

# Saint Margaret of Antioch Church

115 West Central Avenue Pearl River, New York 10965



## First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Rev. Eric P. Raaser  
*Pastor*

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Rev. Ransford S. Clarke  
*Parochial Vicar*

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Mrs. Brenda Lattuca  
*Director of Religious Education*

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Mrs. Patricia Maldonado  
*School Principal*

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:30 PM,  
5:45 PM (*September – June*)

**Sunday:** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
10:30 AM, 12 Noon & 5:30 PM

## Weekdays:

Monday– Friday: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Saturday: 9:00 AM & 12 Noon

**Baptism:** Every Sunday 1:30 PM in  
Church. Contact Parish Center Office to  
make arrangements.

**Marriage:** Engaged couples should contact  
Parish Center Office at least six months in  
advance.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays in Church  
9:30 AM–10 AM & 11:00 AM–11:45 AM

**Sick Calls:** Call Parish Center Office for  
visits and/or Communion Calls to sick and  
homebound. In danger of death, day or  
night, call Parish Center Office for a Priest.

## Parish Registration:

We welcome all new members to our parish  
family. Please call the Parish Center Office  
to register.

## Devotions+

### Rosary Recitation & Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Daily following 9:00 AM Mass

### Holy Hour with Exposition:

Mondays : 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### Cenacle for Life:

Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM

### Nocturnal Adoration:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

*St. Aedan's Church from January to March & July to September*

*St. Margaret's Church from April to June &  
October to December*

### Miraculous Medal Novena:

After 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday

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Parish Office Hours are Monday–Friday 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

*The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12 Noon of each week.*

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## Message of the Week



*From the Desk of Father Raaser*

Today is the First Sunday in Advent, the beginning of another Year of Grace. Advent is a very beautiful season in the Church's year, the hymns and music, the Scripture readings, the prayers, the anticipation of Christmas and the beauty of the sunsets. It is the wonderful season of preparation for the Feast of Christmas. The Season of Advent is marked by darkness as we approach the shortest day of the year. It is significant that Christmas is celebrated a few days after the winter solstice, when the night begins to yield to the light of the day. The birth of the Christ Child was the beginning of our salvation and the conquering of the darkness of sin and death.

It has become a popular custom in the Christmas Season for candles to be placed in the windows of homes as a symbol of the Light of the World who was born on Christmas over two thousand years ago.

This past year has been one of social and political turmoil that has caused great sadness even pain to Americans. Add the pandemic and its effects to the mix, we certainly need a little Christmas, now.

Although it may seem dark, Advent prepares us for the Light coming into our world. Darkness can never overcome the light. The sadness or sinfulness of this world will never win over goodness and grace.

This Advent Season we must remind the world of the Good News of Jesus Christ who alone can pierce the darkness of this world. Put candles in your windows and they will be witness to the Light in the darkness!

Think of four different things we can do spiritually for the four weeks of Advent. Possibly,

1. Praying the rosary with the family;
2. Contribute to the Parish "Giving Tree" and taking the time to find presents for needy children and families;
3. Making a holy hour during the day. Our parish Church is open from 6:00AM -7:00PM, or visit a church with Adoration;
4. Spending some extra time in spiritual reading, especially as regards Our Lady. There are so many good sites on the Internet, particularly FORMED, which you can get from our website.

*Have a Blessed Advent and a Blessed New Year  
and  
Enjoy the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!*

November 29, 2020



**Sunday, Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM – The Rogers Family  
5:45 PM – For the Parish  
7:30 AM – The Holy Souls  
9:00 AM – Kathleen Gavigen  
10:30 AM – Michael Badger (Livestream)  
12 Noon – Antoinette Paciello  
5:30 PM – John O'Flynn

**Mon., Nov. 30 – Saint Andrew, Apostle**

7 AM – John White  
9 AM – Peggy Ryan (LIVING)

**Tues., Dec. 1 – Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM – Joseph & Muriel Greeley  
9:00 AM – Deborah Dolan

**Wed., Dec. 2 – Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM – Maureen Mulligan  
9:00 AM – Margaret, Patrick & Bridget Reilly

**Thurs., Dec. 3 – Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

7:00 AM – Anton Picinic  
9:00 AM – Rita Freud

**Fri., Dec. 4 – Saint John Damascene,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM – Kerry Hegarty  
9:00 AM – Conor Tully

**Sat., Dec. 5 – Advent Weekday**

9 AM – Mae O'Toole (LIVING)  
12 Noon – Paddy, Johnny & Tim Geraghty

**Sunday, Dec. 6 – Second Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM – John Donegan Sr.  
5:45 PM – The Holy Souls  
7:30 AM – Anne & Leo Biedermann  
9:00 AM – Karen Engellenner  
10:30 AM – Martin Dolphin (Livestream)  
12 Noon – Deceased Members of the  
O'Sullivan Family  
5:30 PM – For the Parish

**CONFESSIONS: Saturdays**

**9:30 AM – 10 AM and 11 AM – 11:45 AM**

*(No Face to Face Confessions)*

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR  
*Lord Jesus Christ!*



**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;  
Mt 4:18-22

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,  
17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a,  
3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,  
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26;  
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,  
13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



