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**SECOND
SUNDAY
IN
ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022**

THE GREAT COMMISSION

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age!”

~ Matthew 28: 19-20

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUN.	~	DECEMBER 4 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8:00		George Smith
10:00		Eugeniusz Latka/Kazimierz Libera/ Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Marcellino Troia/ Albertina e Salvatore Oppedisano/ Salvatore Fazzolari./Patricia Mills/ Virginia Layton/Int. Giuseppina Troia
NOON		James Bohan (birth)
5:00PM		Concetta & John Averna
MON.	~	DECEMBER 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:00		Purgatorial Society
9:00		Rev. Arthur Candreva
TUE.	~	DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS
7:00		Michael Traina
9:00		Robert Gockley
WED.	~	DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE
7:00		Patricia Gladys Lucas
9:00		Filippo e Giorlamo Curatolo
7:30PM		Michael Gebert
THU.	~	DECEMBER 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
7:00		People of the Parish
9:00		Carmine Zocchi, Sr.
7:30PM		Piero Zangrilli
FRI.	~	DECEMBER 9 - ST. JUAN DIEGO
7:00		Irene & Arthur Connolly
9:00		Charles S. Suffel
SAT.	~	DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00		Collective: Diane Kooij
11:45		Memorial Mass: Kevin P. Martin, Kerri Ann Nijhawan, Salvatore Liggieri, Albina Pugliese, Mary Ann Orsi, Neil Tavernite, Chester R. Watkins
5:00PM		Gaetano Morreale
SUN.	~	DECEMBER 11 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY
8:00		People of the Parish
10:00		Lauretta Burriesci/Leonardo Curatolo/ Vincenza, Mariano e Salvatore Palmeri/ Geraldine Ciaccio/Antonino Catalano/ Michael Gebert/Rebecca & Aloysius David
NOON		David P. Jones (anniv)
3:00PM		Lessons and Carols
5:00PM		Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles



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PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

**Monday - Friday - 9am to Noon
and 1pm to 5pm**

Saturday - 9am to 2pm

**Other times by appointment only.
Sunday - closed**

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4:00-4:45 PM.

NOVENA to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Mondays after the 9 AM Mass.

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY
devotion are prayed every morning in the church
at 8:30 AM.

BAPTISMS take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday
of each month, at 1:30 PM. Please call the rectory
for an appointment and to register your child.

WEDDINGS MUST be scheduled at least six (6)
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.

ENGLISH CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays at
7 PM in the Church. Tenors and baritones needed!

THE YOUTH CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays
at 3pm in the Church.

SENIOR CITIZENS meetings are held every
Wednesday at 11:30am, in the Parish Center.

**ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS HAVE
RESUMED. SEE SCHEDULE.**

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.*

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, Allen McConville, Jack Marchindiondo, The Scaturro Family, Louis Pittelli, James Graff, The Mojica Family, Matthew Zender, Anthony Pittelli, Charlie Krzewski, Helga Zender, Deacon John DeBiase, Tom Haubert, John Miller, Cathie Greulich, Santos Santiago, William & Patricia Scharach, Bernard Russo, John & Katie Bryzgornia, Eric Velasquez, Joseph Simon, Emma Green, Mary Policke, The Valasquez Family, Caroline Martin, Michelle LaBove, Christine Arundel, Jamie Allison, Eileen Hagan, Regina Caridi, Lenny Masone, Lorraine Colon, James Buchanan, Joseph Guecia, Jacob Zane, Joan Grippo, Hazel Scanlon, Ray and Pam Sadler, Pauline Vella, Dennis Roberts, Louisa Diviney, Daniel Wilson, Marie Breslin, Robert Sukup, Sam Cianciolo, Maria Fava, Jeremiah Harris, Cathy Wilkenson, Maria Cermeli, Frank Marlow, Stephen Crane, Sara Alvarado, Denis Mets, Samantha Cianciolo, Maria Colalella, Vicki Lydecker, Vito Dugandzic, Lisa Lanzetta, Maria Barretta, Paula Kammer, Carol Hensley, Joan Hanahoe, Grace Sorrentino, Bob Bicknese, Jerry Feldman, Kathleen Mercado, Janice McManus-Genevrino, Rita Heilman,

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:

*Rev. Nicholas M. Colalella
Paul Zwolak*

Pray for first responders and medical personnel.

