



St. Margaret Mary Church

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January 25th 2015
3rd Sunday in Ordinary

Reverend Joseph M. McLafferty, Temporary Administrator
Deacon Patrick Graham

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Saturday 9:00am

HOLY DAY MASSES

9:00am and 7:30pm

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 2nd Sundays, by appointment only. Interviews of parents seeking baptism for their children are arranged by calling the Rectory during business hours.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made six months in advance. Please contact the Rectory for further information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

All new parishioners are invited to register at the Rectory and to participate in our parish life.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Committee meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Dongan Hall Meeting Room.



*COME AFTER
ME, AND I
WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS
OF MEN.
MARK 1: 17*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Altar Society— Mrs. Margaret Pisciotano (718) 351-2612
Saturday after the 9:00am Mass in the Church.
Join in keeping our Church and Sanctuary neat and clean. All are encouraged to help.

Choir / Music Ministry - Mrs. Patricia Beniquez (718) 954-0247
Sunday after the 10:00am Mass in the Choir Loft.
New members are welcomed.

Food Pantry — Mr. Jim Regan, St. Vincent dePaul
(718) 351-2612
Friday 8:00am – 11:00am

Under the Rectory. Enter via rear Parking Lot.

Golden Age Club—Ms. Terry Brennan (718) 351-2612
Tuesday at 1:00pm in the Dongan Hall Meeting Room.
New members welcomed.

Island Shores

Monday 10:30am Residents Mass.

Legion of Mary — Mrs. Barbara Regan (718) 351-2119
Pray the Rosary Monday thru Saturday at 8:30am and Sunday at 11:30am in the Church.
Weekly meeting Sunday at 12:00pm in the Rectory.
New members welcomed.

Miraculous Medal Novena

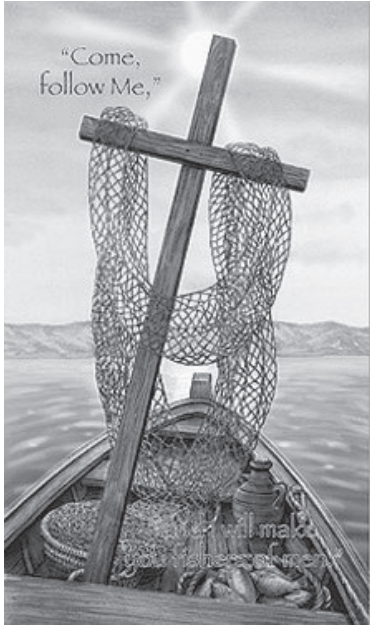
Monday after the 9:00am Mass.

RCIA/Bible Study — Mrs. Barbara Regan (718) 351-2119
Monday at 7:00pm in the Dongan Hall Classrooms.

Religious Education — Mrs. Barbara Regan (718) 351-2119
Levels 1-4: Sunday, 8:30-10:00 and Levels 5-8:
Wednesday, 4:00-5:30 in the Dongan Hall Classrooms.

Scripture Study — Monday, pm: Mr. Jerry LePre
Tuesday, am: Sr. Barbara Hecló (718) 351-2612
Monday at 7:00pm in the Dongan Hall Meeting Room.
Tuesday after the 9:00am Mass in the Rectory.

REFLECTION



For seven seasons the Discovery Channel's highly rated show Deadliest Catch has wowed viewers with the real life tales of extreme fishermen in the Bering Sea off the coast of Alaska. They are after crab, with hopes for a big payday if they're successful. But the challenges of weather, luck, and crew can leave a captain without a large enough catch and finally without a job. Viewers can watch from the comfort of their homes, settled back in an easy chair while a crew fights ice, high seas, equipment failure, and frayed nerves. What is entertainment for those watching the television is daily life on the boat for those who work at sea.

In the Gospel today, Jesus meets up with some fishermen. Simon and Andrew, James and John were casting their nets, probably not very far from shore. While the Sea of Galilee cannot compare to the Bering Sea, we know from the Gospels that storms can be violent on that body of water as well. Certainly at the time of Jesus fishing was as dangerous a job as it is today. So when Jesus called the two sets of brothers to follow him, were they looking for a safer job? Unlikely! Fishing for men and women is a lot more difficult than fishing for fish. The disciples answered the call to follow Jesus. It is a call that he continues to issue today. Whether in the priesthood, the religious life, the married state, or the committed single life, Jesus is asking people to follow him, not in a job, but in a way of life. Just as the crew of a boat on the Bering Sea doesn't punch out after eight hours, the life of a Christian is more than a full-time job. Following Jesus forms the basis for our lives. We do it all day, every day. That is the call he gives. ©2011 Liturgical Publications Inc

