

Saint Margaret of Antioch Church

115 West Central Avenue ❖ Pearl River, New York 10965



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 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 & Oct to Dec

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Mondays at 7:30 PM & 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 – 4:30 PM

*The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12 Noon of each
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From the Desk of Father Raaser

Happy Labor Day! As Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial beginning of summer, this weekend is the unofficial end of summer. In this very strange year of 2020, the question being asked is did we have a summer?

It seems ever since March, one day flows into the next, without any noticeable differences. We missed spring, and for some, summer too, no travel, no vacation, and not even one trip to Disney. Now it is Labor Day Weekend. Usually one feels excitement in the air for a new school year with back to school shopping; malls being crowded, and waiting for the first day of school and who will be my new teacher, new classmates. Sadly, not this year, things are different. For some, the first day of school will be like the last day of school—done through Zoom or Google.

This Tuesday, September 8th, the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady, St. Margaret's School will open its 67th Academic Year. It promises to be a year like no other!

Coming back to school this year, temperatures will be taken at the door, each student will be assigned to a particular group with no other mingling with other students, wearing masks with "mask breaks" throughout the day, social distancing, lunch in the classrooms, headphones and laptops, the arrival and dismissal will be very different as well. And the one Catholic school memory most of us old timers have: a class trip to the bathroom, twice a day! I still remember at 10:00 AM and at 1:00 PM, after lunch, whether you had to or not, you lined up and went into the "lavatory." And God forbid if you took too long or were too loud, Sister would barge right in. The more things change, the more they stay the same!

Yet the most important aspect of school-life remains the same: the love, and the dedication of our nurturing teachers, staff and principal working, trying and doing their very best. Difficult as it is for the students in learning through computers at home, imagine the teacher. No one in their wildest dreams ever thought schools would operate like this. We as family pray for our school family, that they will be kept safe and free from all serious sickness, that in spite of the difficulties, their year will be filled with a love for learning the mysteries of God, and a deeper appreciation of all who help and love and protect them.

I also want to publically thank Mrs. Maldonado, our Principal. One cannot imagine the hard work, the many hours including her own time, even at nights and weekends making sure everything is safe and ready for our children, teachers and staff in returning to school. Also thank you to Mrs. Maul and Mrs. McGowan for their hours of hard work in the offices.

So as we begin our new year, we pray for God's loving protection upon our school family, and our school building which in October will see our PREP children and catechists and staff returning.

Lord Jesus Christ, who bade your apostles to pray that peace might come on any house they entered, we entreat you to bless our school building dedicated for the education of the young. Bestow your peace and blessing on it in full measure, so that its teachers and pupils may experience your saving grace, as did Zaccheus when you came into his home.

Bid your Holy Angels to keep guard here and to drive away all power of the enemy.

Inspire the teachers with knowledge, wisdom and holy fear. Foster their pupils with grace from on high, so that they may grasp, retain and put into practice the lessons they are taught. May teachers and pupils alike so please you by a truly virtuous life, that they may finally deserve to be received into your everlasting home in heaven; through you, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our God, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

Welcome Back to All!



Sunday, Sept. 6th
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM – Kathleen & Michael McGinley
7:30 AM – Leo & Anne Biedermann
9:00 AM – Ellen & John Dempsey
10:30 AM – Martin Dolphin (Livestream)
12 Noon – For the Parish
5:30 PM – George McCarthy Jr.
Mon., Sept. 7 – Weekday – (Labor Day)
7 AM – Mary Daly
9 AM – Theresa Hopkins
Tues., Sept. 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 AM – Emily Strunk (Living)
9:00 AM – Ann Ciarelli
Wed., Sept. 9 – Saint Peter Claver, Priest
7:00 AM – Kevin Strunk (Living)
9:00 AM – Bernadette Kinsella
Thurs., Sept. 10 - Weekday
7:00 AM – Elizabeth Reynolds (Living)
9:00 AM – Joseph F. Macri
Fri., Sept. 11 - Weeday
7:00 AM – Eugene Tomaselli
9:00 AM – Fr. Mychal Judge
Sat., Sept. 12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary
9:00 AM – Joan Kney
12 Noon – Marla Ryan
Sunday, Sept. 13 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 PM – Joseph & Vincenzo Prainito
5:45 PM – Maureen, Pat & Jacqueline Benn
7:30 AM – James & Faith McKenna
9:00 AM – Helen Dougherty
10:30 AM – Deceased Members of Saint Margaret's
Rosary Altar Society
12 Noon – Thomas Hickey & Franny Burke
5:30 PM – Joseph P. McVeigh

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Saturday evening 5:45 PM
Mass WILL RESUME next Saturday, September 12th.

