



St. Margaret Mary Church

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March 1st 2015
2nd Sunday of Lent

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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.



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 & Mr. Bob Puccio
(718) 351-2612

1st and 3rd Fridays of the month; 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

"Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them." Peter, James, and John must have been in a bit of spiritual shock. What a strange thing had just happened! They had witnessed Jesus, their teacher and friend, start glowing in his "dazzling white" clothes while engaging in conversation with two holy dead men. Then, a voice from the sky declared that Jesus was God's son. This was not natural. It was supernatural. These three chosen apostles were given a glimpse into the divine nature of their leader. They were shown something that no one else had a chance to see until after the Resurrection: Jesus in all of his glory. But this vision was short-lived. It suddenly disappeared and then Jesus instructed his friends to keep it quiet until "the Son of Man had risen from the dead."

Perhaps we can relate in some small way to this Transfiguration experience. Perhaps there has been a time or two in our lives when we have had a spiritual experience, when we experienced God's healing, felt his mercy, or knew his presence was real. But then, maybe it went away. For most of us, we don't spend the majority of our time "on the mountaintop" with these "dazzling" insights into who God is. Rather, we tend to walk a journey that is shrouded by mystery and dependent upon faith. At times, we may even second-guess the spiritual experiences of our past once they have "disappeared." Possibly Peter, James, and John wondered if it had all been a crazy illusion. But when the Resurrection happened, they knew it was all for real. As we await the Resurrection this Lent, may we have the faith to believe that Jesus really has touched our lives and that he can lead us to eternal life. [Source: Liturgical Publications Inc: Text Reflection, March 1, 2015 2nd Sunday of Lent]

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28st
 5:00pm Sylvia Scotto and Louis Cretella

Sunday, March 1st
 8:00am For the Parishioners
 10:00am Alida Corrigan
 12:00pm The Newly Married of the Parish

Monday, March 2nd
 9:00am Philip Scampas - 2nd Anniversary

Tuesday, March 3rd
 9:00am Andrew Gambardella

Wednesday, March 4th
 9:00am Dante Angelone - Birthday

Thursday, March 5th
 9:00am Nick and Bambina Olivieri

Friday, March 6th
 9:00am Joseph Chiodo

Saturday, March 7th
 9:00am Anna and Matteo Conti & Katie Bolka
 5:00pm Charles Rhodes

Sunday, March 8th
 8:00am For the Parishioners
 10:00am Dorothy Russo
 12:00pm Gerald Garvin

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.

YOUR ENVELOPE COUNTS!



This issue of the *Bulletin* had to be submitted to our Publisher early and the collection amounts for the week of February 22nd were unavailable. They will be published next week.

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

WEEKLY READINGS

The daily Readings & Saints for the week of March 1st:
Sunday; March 1st..... Genesis 22: 1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18
St. David Romans 8: 31-34
 Mark 9: 2-10

Monday, March 2nd..... Daniel 9: 4B-10
Bl. Charles the Good Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday; March 3rd..... Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20
St. Katharine Drexel Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday; March 4th..... Jeremiah 18: 18-20
St. Casimir Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday; March 5th..... Jeremiah 17: 5-10
St. John Joseph of the Cross Luke 16: 19-31

Friday; March 6th..... Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28
St. Colette Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

Saturday; March 7th..... Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20
Sts. Perpetua and Felicity Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday; March 8th..... Exodus 20: 1-17
St. John of God 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
 John 2:13-25

[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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| Dominick Berardi | Kathleen Gaynor |
| 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 |



"Whatever villages or towns or countryside He entered, they laid the sick in the marketplace and begged Him that they might touch only the tassel on His cloak, and as many as touched it were healed." [Mark 6:56]

NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Today at the **12:00pm Mass** we will be honoring all those couples that were married here at St. Margaret Mary Church in the last year:

- Michelle Cangelosi & Jose Rodriguez - May 4th, 2014
- Nicole Russo & John Mattarella - June 29th, 2014
- Lauren Stazzone & James Marrone - August 3rd, 2014
- Patrica Seblano & Richard Beniquez - August 16th, 2014
- April Nelson & Christopher Lorenzo - October 25th, 2014

Lord, help us to leave our father and our mother and be joined to one another.

Mark 10: 6-9

Lord, help us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, loving, compassionate and courteous.

1 Peter 3: 8-12

Lord, help us to stop a disagreement before a quarrel starts and to not allow the sun go down on our anger.

Proverbs 17: 14

Lord, help us remember to pray together and study Your Word together and be of one accord.

Matthew 18: 19-20



FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

We are sorry to announce that the monthly Fellowship Gathering will not be held today.

FIRST FRIDAY PROMISES

This coming **Friday, March 6th** is a First Friday.

