

Saint Margaret of Antioch Church

115 West Central Avenue ❖ Pearl River, New York 10965



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 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
9:30AM-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 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM & 7:30 PM – 8:30 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:
Mondays at 7:30 PM & after 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday

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From the Desk of Father Raaser

It has been a long, historical wait; they have been waiting since May due to the Pandemic of 2020. Now our children and teenagers will receive their Sacrament starting next Saturday with our School's First Holy Communion class. 15 of our students will receive Our Lord for the first time; then on October 17th and 24th the rest of our parish children will receive their First Holy Communion. On August 15th and 22nd, we already held two sessions with some of the children.

Bishop Walsh will visit our parish on October 9th and 23rd for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep our children in your prayers as we begin the immediate preparations for the reception of the Sacraments. It will be different this year, like most things, limiting the number of family members who can attend. We will livestream the ceremonies from our YouTube channel or from our website.

Blessing of the Animals

Next Sunday, October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the animals. Traditionally, on this day, we bring our pets to Church to have them blessed. **On the Church's plaza, in front of the Church, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4th at 2:00 PM**, we will gather in front of the statue of St. Francis, and we will have the blessing of animals. You are cordially invited to bring your pet, big or small. There will be a brief service with the blessing of the animals. Please wear a face covering and we will keep our distance from one another.

Animals have a part in human life and existence. We humans are the stewards of God's creation. And we have a moral obligation to take care of God's world, of which animals play a vital part. So we thank God for the gift of our pets, and in fact all animals and creatures of God.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Postponed

So many businesses have been affected by this pandemic, none as much as the travel industry. Last week I talked with Colette Tours, responsible for our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Israel has just closed its borders once again because of another outbreak, and most people are not feeling safe to travel, or being on a plane for 10 hours etc. So, we are going to **postpone** our parish pilgrimage until OCTOBER 31, 2021, arriving in the Holy Land on All Saint's Day. The price of the trip will remain the same. We still have room for extra people who may want to go. Soon I will have more information and publish the details.

Feast of the Archangels

Tuesday is the feast of the Archangels: Gabriel, Michael and Raphael, each were given a specific task by God to help humanity.

The name of the archangel **Michael** means, in Hebrew, who is like unto God and he is also known as "the prince of the heavenly host." He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation. From Revelation we learn of the battle in heaven, with St. Michael and his angels combating Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against Satan; to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; as well as he presents our soul to God for judgment.

St. **Gabriel's** name means "God is my strength". He appears three times as a messenger: to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah; to Zachary to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist and as the messenger of the Annunciation.

Our knowledge of the Archangel **Raphael** comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means "God has healed".

We invoke our angelic friends to watch over us and to help us.



**Sunday, Sept. 27 –
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM – Raymond Pezanowski
5:45 PM – For the Parish
7:30 AM – Teresa O'Sullivan
9:00 AM – Walter F. Regel
10:30 AM – Gerard McLoughlin (Livestream)
12 Noon – Marilyn Angley
5:30 PM – George Cullen

**Mon., Sept. 28 – Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

7 AM – Gerard McLoughlin
9 AM – Joanne Duffy

Tues., Sept. 29 – Weekday

7:00 AM – Christina Heim
9:00 AM – Jonathan Cappello

**Wed., Sept. 30 – Saint Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM – Kathleen Bel Tempo
9:00 AM – Mary & Patrick Sheeran

**Thurs., Oct. 1 – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM – Joseph P. McVeigh
9:00 AM – Mary Flanagan (Living)

Fri., Oct. 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 AM – Robert Redgrave
9:00 AM – The McDonald, Sweeney & Gannon Families

Sat., Oct. 3 – Weekday

9:00 AM – Bernadette Kinsella

**Sunday, Oct. 4th –
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM – John Donegan Jr.
5:45 PM – Kathleen Costin
7:30 AM – Natalie Picinic
9:00 AM – Eugene McGovern
10:30 AM – For the Parish (Livestream)
12 Noon – Mary, Bill & Frank O'Brien
5:30 PM – The Holy Souls

UNFULFILLED MASS INTENTIONS

Weekday Mass Intentions & the 2 Saturday evening Mass intentions were fulfilled by the Private Masses of Fr. Clarke & Fr. Raaser, however, the Sunday Mass intentions were not. To make it easy for everyone, the Masses from March 14-15, 2020 until June 6-7, 2020 have been transferred to the same weekend in 2021. Example: the 7:30 AM Mass on March 15, 2020 will now be offered on March 14, 2021. The List of Masses is published on bulletin boards of the Church and on our website. If there are any questions call 735-4746.

**CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 10 AM and
11 AM – 11:45 AM (No Face to Face Confessions)**

Catholic Charities Community Services:

Because of the continued generosity of St. Margaret parishioners, 27 bags of groceries have been delivered this past month to help the needy of Rockland County.
Thank You & God Bless You!