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 24th
 5:00pm Catherine & Frank Quaranta
 Sunday, January 25th
 8:00am For the Parishioners
 10:00am Thomas Perillo
 12:00pm Mary Duffy; 2 Year Anniversary
 Monday, January 26th
 9:00am Eleanor Shields; 100th Birthday
 Tuesday, January 27th
 9:00am Andrew Lee Family; Living
 Wednesday, January 28th
 9:00am For the Parishioners
 Thursday, January 29th
 9:00am Keith McConville
 Friday, January 30th
 9:00am For the Parishioners
 Saturday, January 31st
 9:00am For the Parishioners
 5:00pm Sylvia Scotto & Louis Cretella
 Sunday, February 1st
 8:00am For the Parishioners
 10:00am Khai Man Tang
 12:00pm Mario Todisco

OFFERTORY GIFTS

If a Mass is being said for a member of your family, we invite you to present the Offertory gifts to the altar. Please notify one of the Ushers before Mass that you would like to present the gifts.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary leads the rosary daily before the 9:00am Mass and on Sunday before the 12:00pm Mass. Meetings are held on Sundays at 12:00pm in the rectory. To learn more call Barbara Regan at (718) 351-2119.

WEEKLY READINGS

The daily Readings & Saints for the week of January 25th:

Sunday, January 25th..... Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
St. Peter Thomas 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
 Mark 1: 14-20
Monday, January 26th.... 2 Timothy 1: 1-8
St. Timothy and Titus Mark 3: 22-30
Tuesday, January 27th.... Hebrews 10: 1-10
St. Angela Merici Mark 3: 31-35
Wednesday, January 28th.. Hebrews 10: 11-18
St. Thomas Aquinas Mark 4: 1-20
Thursday, January 29th.... Hebrews 10: 19-25
Sts. Sarbelius & Barbea Mark 4: 21-25
Friday, January 30th..... Hebrews 10: 32-39
St. Aldegunais Mark 4: 26-34
Saturday, January 31st..... Hebrews 11: 1-2, 18-19
St. John Bosco Mark 4: 35-41
Sunday, February 1st..... Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
St. Brigid of Ireland 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35
 Mark 1: 21-28

[Source for Readings: www.usccb.org/bible/readings
 Saints: www.catholic.org/saints]

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

We Pray for the Lord's Healing for:

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| Martha Bifalco | Margaret Harris |
| Francis Burns | Richard Ingardia |
| Maryalice Dachille | Debbie Mosley |
| Michael D'agostino | August Muniz |
| Mary Graham Delmar | Joseph O'Keefe |
| Anita Ferrari | Robert Sabantino, Sr. |
| Concetta Fisher | Janet Viso |
| Marie Flannery | James Woods |
| Kathleen Gaynor | |

CALENDAR OF SERVICES, CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY— APRIL, 2015

Here's *St. Margaret Mary's Calendar of Services, Celebrations and Events, February - April, 2015* for your information and planning. We hope that you can join us in as many of these Services, Celebrations and Events as possible.

February

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| 1 st | Sunday | - Fellowship Gathering; after the 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm Masses. |
| 3 rd | Tuesday | - Feast of St. Blaise, Blessing of the Throat; 9:00am Mass & 7:00pm Service. - Lectors' Meeting; after the 7:00pm Service – Dongan Hall. |
| 6 th | Friday | - First Friday; 9:00am Mass. |
| 7 th | Saturday | - Family Night at the Movies (Valentine's Day Theme); 7:00pm – OAC. |
| 10 th | Tuesday | - Faith Formation Committee Meeting; 7:00pm - Meeting Room. |
| 18 th | Wednesday | - Ash Wednesday; 9:00am, 3:00pm & 7:30pm. |
| 20 th | Friday | - Stations of the Cross with Benediction; 7:30pm. |
| 27 th | Friday | - Stations of the Cross with Benediction; 7:30pm. |

March

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| TBD | | - Lenten Retreat. |
| 1 st | Sunday | - Fellowship Gathering; after the 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm Masses. - Newly Married Celebration Mass; 12:00pm Mass. |
| 6 th | Friday | - First Friday; 9:00am Mass. - Banner Workshop; 4:00pm, Level 3 & 8 Students – OAC. - Stations of the Cross with Benediction; 7:30pm. |
| 7 th | Saturday | - Banner Workshop; 11:00am, Level 3 & 8 Students – OAC. |
| 10 th | Tuesday | - Faith Formation Committee Meeting; 7:00pm - Meeting Room. |
| 13 th | Friday | - Stations of the Cross with Benediction; 7:30pm. |
| 14 th | Saturday | - Sacrament of first Reconciliation; 11:00am, Level 2 Students. - St. Patrick's Day Dance; 7:30pm - OAC. |
| 20 th | Friday | - Stations of the Cross with Benediction; 7:30pm. |
| 27 th | Friday | - Stations of the Cross with Benediction; 7:30pm. |
| 28 th | Saturday | - Sacrament of Confirmation; 11:00am, Level 8 Students. |
| 29 th | Sunday | - Palm Sunday – Palm Blessing and Procession; prior to 10:00am Mass. - Bake Sale for the Music Ministry after the 10:00am & 12:00pm Masses. |

April

Triduum:

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| 2 nd | Thursday | - Holy Thursday Service; 7:30pm. |
| 3 rd | Friday | - Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession; 1:45pm. - Good Friday Veneration Service; 3:00pm. |
| 4 th | Saturday | - Easter Vigil; 7:30pm. |
| 5 th | Sunday | - Easter Sunday; 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm Masses. |
| 14 th | Tuesday | - Faith Formation Committee Meeting; 7:00pm - Meeting Room. |

Note: These dates are subject to change. Any changes will be published in the weekly *Bulletin*.

YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS!



The collection on January 18th, 2015 was \$2,225.00 and the Fuel and Energy collection was \$345.00.

The collection on January 19th, 2014 was \$2,230.00 and the Fuel and Energy collection was \$455.00.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MONTHLY 50/50 DRAWING

We are happy to announce that Lucille Stivaletti was the \$153 winner of December's 50/50 Drawing.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays. The Sundays are divided into 3 Year Cycles called "A", "B" and "C" with the concentration of a different Gospel Writer for each cycle. The weekday readings are divided into 2 Cycles called "I" and "II". Each weekday cycle provides a semi-continuous reading of the Gospel. This means that there are some portions are not read. There are also readings for Feasts of Saints; Marian Feasts; Ritual Masses (such as weddings and funerals) and masses for various needs which reflect the theme of the celebration.

IN CELEBRATING THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

In celebration of Sts. Timothy, Thomas Aquinas and John Bosco we offer these prayers.

Pray to St. Timothy (Monday, January 26th)

Dear Saint Timothy, well known for your gentleness, you were a most faithful disciple of St. Paul and like him traveled much to bring the Good News to all people.

The Letters Paul wrote to you reveal your zeal and inspire us with confidence in you. You too were cast into prison and you too gave your life for Christ.

So with confidence we dare to ask: please obtain relief for us, if it be God's will.

Amen.

[Source: www.2heartsnetwork.org/Timothy.htm]

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (Wednesday; January 28th)

Grant me,
O Lord my God,
A mind to know you,
A heart to seek you,
Wisdom to find you,
Conduct pleasing to you,
Faithful perseverance
In waiting for you, and a hope of
Finally embracing you.
Amen.

[Source: Liturgical Publications Inc]

Prayer to St. John Bosco (Saturday; January 31st)

Admirable apostle of youth, founder of religious Congregations, catechist, educator, writer, and a light that shone brightly in our time, you know that one of the greatest powers today is the power of the Press. Prompt editors to be always truthful and to work for the good of human beings, thus serving the greater glory of God.
Amen.

[Source: www.catholic-saints.info/catholic-saints-prayers/prayer-to-st-john-bosco.htm]

OTHER HAPENINGS

AARP Defensive Driving Course

AARP Defensive Driving Classes are being held at the St. Charles Rectory (644 Clawson St.) from 9:30am to 3:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The schedule of classes::

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| February 18 th | April 15 th | June 17 th |
| March 18 th | May 20 th | |

Pre-registration is required. To enroll, please call AARP at 888-227-7669 and leave your name, telephone number and the date you would like to attend.

St. Rita School Open House

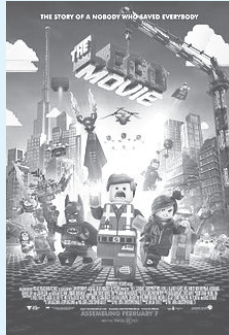
St. Rita School, Grades Kindergarten - 8, will have a Open House on **Sunday, February 1st, 2015, 10:30am-12:30pm.** Located at 30 Wellbrook Avenue, please enter through the Bradley Avenue entrance and proceed to the Auditorium.

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Save the Date!

By popular demand, your Faith Formation Committee will be hosting another “Family Night at the Movies” on **Saturday, February 7th at 7:00pm** in the Olympia Activity Center (OAC). They will be showing “The Lego Movie”.

The movie is based on the Lego line of construction toys. The film tells the story of Emmet (voice of Chris Pratt), an ordinary Lego minifigure prophesied to save the universe from the tyrannical Lord Business (voice of Will Ferrell) as he gains different allies along the way. The movie was a critical and commercial success, with many critics highlighting its visual style, humor, voice acting, and heart-warming message.



[Source: From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia—The Lego Movie]

Our last two “Family Night at the Movies” were a grand success. Not only did the kids have a great time, the adults loved it as well.

You can’t beat the cost, its free! We even provide the popcorn, soda, juice, water, candy and a cupcake decorating table. Our theme will be Valentine’s Day.

Tickets and reservations are not required. Just show up and have a fun time.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast of St. Blaise is **Tuesday, February 3rd**. In the writings of *Acts of St. Blaise*, it is said that while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured.

Consequently, St. Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat. [Source: Wikipedia]

There will be blessing of the throat after the **February 3rd 9:00am Mass and at the 7:00pm Services.**

LECTOR MEETING

There will be a Lector Meeting on **Tuesday, February 3rd after the 7:00pm Service in Dongan Hall.**

Anyone who would like to become a Lector is encouraged to attend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Correction to last week’s Religious Education dates: **Friday, March 6th** Banner Workshop for Levels 3 & 8 has been **changed from 7:00pm to 4:00pm.**

