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~ MASS BELLS ~

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 26, 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 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
8:00	Anna Roemmelt
10:00	Andrea & Adriana Sciuara/Deniele Bussa/ Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Luigi Bonello/Marco Colalella/Nicolo Mancino/ Antonino Tartamella/
NOON	People of the Parish
5:00PM	Benny Moccio
MON.	DECEMBER 27 - ST. JOHN
7:00	Philomena Karcher (anniv)
9:00	Margaret (Patty) Heckel
TUE.	DECEMBER 28 - THE HOLY INNOCENTS
7:00	Carol McDonald (birth)
9:00	Rev. Msgr. John Lavin (anniv)
WED.	DECEMBER 29 - ST. THOMAS BECKET
7:00	Frank Parente
9:00	Tom Cordero (birth)
THU.	DECEMBER 30 - SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:00	Marion Farrenkopf
9:00	John & Theresa Rice
FRI.	DECEMBER 31 - ST. SYLVESTER/ NEW YEAR'S EVE
9:00	Santora, Gardini & Cermeli Families
5:00PM	People of the Parish
SAT.	JANUARY 1, 2022 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/ NEW YEAR'S DAY/ FIRST SATURDAY
10:00	People of the Parish
NOON	Enrico Franzese
	NO EVENING MASS
SUN.	JANUARY 2 - SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00	People of the Parish
10:00	Anna e Guido Carosi/Margaret Amore/ John Amore/Michelle LaBove/Ignazio Mangiaracina/
NOON	Velma Begy
5:00PM	Estelle Postel

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR
MASSES ARE AT 9:00AM AND 5:00PM
A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

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 Marchindiondo, 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 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, Carmen Gonzalez, Edward Stoltzenberg, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Bernard Russo, John & Katie Bryzgoria, 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:

Mary Carroll,

May they rest in Christ's Peace!

MEMORIALS

WINE & HOST THIS WEEK

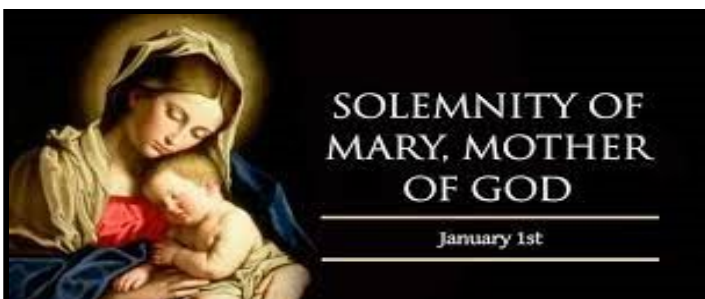
*are offered in memory of Peter Bojцениuk
at the request of Helen Bojцениuk.*

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
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TODAY'S READINGS

***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Cycle C - Hymnal number 876***

1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or
Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14
Ps 84 2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or
Col 3, 12-21, or
Col 3:12-17
Lk 2:41-52

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20: 1a and 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8
Mt 2:13-18

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

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

Friday: 1 Jn 2:19-21
Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8 (2a)
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

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:

“The Celebration Continues”

This week Holy Mother Church observes two important celebrations: today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, and next Saturday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Both continue the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

Today's feast is important because it reminds us of the calling of every family: to be confident in God as we strive for holiness and live lives of humble, loving service to one another. The family is the building block of all of society and, for Christians, forms the domestic Church, where the Faith is shared and parents exercise their responsibilities to nurture and raise their children in the ways of God, as they promised to do at the time of their children's baptism. It's also a much-needed reminder to us of every child's need for the presence in their life of both a mother and a father united in love (sadly, over 25% of all children in the USA live in one-parent households), especially during their formative years, and of the duty of children to respect, love, and, in time, care for their parents.

Next Saturday we will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as “Mother of God”, a title going back to before the Council of Ephesus at which it was confirmed as dogma in 431. The solemnity speaks to us most especially, though, about what we believe about her Son. Of course, Mary is not the mother of the Most Holy Trinity, but the second Person of the Trinity took on our humanity through her. As He is true God as well as true man, therefore, she rightly is called “Mother of God”. How wonderful that the Mother of God also is our Mother, the Mother of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ of which we are members, brothers and sisters in the Lord and children of God by adoption!

Today's Gospel finds Mary, Joseph, and Jesus fulfilling one of their duties as practicing Jews, namely, celebrating the feast of Passover in Jerusalem. The crowds being enormous, it is small wonder that Jesus could have gotten separated from Mary and Joseph. It is a great heartache to lose for even a moment any child in a crowd. Imagine, though the anxiety of Mary and Joseph at having lost for three days the Son of God Who had been entrusted to their care! They must have been nearly out of their minds, fearing the worst. Where else would He be, though, except in the Temple, the House of His Father, busy about His Father's “business” – the salvation of souls.

Sometimes we look for God all over the place, only to find Him in the places that should be the very first in which to look: in His Church, in His Word, and in His Sacraments. This is where we, too, are supposed to be busy, worshipping God, strengthening our relationship with Him, and growing in faith and spiritual strength so as to continue His “business” in the mission given to us by Jesus Christ by virtue of our baptism: the salvation of souls.

May God grant you and yours every grace and blessing in this holy season and throughout the new year as you honor Jesus the Christ, Mary, His most blessed Mother, and St. Joseph, His foster father!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are closing the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign with **\$79,565 in pledges** received from **181 families** against **this year's goal of \$76,014**. That's **104.7% of goal**. *Thanks to all who supported this year's Campaign!*

Please remember to **pay your pledge this week** so that we can receive whatever is collected above our goal!

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 month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, January 8.

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



SAINT MARGARET GIFT SHOP IS OPEN

Sunday, from 9am until 1pm

We have a selection of religious goods:
Rosaries - Medals - Gifts - Crucifixes - Statues -
Bibles 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

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.

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 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, 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.

~ **Wearing a facemask or covering is requested of EVERYONE** as a simple precaution, **EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED**. In your charity, consider those around you.

- ~ Receive Communion in the hand.

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 and Christmas, the saints of December, daily reflections, topics of men's and women's interests, teaching toddlers, activities for children (good to keep them productively busy during the Christmas break), 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!

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.

MASS WITH BISHOP BRENNAN

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



NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

2021 - 2022

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

(not a holy day of obligation)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday, December 31

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10am (Bilingual - (It/Eng.)), 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

PARISH LIFE

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

Get involved in the life of YOUR Parish!

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Help us to 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, weekdays**.

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. Share this wonderful fundraiser with family and friends.

For any questions **haasmca@gmail.com**

MARY'S 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.