# Saint Margaret of Antioch Church

115 West Central Avenue Pearl River, New York 10965



### 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.

# **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 6, 2020

Rev. Eric P. Raaser Pastor

Rev. Ransford S. Clarke Parochial Vicar

Mrs. Brenda Lattuca Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Patricia Maldonado School Principal

### 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:**

1st 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

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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

Advent is a time of preparation. First, we prepare for the Second Coming of Christ, when all things will be made right, and all things will be restored. Then after December 17<sup>th</sup>, we prepare

for the remembrance of Christ's first coming at Christmas. Along the way of the four weeks of Advent, we have the "Saints of Advent" to inspire and help us prepare. Today is one of those saints: Saint Nicholas of Myra, aka Santa Claus. Yes, Santa Claus is real and he still exists.

Nicholas was born in the third century in the village of Patara, in modern-day southern Turkey (the area was Greek at the time). His parents were wealthy but they died while he was still young. Nicholas spent his inheritance helping the sick and the poor in his village, and eventually, he was made bishop of that area: Myra.

He lived during the reign of Roman emperor Diocletian, known for his persecution of Christians. Nicholas was imprisoned and exiled at some point of his ministry, and he was present at the Council of Nicaea, where he signed the Nicene Creed.

The most famous legend of Nicholas involves three poor sisters who had no dowry, which meant they were unable to marry (and in fact, would possibly be sold into slavery, as was the custom in those days). One morning, the family woke up to three bags of gold mysteriously waiting for them in their home, allowing the girls to marry. The bishop Nicholas had tossed the bags of gold into their window at night, so as to remain anonymous (and the legend says they even landed in socks drying by the fireplace).

Another legend says when a ship full of wheat made port in his town, he asked the sailors to give half their supply so he could feed the poor, promising they'd still have the same amount. They shared, and as the story goes, the sailors still had the same amount of wheat in their ship by the time they made port in Constantinople.

Overall, he was known for his generosity in the name of Christ by sharing his wealth among those he served, among those who needed it most. St. Nicholas, fed the hungry, brought hope to the imprisoned, gave comfort to the lost, and taught the truth of Jesus Christ to all. It is through his example, that we too are most generous gift-givers at Christmas. And what made St. Nicholas so generous? God who gave us as the very first gift of Christmas: Jesus, His only Son.

St. Nicholas became other figures because of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century. In northern Europe, the stories and traditions about St. Nicholas became unpopular. Yet someone had to deliver the presents to children at Christmas, so in England, St. Nicholas became 'Father Christmas' or 'Old Man Christmas', an old character from the story-plays of the Middle Ages. In France, he was known as 'Père Nöel', while in Germany and Austriahe became the 'Christkind' a golden-haired winged baby, who symbolized the baby Jesus.

In our country, his name was 'Kris Kringle' (from the Christkind). Later, Dutch settlers took the old stories of St. Nicholas with them and Kris Kringle and St. Nicholas became 'Sinterklaas' or as we now say 'Santa Claus'! Finally during the Victorian era, St. Nicholas became popular once again when writers, poets and artists rediscovered the old stories about St. Nicholas.

So, today we celebrate Santa, we celebrate St. Nicholas. Be generous today in your time, and in your love.

### Our Lady of Fatima Statue

I would like to thank Emma who brought the very beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima to our parish for the month of November. I pray that many graces will be received through Mary's intercession for us and our parish. Mr. Jose Thedim sculpted the original, historic statue in 1947.

The image of Mary reflects the description of Sr. Lucia, one of the three shepherd children who were privileged to see Our Lady each month from May through October of 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. The statue will be at St. Aedan's for the month of December

### **Immaculate Conception this Tuesday**

This Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended by the bishops of the Country, but I do encourage you to attend one of the Masses, if you feel comfortable.

The Noonday Mass will be livestreamed.

The Mass schedule is: Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM.



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

Mon., Dec. 7 - Saint Ambrose

7 AM - Thomas J. Gallagher

9 AM – Rita Freud; 7 PM – Peter Engel Tues., Dec. 8 – The Immaculate Conception

7:00 AM – For the Parish

9:00 AM - Theresa Hopkins

12 Noon - Augie, Mary & Rafaella Sciarra

4:30 PM - Kathleen Casey 7:00 PM - John Cooney

Wed., Dec. 9 - Advent Weekday

7:00 AM - Eileen O'Brien

9:00 AM - Johnny & Annie Early

Thurs., Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday

7:00 AM - Janice Ramunno

9:00 AM - Mary & John Murphy

Fri., Dec. 11 - Saint Damasus, Pope

7:00 AM - Maurice Downing

9:00 AM - Intentions of Friends at 9 AM Mass

Sat., Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9 AM - Rita Freud

12 Noon - Dec'd Members of the Sciarra Family

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

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Tuesday, Dec. 8th Holy Day of Obligation
The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses: Mon., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM Tues., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 7 AM, 9 AM, 12 Noon, 4:30 PM and 7 PM

**Weekly Collection** - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$ 6873.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend's special collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**CHURCH MEMORIALS:** The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for:The Priests & Staff of St. Margaret Church



Reconciliation Monday
Dec. 14th - 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.

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,

13-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday**: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;

Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday**: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,

12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday**: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-47

**Sunday**: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### Saint Margaret Rosary Altar Society

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

1/04 - 1/10 - Team #1 - G. Possavino

1/11 - 1/17 - Team #2 - M. Young

1/18 - 1/24 - Team #3 - E. Neven

1/25 - 1/31 - Team #4 - P. Michel

Any guestions call Angela: 845-920-0264



The following infants were baptized in November and welcomed into our Family of God.

CLARE ROSE CARROLL CHARLOTTE JEAN MURPHY MATTHEW JAMES DOLAN PATRICK JAMES DOLAN HARRISON JAMES RAIMONE

### St. Margaret of Antioch



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

(Please see Carolyn's Elves & IHA Toy Drive 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 9, 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: 845-735-4746

# Saint Margaret Religious Education – PREP



Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation December 8<sup>th</sup>

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.

(state your intentions here)

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin,

pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen. (Please see Giving Tree information in bulletin)

### FREE CONCERT FOR LIFE — Sat., Dec. 12th

Concert for Life at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point at 1 pm to benefit homeless moms & babies at the Good Counsel Home in Spring Valley. Megan Weston & Michael Fennelly, soprano and pianist. Fr. Joe Doran, SDB, will be honored. A free-will offering will be taken up. Please take an ad in the concert journal to further help the work at Good Counsel, please contact rachelminister1@aol.com or call 845-492-6709.

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 emai: nevinsme58@gmail.com to hear more about this exciting news.

Saint Margaret wishes to thank Mallory's Army Foundation for advertising in our Church bulletin





# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses will take place in Saint Margaret Church

<u>Christmas Eve</u> - Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon

(There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day)

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 or Cathy McLaughlin – CathyFleming811@gmail.com

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### **ADVENT PARISH GIVING TREE**

You will see our
Parish Giving Tree
In the Church vestibule
Please take home a gift tag
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Sunday, December 6th.

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Rosary & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 PM



# Wednesday, December 9th

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



## Wednesday, December 16th

Fidelity – (St. Joseph)



## Wednesday, December 23rd

(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 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 <a href="www.dmact.net">www.dmact.net</a>.

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

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