**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

November 15, 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*

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**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:**  
  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

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From the Desk of Father Raaser

If you are anxious and worried about the future of our country because of the election results, just remember the words of our Lord at the Last Supper when He told His disciples, “Let not your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and faith in Me.” And the second prayer is one of my favorites, a copy of it sits on my desk right and center, it is the famous prayer of St. Theresa of Avila:

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes. Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

Our Church Bells

Churches used bells since the 5th Century. Before that different methods were used to call the people to prayer. In AD 604, Pope Sabinian approved the use of bells in churches only after the bells were “baptized and anointed.”

By the early Middle Ages, church bells became common throughout Europe. They were first common in northern Europe, reflecting the Irish missionary influence. Eventually when America was established, the churches would ring out the hours of the day, calling people to prayer and worship, announcing significant events, both in celebration, sadness or in warning.

Back in August, our Church bells no longer worked, and we had to purchase a new system, which we did. Two very generous parishioners offered to purchase the system for us. The main donor wishes to remain anonymous, and I will respect the wishes. The second donor wishes the bells to be rung in honor of her family and a plaque will be placed on the wall of the bell tower.

The original bell from the original Church of St. Margaret can still be seen in front of the Church. Over time, the bronze bell was replaced with an electronic bell system. The system just purchased is state of the art electronics, new and larger speakers, with many options of bell selection and hymns to be played. The cost of the system was $12,000. The system is guaranteed for 10 years. On November 1st, the new bell system rang out for the first time. It rings at 8AM, noon and 6:00 PM for the Angelus Prayer, and then it rings every hour from 8AM-8PM and at 8:02 PM, the Hymn “Day is Done” is played on the carillon. The bells are tolled at funerals and a festive peal of the bells after great celebrations. The call to worship is 15 minutes before each Sunday Mass. It also has other capabilities to play hymns at Christmas, Easter, even St. Patrick’s Day!

There is a solemn blessing or consecration of the Church bell, it is known as the “baptism of the bell.” The tradition is thought to date to the 8th century but some believe it started earlier. The solemn ceremony consisted of the washing the bell with blessed water, anointing with the Oil of the Sick seven times on the outside and four times on the inside of the bell asking “whoever assembles at its sound may be free from all temptations of the enemy, and ever follow the teaching of the Catholic faith...” after the anointing the bell receives a name. In most churches now the “baptized” bronze bells are replaced by computer chips

So when you hear once again that ringing in your ear, you are hearing a tradition dating back to the 5th century with 21st Century technology.

I would like to have a parish celebration in the blessing of the Bell System, perhaps in the spring when we can gather outside. I will keep you informed.
Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**FINDING HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** Family Life Office workshop for parishioners who are grieving the loss of a loved one will be held via Zoom conference on **Mon., Nov. 16th – 7 PM.** Must register in advance by **Fri., Nov. 13th** to receive Zoom link. For more info, or to register, contact Vincent DaSilva at (646) 794-3168 or Vincent.DaSilva@archny.org

**Saint Margaret Rosary Altar Society**

11/16 – 11/22 – Team #6 – S. Belloccio
11/23 – 11/29 - Team #1 – G. Possavino
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. Belloccio

Any questions call Angela: 845-920-0264

**Weekly Collection**

for Nov 8th - $ 8,271.50

Thank you for all who have contributed to the collection
St. Margaret of Antioch
School News

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale
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

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

Bereavement Support Group – St. Francis of Assisi

W. Nyack. Consolation Ministry offers sessions:
Tuesdays: 7 to 8:30pm, through 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 wishes to thank
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The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
November 21st

Prayer for the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Most gracious Virgin Mary, on this, the feast day of your presentation in the temple, we honor your parents' decision to consecrate you to God. Your dedication to a life spent wholly in His service is an inspiration to us all. You yourself would grow to become a living temple for our Lord. Because of your yes, now we all can become temples for our Lord as well; first, as the Trinity dwells within us; and secondly, in the Eucharist.

Help us to be worthy dwelling places for God by following His will and loving Him with our whole hearts. May we become a living praise of His glory by allowing Him to shine forth freely from our being.

Blessed Virgin, pray for this favor for us this day.

Annual Parish Giving Tree
Information In bulletin

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt 2021 Lottery Calendars are now available.
Purchase a Lottery Calendar for $20 and get 63 chances to win $50 cash prizes between Jan. & Dec. Makes a great gift for family and friends. Calendars can be purchased by calling 845-359-5600 ext. 165 or online by visiting:
www.opblauvelt.org/lottery-calendar

Albertus Magnus HS MEGA RAFFLE: A chance to win $20,000 plus 5 additional $1000 prizes. Only 2000 tickets to be sold! $50 per ticket. Drawing Nov. 25th. Winner need not be present. Purchase your ticket today by visiting www.albertusmagnus.net. GIVING, MEGA Raffle or call 845-623-8842 ext 218
2020 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 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!
4th Annual SMS Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale

Pre order form

Friday 11/27 10 am – 6 pm;    Saturday 11/28 10 am – 6 pm;    Sunday 11/29 10 am – 6 pm
Friday 12/04 4 pm – 6 pm;     Saturday 12/05 10 am – 6 pm;     Sunday 12/06 10 am – 6 pm
Friday 12/11 4 pm – 6 pm;     Saturday 12/12 10 am – 6 pm;     Sunday 12/13 10 am - 6pm

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST MARGARET’S SCHOOL

All items available for pickup beginning 11/27/20

Due to Covid 19 scheduled pickup times are available upon request

All purchases apply towards each family’s annual obligation

To schedule pickup or non sale hour appointments please email Meridith Denman @ mdenman512@gmail.com

Available items:

Fraser Fir Christmas Trees freshly cut Thanksgiving week ______ @ $60 = _______
22 inch Fraser Fir wreath hand decorated by a SMS family ______ @ $40 = ______
24 inch decorated Cross ______ @ $50 = ______
Grave Blanket (stakes to secure to ground provided) ______ @ $50 = ______

Total items ______total cost ______

Please make all checks payable to St Margaret’s School HSA and return SMS Main Office by 11/18/20

Name ______________________________  SMS student Y N
Phone __________________________  student(s) names _________________________

Thank You for your continued support of our students and their school!

Any questions please email Meridith Denman @ mdenman512@gmail.com
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