

# *Saint Margaret of Antioch Church*

115 West Central Avenue Pearl River, New York 10965



## **Third Sunday of Advent**

December 13, 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,

5:45PM (*September – June*)

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

10:30 AM, 12 Noon & 5:30 PM

## **Weekdays:**

Monday– Friday: 7:00AM & 9:00AM

Saturday: 9:00 AM & 12Noon

**Baptism:** Every Sunday 1:30PM 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  
9:30AM-10AM & 11:00AM-11:45AM

**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

**Parish Center Office** 33 N. Magnolia Street, Pearl River, NY

**Phone:** (845) 735-4746 ♦ **Fax:** (845) 735-4744

**Web:** [www.smparish.com](http://www.smparish.com)

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

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

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## *From the Desk of Father Raaser*



*Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord always, indeed the Lord is near:* the words of the introit of today's Mass. Today is *Gaudete* (Latin for the command form of the verb, "to rejoice") Sunday; the purple color of vestments and candle turns a lighter shade to rose color. Christmas is getting closer. On December 17<sup>th</sup> the emphasis changes to the immediate preparation for Christmas time.

I think we are all in need this year of a truly joy filled Christmas. This year, 2020 has been unusual on so many levels, many disappointments, sadness and uncertainties. We all need a joyful season to renew, refresh and even rebuild ourselves, our country, our Church. Those Christmas things of the past, which seemed so important, like shopping and getting things, mean less this year. Families are looking for love, peace and joy. We are yearning for what our Christmas carols and hymns teach us about Christmas. In this bizarre year, our solar system has decided to give us a Christmas miracle that hasn't been seen in nearly 800 years!

Mark your calendars: on Dec. 21, the winter solstice, we will see what perhaps the Magi and the shepherds saw on that first Christmas Day. Jupiter and Saturn will align so closely in the night sky that they will create a radiant point of light often referred to as the "Star of Bethlehem" or the "Christmas Star". The last time this close alignment took place was just before dawn on March 4, 1226. "The Great Conjunction", occurs roughly every 19 to 20 years, but this is the closest the planets will be since the Middle Ages. The next time the Great Conjunction will happen will be March 15, 2080.

To see it, make sure you have a clear view to the **southwestsky** about **45 minutes after sunset**. Sunset on Dec. 21 will be at 4:31PM, so about 5:15ish, look up to the sky! The "Christmas Star" will be visible for about one hour after sunset for the entire fourth week of December. If you have a telescope, you may also be able to see Jupiter and Saturn's largest moons orbiting them that week.

The words of Isaiah remind us: "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them."

Certainly for many people these past 9 months have been dark, and like nine months of waiting—a new birth, a new dawn, a Christmas Star will appear to guide us to the place where the Child is. This is the reason we can rejoice!

Continue to have a blessed Advent.

December 13, 2020

*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

**Sunday, Dec. 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM – John Clifford Sr.  
5:45 PM – Gus Austin O'Toole  
7:30 AM – Michael & Jack Galvin  
9:00 AM – The Boyle - Collier Family  
10:30 AM – Mary Dillon (Livestream)  
12 Noon – Antoinette & Nicholas Paciello  
5:30 PM – For the Parish

**Mon., Dec. 14 - Saint John of the Cross**

7 AM – Kim McKeever  
9 AM – Connie Tully

**Tues., Dec. 15 – Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM – Thomas J. Gallagher  
9:00 AM – Sean Tonner

**Wed., Dec. 16 – Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM – Emily Strunk (LIVING)  
9:00 AM – Michael Kunzmann

**Thurs., Dec. 17 – Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM – Angelo & Louise Palermo  
9:00 AM – Mary Dillon

**Fri., Dec. 18 – Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM – Patricia Rooney  
9:00 AM – James Burke

**Sat., Dec. 19 – Late Advent Weekday**

9 AM – Catherine Green  
12 Noon – James Burke

**Sunday, Dec. 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM – Ellen & John Scollan  
5:45 PM – Florence Renart  
7:30 AM – James & Frances Barschow  
9:00 AM – James Bredin  
10:30 AM – Mario Zupi (Livestream)  
12 Noon – Kevin Cull  
5:30 PM – For the Parish

**This weekend's special collection will be for the  
Retirement Fund for Religious.**

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who have given a lifetime.**

**Weekly Collection:**

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - \$ 9577.00

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – \$ 9471.00

Electronic Contributions for November:  
\$ 13,057.98

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**CHURCH MEMORIALS:** The Sanctuary Lamp will  
burn this week in loving memory of:  
The Deceased Members of the  
Kelly & Brennan Families



**Reconciliation  
Monday  
December 21<sup>st</sup>  
4:00-8:00PM**

Once again this year every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of New York will offer an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during the holy season of Advent, in preparation for Christmas.

Please keep proper social distancing while waiting in line, facial coverings are required. The confessional in the back of the Church as well as the front sacristy will be used as confessionals.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed upon the Altar during the time for confessions.

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**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

Annunciation Church

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**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18B-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Saint Margaret Rosary Altar Society**

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*



**Please see Saint Margaret's  
Christmas Mass Schedule  
in this bulletin**

December 13, 2020

### St. Margaret of Antioch



The children and staff are thriving and staying well. 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 has been donated. Our parents and the community have supported the Carousel Cake Sale and the Christmas Wreath and Tree Sale. The children and staff created 35 food bags as we joined the Thanksgiving Food Project; Visit our FB to view us in action.

Prayers to all for health and healing.

**About Us:** Registration has OPENED 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.

Mrs. Maldonado, Principal



### Saint Margaret Religious Education – PREP

#### Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for holy Church, protect the sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke you in their necessities, and since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.



Janela Bararata	Conor & Jillian Reilly
Penny Ellis	Margaret O'Connor
Justin Kless	The Rhodes Family
Manuel Sigulema	Maria Tenempaguay
	Peter Toolen

**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.**



**Sanctity of Life:** If you have a passion for pro-life issues, I am looking for volunteers to help start a program that will help first time, single mothers and their babies. Please call: Marie Nevins 914-213-5155 or email: [nevinsme58@gmail.com](mailto:nevinsme58@gmail.com) to hear more about this exciting news.

**Saint Margaret of Antioch  
Bereavement Support Group**  
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- to learn about grief
- to receive support, empathy & acceptance



Wednesdays: December 16, 23, 30 & January 6

Time: 10:00 AM & 11:30 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:  
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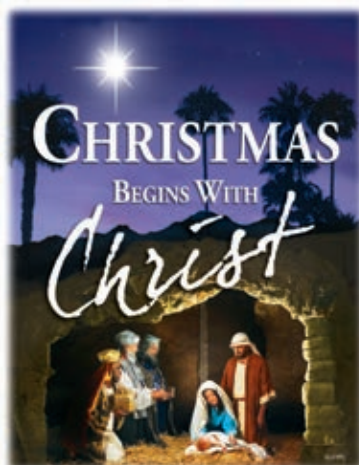
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*Saint Margaret's*

*CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE*

All Masses will take place in Saint Margaret Church

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:

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

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon

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

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**Wake Up to the Coming of the Lord**

*Advent Nights of Prayer & Reflection*

Rosary & Exposition of  
Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 PM

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).  
Same time schedule – 6:30 PM Rosary and 7:00 PM Adoration.

*“Come O Lord and Set Us Free - Bring Your People Peace*





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**#WHATSMYNAME**

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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