**Saint Margaret  
Rosary Altar Society**

11/30 – 12/06 – Team #2 – M. Young

12/07 – 12/13 – Team #3 – E. Neyen

12/14 – 12/20 – Team #4 – P. Michel

12/21 – 12/27 – Team #5 – A. Byrne

12/28 – 1/03/21 – Team #6 – S. Bellocchio

Any questions call Angela: 845-920-0264



**All Masses will take place in**

**Saint Margaret Church**

**Christmas Eve - Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM**

**Christmas Day - Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>:**

**7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,**

**10:30 AM, 12 Noon**

*(There will be no evening Mass  
on Christmas Day)*

### *St. Margaret of Antioch*



The children and staff are thriving and staying well. Yes, we are socially distant, and yes, we don masks every day, all day, but we are happy and learning. Our three months in school have allowed us to live by our school motto:

*To Serve, Not to Be Served*

We participated in Dress Down Days supporting the Cross Catholic Outreach initiatives; over \$900 donated thus far.

Our parents and the community at large have supported SMS via the Carousel Cake Sale and the Christmas Wreath and Tree Sale with many more opportunities that build community;

**THANK YOU, HSA!**

The children and staff created 35 food bags as we joined the Thanksgiving Food Project; visit our FB to view us in action.

We will participate in toy drives for Carolyn's Elves and IHA in the continued spirit of giving.

The students are excited to be able to help Santa Claus. The excitement continues to build as we move ahead in the Advent Season.

Prayers to all for health and healing.

#### **About Us:**

**December 1st** - Registration OPENS for the 21-22 school year.

Please visit our website at SMS Take a virtual tour and pursue our website to see what we are all about. Make a note of important dates and events.

Mrs. Maldonado,  
Principal

*(Please see Toy Drive information in bulletin)*



**Our local community is in need of Non-perishable and canned food.**

**Please bring your donations to The Doyle Center.**

**Many thanks for your continued support**

Saint Margaret wishes to thank

*Wedding Invitations  
& Holiday Cards*

for advertising in our Church bulletin

### **Saint Margaret Religious Education – PREP**

**Saint Andrew the Apostle  
November 30**



O good cross,  
made beautiful by the body of the Lord,  
long have I desired thee,  
ardently have I loved thee,  
unceasingly have I sought thee,  
and now thou art ready for my eager soul.

Receive me from among men  
and restore me to my Master,  
so that He, who redeemed me through thee,  
shalt receive me through thee. Amen.

*(Please see Giving Tree information in bulletin)*

### **Saint Margaret of Antioch Bereavement Support Group**

*A safe place for the bereaved...*

- *to share*
- *to learn about grief*
- *to receive support, empathy & acceptance*



**Wednesdays:**

**December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
and January 6**

**Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Location: Doyle Center**

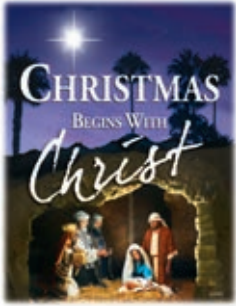
**NOTE: The following procedures will be implemented:**

- *Face covering is a must*
- *Hand sanitizer will be available or use your own*
- *Seating, 6 feet apart-space limited to 30 people*

**Register with Tracey-Parish Center Office:  
845-735-4746**







## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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The 4th grade class of St. Margaret's School and "Carolyn's Elves"  
will be collecting toys for the Orangeburg Fire Department's Holiday Toy Drive.  
Students will be collecting new unwrapped toys

on

**Friday, December 11 at 3:30 PM**

in

**Saint Margaret School parking lot.**

All toys collected will be distributed to:

South Orangetown CSD Family Resource Center

Nyack Valley Cottage School District Resource Center

The Center for Safety and Change

For questions and information please contact:

Katie Balsan – [kslats@gmail.com](mailto:kslats@gmail.com) or Cathy McLaughlin – [CathyFleming811@gmail.com](mailto:CathyFleming811@gmail.com)



### **ADVENT PARISH GIVING TREE**

You will see our  
Parish Giving Tree  
In the Church vestibule  
Please take home a gift tag  
and return an UNWRAPPED gift  
by TODAY

Sunday, December 6th.

The gifts should be returned to the Church vestibule.

These gifts will be distributed before Christmas to local charities.



*Thank you for your generosity!*

Prayers . Preaching . Music with DMACT . Bill Kimbark & Father Steve Ryan

Wake Up to the Coming of the Lord *Advent Nights of Prayer & Reflection*

Rosary & Exposition of  
Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 PM



Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Prepare the Way - (John the Baptist)

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Blessed Are the Pure of Heart –  
(Immaculate Mary – Mary Most Chaste)

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Fidelity – (St. Joseph)

Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

(Joy – (Christ the Newborn King)



Live: The Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Ln., Stony Point, with The Salesians of Don Bosco & DMACT  
Ministries

or Live on Facebook at DMACT  
or [www.dmact.net](http://www.dmact.net) throughout Advent.

*Note: We continue to do Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament with Praise Music  
Every Thursday Night at the Marian Shrine.*

*Live or Live on Facebook at DMACT or [www.dmact.net](http://www.dmact.net).  
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## #WHATSMYNAME

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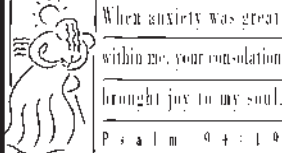
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