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 & on our website. If there are any questions call 735-4746.

OPENING OF THE 2021 MASS BOOK

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th
AT 9:45 AM AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS
IN THE DOYLE CENTER.

NO ANNOUNCED MASS REQUESTS FOR 2021 WILL BE
ACCEPTED BEFORE 9:45 AM on THURS. SEPT. 17th.

MASKS NEED TO BE WORN – HAND SANITIZER WILL
BE PROVIDED. THE SOCIAL DISTANCE OF 6 FEET
WILL BE RESPECTED.

Daily Readings of the Week

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:
5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12,
14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1B-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-
14ab, 23-34; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4,
5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-
12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



Readings for Next Sunday

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7 This section of the Israelite Wisdom literature matches the Christian imperative. It certainly is our duty to forgive others, and not to hold grudges or to hate one's neighbor.

Reading II: Romans 14: 7-9 The liberating act of Christ, by way of which He freed us from bondage to sin and death, has enabled us to live for God. That is the basis of life in a Christian society.

The Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35 This instructional parable, with its three "acts," teaches us first that God's patience is a gift to us, and also that we have an obligation to imitate God's mercy by our forgiving attitude.

Weekly Collection for Aug. 30th - \$ 7,835.60

Thank you for all who have contributed to the collection.

1-Next weekend we will welcome Fr. Alfonso Kim, MM from Maryknoll Mission. Fr. Kim will speak at all the Masses on behalf of the **Propagation of the Faith.**

2-Next weekend, there will be a second basket by the doors of the Church to receive your collection on behalf of the **Holy Land Shrines.** This collection is normally taken up on Good Friday each year. However, due to the pandemic, the collection is next weekend.

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

WEDDING BANNS

II Thomas Weir and Kim Hurley



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

Parish Center Office will be closed
Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday

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A Summer Prayer <https://safeyoutube.net/w/FOQM>

Registration is ongoing and we are excited to share our virtual tour with you:

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

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



DATE: Fall session begins Sept. 16th and will run for 6 weeks on the following dates: Wednesdays: September 16, 23, 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.

HEAL OUR HEARTS – HEAL OUR LAND At Marian Shrine, Stony Point Sat., Sept. 12th – Rosary, 9am - Outdoor Mass, 11am; Includes:

Prayers for unborn babies who perished & those who died in 9/11.
Live-stream – DMACT Ministries; Bring children, lawn chairs.

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 229. We can do it!!
Latest numbers pledged: \$ 53,360

OPEN HOUSE: St. Joseph Regional HS, Montvale, NJ.
Sun., Sept. 27th, 11am. Visit campus, meet faculty, staff & coaches. Speak with teachers & students. Learn about academic & athletic programs, scholarships & financial aid.
Reserve your spot: SJRNJ.ORG.

Save The Date! Join Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, Sept. 21-30 for their 23rd Annual **Golf Tournament** at New York Country Club, New Hempstead. Website: <http://bit.ly/sparkillgolf2020> for further details, event registration, directions, etc. or contact Golf Committee Chair & Mission Advancement Associate; **Bernadette Donohue, at (845) 359 – 4172.**

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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 on the Birthday of Our Blessed Mother – Feast Day September 8th

Blessed Mother Mary, we celebrate your holy birth in the land your Son made holy. Your discreet life of prayer and service obscures so much but speaks loudly as well. May our lives be discreet in their goodness, known to God and to those few who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. Amen



Saint Margaret Rosary Altar Society

9/07 – 9/13 – Team #2 – M. Young

9/14 – 9/20 – Team #3 – E. Neyen

9/21 – 9/27 – Team #4 – P. Michel

9/28 – 10/04 – Team #5 – A. Byrne

Any questions call Angela: 845-920-0264

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **One to One Learning** will present its STAR-FEST XI Concert on SEPT 20th at 3:30 p.m. **in a virtual format only – no live performance.** Information on virtual will be provided to those who sign up for the event. Raffles for restaurant gift cards will be virtual as well. Sister Cecilia (845) 512-8176 OR
www.one2one-learning.org

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We are authentically Catholic and academically excellent. We welcome you to see all our school has to offer!

Sincerely,
Patricia Maldonado, Principal



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