Among the promises Our Lord revealed to our patron saint **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**, the 12th

promise specifically referenced practices for Fridays:

In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

To gain these promised blessings you must attend Holy Mass and receive Communion each month for nine consecutive months. Our daily Mass is at 9:00am.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction are celebrated every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm. It is a wonderful way to prepare for the season of Easter.

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"

[Matthew 26: 40]

FOOD PANTRY

As a result of the high demand throughout the Archdiocese for support of those in need, Catholic Charities is forced to spread its resources. Effective **Friday, March 6th** our Food Pantry is compelled to change its schedule from every Friday to the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Join us at our St. Patrick's Day Dance on **Saturday, March 14th** 8:00pm, doors open at 7:30pm at the Olympia Activity Center, 1126 Olympia Blvd.



There will be live music by The Band of Rogues with a complete buffet, including wine and soda - BYOB.

Cost: \$40 per person. For information and reservations please call the Rectory at (718) 351-2612.

Reservations are a must, no ticket sales at the door. Please call by **March 4th**.

DID YOU KNOW?

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. He became hungry. Hunger is the state when we realize our dependence on something else. We ask ourselves, "On what does my life depend?" Christian fasting is a matter of prayer and spirit. True fasting may well lead to temptation. It can be a real fight between good and evil and we may fail many times but the essential aspect of fasting is the discovery of Christian life as both a "fight" and an "effort". [Source: USCCB, A Reflection on Lenten Fasting]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dates to Remember

- Level 3 and 8, Banner Workshop - **Friday, March 6th at 4:00pm.**
- Level 3 and 8, Banner Workshop - **Saturday, March 7th at 11:00am.**
- Our Level 2 students will be receiving First Reconciliation on **Saturday, March 14th at 11:00am.** They will have practice in the church on **Thursday, March 12th at 4:00pm.**
- The Level 8 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, March 28th at 11:00am.**
- Our Level 3 students will receive First Communion on **Saturday, May 16th at 11:00am.**

Please keep these children in your prayers.

2015 CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL

As you know, the *Cardinal's Appeal* offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our own parish. Please show your support for the *Appeal* by making your pledge today. Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$11,000. Special thanks to all of you who have already made their gifts. Thank you to everyone for your prayerful consideration of your commitment.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time is next **Sunday, March 8th.**

DST begins on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November.

In March, clocks are moved forward one hour at 2:00am.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Exit Strategy

A doctor, a lawyer, a priest, and a little boy were on an afternoon flight aboard a small private plane when suddenly the engine stopped. The pilot grabbed a parachute, told the passengers they'd better jump, then bailed out. But only three parachutes remained.

The physician grabbed the first one and before he jumped said, "I'm a doctor. I save lives. I must live." Then the lawyer took the second and on exit said, "Lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live."

The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long life and yours is still ahead of you. Take the last parachute and go in peace." "Don't worry, Father," the little boy replied. "The smartest man in the world just took off with my backpack."

[Source: Saturday Evening Post, January/February 2015, page 25.] - Thank you Thea for the submission.

LENTEN RETREAT

Jesus of Nazareth

On **Saturday, March 21st** your Faith Formation Committee will be hosting a Lenten Retreat. It will be held here at St. Margaret Mary.

The Program will include:

- 9:00am Mass
- 9:30am Breakfast; coffee, tea, juice and pastries
- 10:00am Reading of the *Passion* by our candidates for Confirmation
- 10:20am Viewing of the film *Jesus of Nazareth*, Part 2
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Round-table discussion of the Passion and the events depicted in *Jesus of Nazareth*.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. **There is no charge to attend, but registration is required.**

To register, just:

- (1) complete the form below, detach and deposit it into the Collection Basket, Suggestion Box or drop it off at the Rectory or
- (2) log into our website (www.stmmsi.org) and submit the Registration Form or
- (3) call or text 917-841-8971, leaving your name and the number of attendees.

Registration is required by Monday, March 16th.

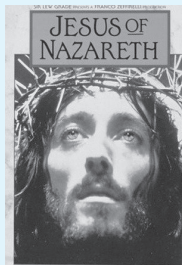
All are welcome.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

Jesus of Nazareth is a 2-Part, 4 hour, 1977 British-Italian television miniseries. It features an all-star cast of famous American and European actors, including seven Academy Award winners: Anne Bancroft, Ernest Borgnine, Laurence Olivier, Christopher Plummer, Anthony Quinn, Rod Steiger and Peter Ustinov.



For our Lenten Retreat, we will be showing Part 2 which depicts the raising of Lazarus, the entry into Jerusalem, Jesus and the money changers in the temple, the Last Supper, the betrayal of Jesus by Judas, the agony in the Garden, Peter denying Christ and repenting of it, the judgment of Jesus by Pilate, the carrying of the cross, the crucifixion and death of Christ, the discovery of the empty tomb and the appearance of the Risen Christ to his Disciples.