Pray for the men from our Parish who are serving in
the defense of our country:

*Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici
Alexander Gockley, Pz2*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

especially this week:

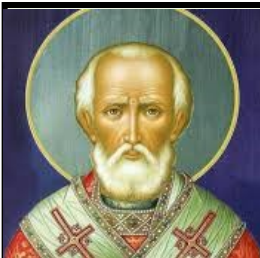
***NEIL TAVERNITE, CHESTER R. WATKINS
GAUDENZIA CIPOLLA***

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them!
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through Thy mercy,
rest in peace! Amen!*

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

WINE & HOSTS

*are offered in memory of James Bohan
at the request of Maurice & Margaret.*



SAINT
NICHOLAS
DECEMBER 6

TODAY'S READINGS

***Second Sunday in Advent
Cycle A - Hymnal # 861***

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 85:9-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 96:1-13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Genesis 3:9-20
Psalm 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-12
Luke 1:26-38

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19
Psalm 1:1-6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Sirach 48:1-11
Psalm 80:2-19
Matthew 7:9-13

Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:6-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!”
~ *St. Jerome*

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Repent and Prepare in Joyful Hope”

While the world around us is busy preparing for Christmas, whether in a secular or religious manner, this second Sunday of Advent finds us (hopefully) still in a state of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. To last week's Gospel message on the need to be prepared is added St. John the Baptist's call to repent or face the consequences. St. John, the “bridge between the Testaments”, prepared the way for the immediate coming of the Messiah, but his words challenge us to do the same for the coming of Christ at the end of time – ours and that of the world.

Last weekend I preached on the need for all of us to examine our lives and to put things in good order. Included was the admonition to get to confession as part of our on-going preparation, not only for Christmas, but also as a regular part of setting right our relationship with the Lord in order to be prepared to receive Him properly, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I noted that most of us would be in big trouble, i.e., caught off guard in a state of sin, were Jesus to walk into the church at that very moment and announce that our time was up.

As I greeted the people after Mass, one woman told me that she thought that my words had made an impact, to which I replied that the proof of that would be found in the length of the line for confession come this Saturday. It being Tuesday evening as I write this article, the jury is still out, but the smart money tells me to bring my beads and some spiritual reading into “the box” Saturday afternoon.

What makes us so reluctant to take good advantage of God's mercy and the grace to reform our lives? If it's fear or embarrassment, that's something promoted by Satan, who had no problem in helping us to sin but who tries his best to keep us there. If it's arrogant, false pride that leads us to deny our wrongdoing, the same enemy is behind it. Whatever our reason, while we have the sickness (sin) we also have the cure and remedy (God's mercy), if we call upon Him.

St. John the Baptist had no problem in calling out the hypocrisy of some of his curious listeners. He did so plainly, without mincing words, challenging them in no uncertain terms to reform their lives so as to attain eternal life. He also laid out the real consequences of hellfire and damnation if they did not change. What applied to the people of the Baptist's time applies equally well to us today. Each of us in our own way and for our own reasons has a need to reform and to allow the grace of God to work in us and through us in order that we might have a radical change of heart, and produce the fruit of good works in testimony.

God has given us the Sacraments and the Scriptures to draw us closer to Him and to enable us to live a righteous, just, and holy life that is good, true, and beautiful in His eyes. St. Paul reminds us in today's epistle that the Scriptures were “written for our instruction, that by endurance and [their] encouragement we might have hope.” That definitely does not seem like our doom is sealed, but rather that the possibility of radical change by the grace of God is quite real and within our grasp.

Furthermore, the Prophet Isaiah speaks of a descendant of David who would bring about true justice and restore the universal peace and harmony that existed at the creation of the world, the “peaceable Kingdom” that is the theme of many early American works of art, now made real in the Person of Christ Jesus, Who unites Jew and Gentile in glorifying God for His mercy, as St. Paul wrote.

