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**THIRD SUNDAY
IN
ADVENT
GAUDETE SUNDAY
DECEMBER 11, 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 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 and Aloysius David/John Bica
NOON		David P. Jones (anniv)
3:00PM		Lessons and Carols
5:00PM		Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles
MON.	~	DECEMBER 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
7:00		Antonino Catalano
9:00		Sr. Brigid Kelly (anniv)
TUE.	~	DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY
7:00		Anna Carosi
9:00	**	Joseph Martino
WED.	~	DECEMBER 14 - ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
7:00		Norma Parente
9:00		Edward & Nellie (Malone) Tolles
THU.	~	DECEMBER 15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:00		Joseph Begy/Casimir Krzewski
9:00		Rosemarie Zocchi Borfiglio
7:30PM		Holy Hour
FRI.	~	DECEMBER 16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:00		Amelia & Karl Oswald
9:00		Anne Tuttolomondo
SAT.	~	DECEMBER 17 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00		Collective: Tom, Rosaleen, Catherine and Michael Reilly
5:00PM		Jack Costanzo
SUN.	~	DECEMBER 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8:00		Mildred & John Petschauer
10:00		Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Daniele Bussa/ John Bohan (anni)/Rosario, Rosaria e Nunzio Taormina/Francesco, Maria, e Mimma Virruso/Pellegrino & Giuseppa Benfari/Francesco DeCapite/Rebecca and Aloysius David/Intention Josephine Troia Peter Bojceniuk
NOON		Anna & Julius Averna
5:00PM	**	Bilingual



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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 Bryzgoria, 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
Pfc. Alexander Gockley*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be



WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

*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 Charles Droz.

ALTAR CANDLES

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

TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Norma Parente
at the request of Daniel & Nancy Parente.*

TODAY'S READINGS

***Third Sunday in Advent
Cycle A - Hymnal # 864***

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zechariah 2:14-17
Judith 13:18-19
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-13
Psalm 34:1-23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6-25
Psalm 85:9-14
Luke 7:18-23

Thursday: Isaiah 54:1-10
Psalm 30:2-13
Luke 7:24-30

Friday: Isaiah 56:1-8
Psalm 67:2-8
John 5:33-36

Saturday: Genesis 49:2-10
Psalm 72:1-17
Matthew 1:1-17

Sunday: Isaiah 7:1-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“A Wonderful World”

About sixty years ago, the great jazz singer, Louis Armstrong, sang about the “wonderful world” that he saw as he observed the extraordinary in ordinary things; for instance: friendship and neighborliness that spoke to him of love; blue skies, green fields, and delicate flowers that offered beauty to be shared and enjoyed equally by all who beheld them; and innocent children who held much promise.

The Prophet Isaiah in today's first reading foretold the restoration of wholeness and integrity over the land and its people, as they would return from exile one day. God would renew the Covenant, as a sign of which infirmities would be healed and new courage and hope would be extended to Israel. It would be an unprecedented, hope-filled time leading to great joy and exultation. When would this take place? It would occur at the coming of the promised Messiah. Meanwhile, more waiting.

This section of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah probably comes from a period just over 500 years before the birth of Christ. That's a long time to have to wait. It's the duration of almost thirty generations. Still, it's a relatively short time when one considers that the promises made to Abraham were made almost *two thousand* years before Christ. After so much practice of waiting as the People of the Promise, one might wonder about the impatience of the community to which St. James wrote. Like many early Christians, they expected Christ to return from His ascension during their own lifetime. Here we are, still waiting almost 2,000 years later. It seems sometimes as though all that people of faith do is wait.

St. John the Baptist waited, too. He waited until the time was right for him to call people to repentance and renewed faithfulness to Covenant living. He waited until the promised Messiah would come to him for ritual baptism in the Jordan. Then he waited for the one he suspected of being the Christ to confirm his suspicions. That's where we find him in today's Gospel passage, languishing in prison for having called out the immoral behavior of an incestuous king as well as for taking to task the religious and spiritual leaders of his time for not shepherding the people properly. Now John sought reassurances that he had completed his mission as “Prophet of the Most High” successfully and indeed had introduced as the long-awaited Messiah the One to Whom he once referred as the “Lamb of God”. Jesus' response to his inquiry was for John to reflect on what was happening through Him (Jesus) as fulfillments of all of the ancient prophecies.

Advent is supposed to be for us a time of patient waiting and watching and prayerful reflection and preparation. How wonderful it would be if all of our questions and doubts about Christ and the meaning of our lives could be answered speedily with perfect certainty and clarity! If only it wouldn't take so long or demand so much effort on our part! Like little children eagerly awaiting the joys of Christmas morning, we often wish that God would get a move on, calm our fears, heal our wounds – be they physical, mental, or spiritual – and banish our doubts.

Again, Advent is a time of waiting, but it is to be a productive period, not an idle one. In a sense, our entire life is one long Advent: it is a constant preparation to receive the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes to us, not just at the end of time in fulfillment of ancient prophecies and promises, or at the end of our time, but also each day of our lives in which we are given innumerable opportunities to encounter Him in small as well as in great events. That's what Christianity is about as a religion: it is an ongoing, personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Let us strive to live each day faithful to the teachings of the Lord in joyful hope and ready charity! Truly, it is a wonderful world that awaits us in the life to come. By cooperating each day with the grace of God, He will bring about, even now, despite our difficulties and doubts, a taste of that wonderful world.

~ *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.

YOUNG ADULTS HOLY HOUR

Our next holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and Benediction for young adults (18 to 30-something) will take place at **7:30pm Thursday, December 15**. Come and spend some quality time with the Lord in preparation for Christmas!



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.

CONFESSIONS

Take advantage of the special times for confession on **Monday, December 19**, whether here at St. Margaret or at any of the 680 other parishes in the dioceses of Brooklyn, Rockville Centre or the Archdiocese of New York. No excuses!

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, January 14.

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.



GAUDETE SUNDAY

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

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 traditions; two seasons of "The Chosen" series and a Catholic Commentary on the series; 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.



ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP

open Sunday, 9am until 1pm

We have a selection of religious goods:
Rosaries - Medals - Gifts - Crucifixes -
Statues - Bibles - 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: stmmvcalendar@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2022

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 11, 3:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19

7:30 to 9am - 3 to 5pm - 7 to 8pm

Saturday, December 24

1 to 3pm (Note special time!)

SOLEMNITY: THE LORD'S NATIVITY

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24

5pm and Midnight

Choral prelude at 11:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25

8am, 10am (Bilingual - It/Eng), 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

SOLEMNITY:

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil Mass at 5pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

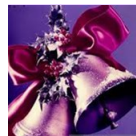
Sunday, January 1, 2023

8am, 10am (Bilingual - It/Eng), 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

Mass times are subject to change.

Please check Mass Bells.



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 **TODAY**, December 11, at
3:00pm in the Church.*

PEACE LIGHT

The center candle by the statue of Our Lady of Fatima is the Peace Light, brought from the Holy Land, courtesy of the Boy Scouts and Lucille & Charlie Krzewski.