	Marion Farrenkopf <u>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</u>
THU.	DECEMBER 9 - ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN
7:00	Anne Mohan
9:00	Charles L. Stuffel
FRI.	DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:00	Bernadette Innocent
9:00	Gaetano Morreale
SAT.	DECEMBER 11 - ST. DAMASUS
9:00	collective: Leonardo Curatolo/Int. Salvatore Pugliese/Paul Petronella/Reynaldo King/
11:45	Memorial Mass: Irene F. Bogert, Rose Tantillo, Anna McManus, Vita Giannini, Nunzio Fontana, Michele Vassallo, Ronald Conacchio, Rose Mary Bonocore, Joseph Caridi, Genaro Corzo,
5:00PM	David P. Jones (anniv)
SUN.	DECEMBER 12 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/Michele Lore/Salvatore Mauro
NOON	Sr. Brigid Kelly (anniv)
3:00PM	Lessons & Carols
5:00PM	Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles



**SAINT
NICHOLAS
DECEMBER 6**

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,

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:

Christine D. Wierzbowski,

Reynaldo King

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of Frances Saporito
at the request of Carol & Joseph Peraino.*

ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

*are offered in memory of David P. Jones
at the request of Barbara Mundy.*

TABERNACLE LAMP THIS WEEK

*is lit in memory of Marion Farrenkopf
at the request of Terry Basedow.*



THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY
DECEMBER 8

TODAY'S READINGS

***Second Sunday in Advent
Cycle C - Hymnal number 863***

Bar 5:1-9

Ps 126:1-6

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Is 35:1-10

Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11

Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20

Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab

Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Is 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a

Is 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

From the Pastor's Desk:

"On That Day"

It seems as if we play the same sort of waiting game every December. For those of us who are young, the dragging days seem like years until the 25th arrives; the younger we are, the longer the wait. For those of us who are on in years, it seems as if there are never enough hours in the day or days in the week to accomplish all that needs to get done. Yes, I'm writing about Advent and Christmas in particular, but I think that the observation applies just as well to life in general.

Now imagine waiting for the fulfillment of a promised event not for a matter of days or weeks or months or even years but of century upon century. Such was the wait of the Lord's Chosen People in anticipation of the promised Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One of God, who would deliver them, heal their wounds, and restore the greatness of Kingdom for the glory of God. Year after year, through good times and times of oppression, through faithfulness and faithlessness, they journeyed toward the promise. Small wonder that it was a checkered history of so many ups and downs in the people's relationship with God.

Sadly, so many missed the delivery when it came, despite the repeated messages of the prophets and, finally, the proclamation of St. John the Baptist. Even more sadly, however, so many in our own time, twenty centuries later, still do not perceive or accept the fulfillment of the great promise by Christ. It's worse than walking over a valuable package left on our doorstep.

This holy season is supposed to be for us a time of joyful, prayerful preparation to celebrate and commemorate the deliverance brought about by the birth of our Savior. It also is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord at the end of time – of all time and of our own lifetime. The first part is relatively easy; the second part, as I noted last week, requires a considerable amount of effort on our part, for we are called to make straight and level a way for the Lord into our lives, into our hearts, into the innermost region of our souls. This requires us to jettison whatever sinful baggage we're hauling that keeps us from God and to acquire instead a new attitude and way of life that is centered on the teachings and the very life and Person of Jesus Christ. The result of that is laid out for us by St. Paul: that our love for one another and for God might increase and produce good fruit for the glory of God – always for the glory of God.

In the course of our busyness this year, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, can we make a little more time for private prayer? for reflecting on the Scriptures, Old and New, that speak to us of the great promise and its delivery? for attending Mass more regularly and more frequently? for going to confession in order to drop the baggage of the sins that we've been carrying and instead allow the grace of God to strengthen us for all of the demands of life?

In the course of our busyness this year, can we make some provision for those who are less fortunate than we are, and to reach out to the lonely, the sick, the homebound, and those who are struggling under heavy burdens of one sort or another, so that our oft-repeated greeting of "merry Christmas and happy New Year" might be more than cheerful but empty words?

We are members of the Body of Christ and adopted children of God by virtue of our baptism. God continues to provide us each day and in every situation with the grace needed in order to live a fuller life, to do what is just and right and holy in His eyes. Let this blessed season of Advent be one of true spiritual growth, that we may celebrate His birth with great joy and love and that His return may not find us lacking in fervor or devotion, in faith or good works.

May God, Who has begun the good work in you, bring it to fulfillment on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ! That Day has come, and it will come again.

~ Fr. Armato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We went *OVER THE TOP* for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign with **\$79,450 in pledges** received from **180 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **104.5% of goal**. *Thanks to all who supported this year's Campaign!*

Money raised by this campaign is used to support program for our elderly and youth, nursing facilities, seminarians and retired priests, and other diocesan and parish pastoral needs.

Please note: NO money received through this campaign is used in the settlement of ANY lawsuits.



ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Help us raise funds for our organization by donating your gently worn, used and new shoes! A box will be placed outside the Parish Hall on the steps, from **8:00 until 11:45am**.

Please place gently used or new shoes only, rubber banded together in the box.

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprises, who are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size.

Share this wonderful fundraiser with family and friends.

For any questions haasmca@gmail.com

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, except this January.

The next holy hour is Saturday, January 8, 2022.

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

ST. JOSEPH

The *Year of St. Joseph* will come to a close with this Wednesday's solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day of obligation), but continue your devotions to him. You always can **go to Joseph** with your problems.

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 Holiday foods. Ground coffee (no decaf), stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, jams, gravy and canned fruit. 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, December 11. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin for Mass intentions.



The St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring its Annual Christmas **"GIVING TREE"**. We appreciate your donation of a children's toy or game and/or a clothing item (unwrapped) for a child ages infant to 12 years.

WHEN: Through December 8.

WHERE: The black bin in the vestibule of the church or to St. Margaret convent, (66-25 79th Pl.) on Wednesday or Saturday 10am until 12 Noon.

QUESTIONS: Call Terry, 718-326-0188.

Thank you for your generosity and may you have a blessed Christmas!

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!

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.

A Financial Report will be released to the Parish via the Mass Bells in the coming weeks for your review.



LESSONS & CAROLS

You are cordially invited to attend attend Lessons & Carols NEXT Sunday, December 12, at 3:00pm. in the Church.

This year's afternoon will be dedicated to the anniversaries of the Clergy and Religious of our parish.

We welcome you back to church and are grateful for your support of our music ministry.

Please join the choir, and the children of St. Margaret Catholic Academy for a prayerful and spiritual afternoon.

PARISH LIFE

Life and mission in the Parish are strong: the **Senior Citizens** have resumed meeting, the **CYO** is up and running again, **adult study groups** have been gathering each week, **altar servers** are back with a new group installed this Sunday, our **Adult Choir** is growing and rehearsing for next week's **Lessons and Carols** and Christmas, the **Maggie's Little Theatre troupe** are working on a show for February, the **St. Vincent dePaul Society** is busy caring for our neighbors who are in need, and our **Gift Shop** is now open for business with items for Advent and Christmas. **Get involved in the life of YOUR Parish!**

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 Advent, the meaning of Christmas, "Mary of Nazareth", daily prayer, Scripture study, programs in English, Spanish, and Polish, teaching toddlers number and the alphabet, saints and heroes 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.

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:

- ~ Do **NOT** enter the church, if you are feeling sick.
- ~ Church teaching does **NOT** prohibit vaccinations; they are encouraged.
- ~ Wearing a facemask or covering is recommended (and may become mandated), **EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED**. Please consider those around you.
- ~ Receive Communion in the hand.