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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 8, 2023

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.	~	JANUARY 8 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00		Rosanna Maurer
10:00		Daniele Bussa/Pietra Stabil
NOON		People of the Parish
5:00PM		Jeffrey Matusiak
MON.	~	JANUARY 9 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:00		Intention of Ann O'Rourke
9:00		Rose Annese
TUE.	~	JANUARY 10 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Sister Mary James Fox, OSU
9:00		Kathleen Lenihan Kiernan
WED.	~	JANUARY 11 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Steve Griglik
9:00		Augusta Mundy (birth)
THU.	~	JANUARY 12 - WEEKDAY
7:00		Joan Bivona
9:00		Intention of Joan Walsh
FRI.	~	JANUARY 13 - ST. HILARY
7:00		Madeline Sepe
9:00		Luigi & Filomena DeSimone
SAT.	~	JANUARY 14 - WEEKDAY
9:00		Collective: Mary Prescott
11:45		Memorial Mass: Gaudenzia Cipolla, Giuseppe Sclafani, Julie Ebert, Domenick Friscioni, Robert A. Saar, Mario Tilotta,
5:00PM		Robert J. & Karen (Morressey) Schaefer
SUN.	~	JANUARY 15 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00		Robert Hawd
10:00		Francesco DiCapite
NOON		Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Competello
5:00PM		People of the Parish



THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16 IN OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MASS IS AT 9:00AM ONLY

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, Anthony Pittelli, Charlie Krzewski, 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, 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

especially this week:

***MARIO TILOTTA
SR. MARY JAMES FOX, OSU
POPE BENEDICT XVI***

***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 & HOST

***are offered in memory of Mary Ann Orsi
at the request of Anneliese & Michael Roemmelt.***

ALTAR CANDLES

***are offered in memory of Rose Annese
at the request of Maggie's Little Theater.***

ALTAR CANDLES

are offered for the intention of Estella Aura.

TODAY'S READINGS

***The Epiphany of the Lord
Cycle A - Hymnal # 878***

Isaiah 60:-16
Psalm 72:1-13
Ephesians 3:2-6
Matthew 2:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 29:1-10
Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12
Psalm 8:2-9
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18
Psalm 105:1-9
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14
Psalm 95:6-11
Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Hebrews 4:1-11
Psalm 78:3-8
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalm 19:8-15
Mark 2:13-17

Sunday: Isaiah 49:3-6
Psalm 40:2-10
I Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

“The Christmas Celebration Continues”

This weekend, we in the USA observe the solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord, which most of the Church celebrated last Friday on the traditional date of January 6. “Epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “a manifestation, or showing forth”. In this case, the Messiah is presented to 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 Scripture (St. Matthew is the only evangelist to refer to them), but Tradition numbers them as three because of the gifts that they presented (gold, frankincense, and myrrh), names them Gaspar, Balthazar, and Melchior, calls them kings, and holds that they came from the three continents known to the Mediterranean peoples at that time: Asia, Africa, and Europe.

Gold was offered to the Newborn as King of kings and Lord of lords. Frankincense was presented because this Child is true God and true man. Finally, myrrh, which was used in ancient times to embalm bodies, was given as a reminder that Christ came into the world to die for the sins of all mankind in order to redeem us and to reconcile humanity with God.

The great importance of the story lies not with the gifts or the names of the Magi but in that the promise of salvation has been fulfilled not only for the Children of Israel but also for all Gentiles through Jesus Christ, the newborn King of the Jews, Who was rejected by the religious and civil leaders at His birth as well as at His Passion. They should have known better, for there were many prophecies down through the centuries of salvation history. We, too, should recognize Him as the promised Messiah.

Today should be a day of great rejoicing for people of every race and nation, for we have been shown the love and mercy of God. Do we recognize the presence of God in our own lives? If so, how? If not, we should 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 the Lord and, by following Christ more faithfully, to draw people to Him and to God the Father.

May we come to know Christ Jesus better during this new year, and may the Lord grant you and yours every grace and blessing in the days ahead!

~ *Fr. Armato*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will hold a communal celebration of the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** at the 9:00am Mass on Saturday, February 11, the feast of our Lady of Lourdes.

The elderly may receive the Sacrament more than once. Contact the Rectory Offices, to arrange for a visit to the homebound by one of the priests.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Our Lady of Hope Parish will host a conference for our deanery regarding a broad range of struggles with sexuality. It will be held from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, January 14. All are welcome to attend.



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

Congratulations and thanks to all who pledged toward the 2022 *ACA campaign!* We exceeded our goal by \$3,690, finishing at **\$79,704**, which is **104.9% of goal**. Most of the pledges having been paid up, we will get some money back in a couple of months.

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.

PARISH CENTER GYM

Duffy Flooring repaired the gym floor in the Parish Center during the Christmas break, and the Athletic Board acquired a new ice machine, which will come in handy for CYO and Parish events. Thanks to all!

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. See listing on pg. 2 of this bulletin.

Maggie's Little Theater Presents

Agatha Christie's



www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org
347-286-8508 (New phone number!)

SHOW DATES

Sat. February 11 & 18 at 8:00pm

Sun. February 12 & 19 at 2:30pm

Fri. February 17 at 8:00pm

Adults \$20 - Seniors (65+) \$18

Children (11 and under) \$18

We value your safety: All patrons will be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination at the door, and wear a mask when not actively eating or drinking.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

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: the Epiphany; Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; saints of January; the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; activities 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.



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 sponsor a Blood Drive, **NEXT Sunday, January 15 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 by calling

888-933-2566

Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Bring a mask; requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines.



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

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you for your generosity in the several collections for the Parish and outside agencies last month! We'll report on the amounts shortly, once the accounting has been completed.

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 donation 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

WE ARE BACK!!

Save the date and
join the Celebration!



IRISH NIGHT

Saturday, March 4, 2023
Mass at 5:00pm followed by
Traditional Irish Dinner
until 11:00pm

Beer, wine soda, coffee, tea

MUSIC BY
THE CUNNINGHAM BROTHERS

More information to follow. . .