The second Sunday of Advent is a reminder for us to prepare by repenting of our sins and reforming our lives. It is the undertaking of a lifetime, one that we carry out with fear of the Lord, i.e., profound awe at and grateful for God's love for us in sending us His Son as our Savior and Redeemer. Whether we are ready or not, He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Let us produce the fruit of good works, then, as we prepare in joyful hope, not only for Christmas but also for eternal life in the peaceable Kingdom of the Father.

~ *Fr. Armato*

BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

The heat finally is on in the main building, and the *second* new boiler has been installed and should be up and running soon.

The cost of the project is estimated at over \$480,000. We have received a **loan** from the Diocese of \$350,000, which must be repaid over the next few years. Other money will come from our *Generations of Faith* account and dwindling Parish reserves, but a capital campaign will be needed. More information on this will follow shortly.

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 10:30 am on the first Saturday of each month.

The next holy hour is Saturday, January 7.

Come and spend some quality time with the Lord!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace intercede for her children!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL '22

Thanks to all who have pledged toward this year's ACA campaign! We're at **\$72,683, 95.6% of the way toward our goal of \$76,014 with just \$3,331 to go!** A fair-share donation is just \$150 from each family, but, as always, whatever your means allow is most appreciated. Pledges can be paid out in lump sum or installments until the end of the year.

Envelopes are available on the radiators for you to make a pledge. You also can **pledge on-line at: annualcatholicappeal.org**

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH!

Please remember St. Margaret's in your will. It's a simple but important way to say "Thank you" for the years that the Parish has been here to serve your spiritual, social, and physical needs.

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY



is located in the Convent
66-25 79th Place and is open

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
from 10:00am to 12:00Noon

Most needed are supermarket gift cards or certificates which **we will use** to buy fresh fruits, eggs, cheese, butter and bread. You can place cards and certificates in the rectory office mail slot.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERISHABLE
ITEMS IN THE BIN IN THE VESTIBULE OF
THE CHURCH!**

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 on Saturday, December 10. See listing on page 2 of this bulletin.

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open for private prayer: Monday-Friday, 6:30am to 12:00 Noon; Saturday, 8:30am to 6:00pm; Sunday, 7:30am to 6:00pm. Come and spend some quality time with the Lord before or after Mass or during the day.

Please use common sense for your safety and that of others.

WE INVITE YOU TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Spend some time reflecting on the Advent Gospels. We meet on **Tuesdays, at 11am and Wednesdays at 7pm** in the Convent Meeting room.

Upcoming reflection themes are:

The One who is to Come - Dec. 6 and 7

Emmanuel - Dec. 13 and 14

*Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, into our lives,
into our world!*

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; two seasons of "The Chosen" series; "Brother Francis" videos for children; and many more 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.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

*to join our adult and children's
choirs, for an afternoon of*

Lessons and Carols

*which will be dedicated to 160 years of
Catholic Education in our Parish.
This prayerful and spiritual service will
take place **next Sunday, December 11,**
at 3:00pm in the Church.*

*"The singing of hymns is one of the best ways to put
ourselves in tune with the Spirit of the Lord".*

PARISH FINANCES

Times are tough for all of us. While Mass attendance is up, our regular and special collections are down. **Last week's in-pew collection was only \$4,011, about one third of our operating expenses for the week.**

Please prayerfully consider your current level of stewardship in the next few weeks in order to commit to increasing your offerings, as your means will allow.

On-line giving helps to keep your donations current when you are away from the Parish. 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.

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!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Once again, the St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring the Christmas

"GIVING TREE"



Proceeds will go to less fortunate children in our parish and neighboring parishes.

WHAT: New, unwrapped toys or clothing for children ages infant to 12 years.

WHEN: Through **next Sunday, December 11**

WHERE: Please choose a gift card, (or two), from the vestibule of the church and return your gifts to the black bin in the church vestibule or to the Convent, (66-25 79 Place) on Wednesday or Saturday from 10am to 12 Noon.

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

ATTENTION, YOUNG ADULTS

The next special **holy hour for young adults (18 to 30 -something)** will be held in the church on **Thursday, December 15**, from 7:30 to 8:30pm. It will include Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture reflection, Rosary, and time for both private and communal prayer.

Bring a friend and spend some quality time together with the Lord!