Weekly Collection for Sept. 20th - \$ 7,771.00

Thank you for all who have contributed to the collection.

Daily Readings of the Week

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



Readings for Next Sunday

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

In a question and answer format, the author deals both with people who repent of their evil, and those who turn to it. He provides his responses to both.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 1-11, or 2: 1-5

The scholars tell us this beautiful passage Paul quotes is actually from an early Church hymn. The first part sings of the Lord's abasement; the second of His earned exaltation.

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32 This parable continues earlier stories in Matthew about the people who actually are part of God's kingdom. Jesus tells the religious leaders in his audience that "tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you." The folks who look the least religious will enter God's kingdom ahead of religious leaders, because in the end they do God's will.

CHURCH MEMORIALS: The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of: **JOSEPH ARCHER**

The Annual Collection for the Saint Joseph's Seminary will take place THIS weekend. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to supporting this year's
Annual Seminary Appeal.

WEDDING BANNS;

III *Daniel Linnane and Colleen Walsh*
II *Nicholas Caputo and Leigh Ann Buckhout*



**A PRO-LIFE FAMILY EVENT –
Sunday, Oct. 4th, Route.59, Nanuet
2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM**

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Saint Margaret of Antioch Bereavement Support Group A safe place for the bereaved ...

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- to receive support, empathy & acceptance



DATE: Fall session will continue for the following dates:

Wednesdays:

September 30 & October 7, 14, 21

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

To register please call Tracey at the Parish Center Office, 845 735-4746.

The Cardinals' Appeal is still being conducted. If you haven't contributed yet, please pledge on line or mail your pledge. It would be great if we could get at least 255 of our parishioners to contribute. We're now at 231. We can do it!!
Latest numbers pledged: \$ 53,540.

MEN'S ONE DAY RETREAT: Marian Shrine, Stony Pt., Sat., Oct. 3rd. 8:15 – 9am: Arrival, Greeting through 3:45-4:30: Rosary, Sharing & Goodnight. Includes: Meals, prayer, reflections, adoration, confessions, Mass, etc. Questions: 201-259-7263. Dress casual & warm. Any Donation.

ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL - Virtual Open House Thurs., Oct. 15th - 7pm & Sun., Nov. 1st at 12noon. Register: <https://www.albertusmagnus.net/admissions/visit-our-campus>

Bereavement Support Group -St. Francis of Assisi – W.Nyack Consolation Ministry offers sessions on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm Oct. 6 & ending Nov. 24, in Classrooms 14 & 15. In order to register, please call: Bernadette (914) 907-8016, Peggy (914) 589-7674, Sheila (845) 634-8315.

Saint Margaret's wishes to thank
**Wedding Invitations
& Holiday Cards**
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SAINT MARGARET



Registration: Registration is open for September 2020. Each family was sent an email from Parish Giving to help with registration. **Please do not let the registration costs prevent you from signing up, Saint Margaret PREP will work with you, just let us know: smprep@hotmail.com**

If you are a new family to our program, welcome.

You may register as a "new" family by visiting our website to access the registration form <https://smparish.com/registration>

Prayer to the Archangels –

Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael –

Feast Day September 23rd

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael is our protector;

I ask him to come to my aid,
fight for all my loved ones,
and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News;

I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice
and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel;

I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone
I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace
and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.

Saint Margaret Rosary Altar Society

9/28 – 10/04 – Team #5 – A. Byrne
10/05 – 10/11 – Team #6 – S. Bellocchio
10/12 – 10/18 – Team #1 – G. Possavino
10/19 – 10/25 – Team #2 – M. Young
10/26 – 11/01 – Team #3 – E. Neyen
Any questions call Angela: 845-920-0264



Immaculate Heart Academy Open House – Sun., Oct. 25th, 11am-2pm & Thurs., Oct. 29th, 6:30 to 8:30pm. online registration: www.ihanj.com. Check website changes due to ongoing COVID-19. For more info, contact: Ms. Alexis Fatigati '07, Director of Admissions, at 201.445.6800, ext. 112 or afatigati@ihanj.com. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ, 07676.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES OF ROCKLAND
Hearts of Gold Games – Thurs., Oct. 1st – 6 PM. Teams compete in game of trivia & support individuals & families in need. Raffle prizes & more!
Learn more: visit: www.ccsrockland.org/jeopardy

American Heritage Girls Troop NY1315 at St. Francis of Assisi, W. Nyack. From K-12 interested in a fun, Christ-centered, service-minded organization. Variety of badges. Many recently completed their faith awards as well. 2 Friday nights a month. To visit a meeting, email keribennett@optonline.net or go to www.ahgonline.org for more information. Come and join the fun!

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Sincerely,
Patricia Maldonado, Principal



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