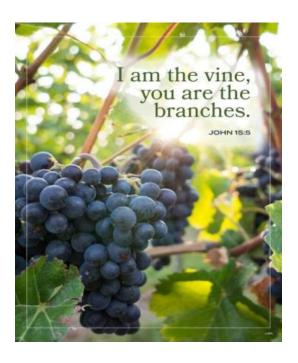
Saint Margaret of Antioch Parish

115 West Central Avenue • Pearl River, New York 10965



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

Rev. Eric P. Raaser Pastor

Rev. Ransford S. Clarke *Parochial Vicar*

Mrs. Brenda Lattuca
Director of Religious Education

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 9:30 – 10:00 AM & 11:00 - 11:45AM

Sick Calls: Call Parish Center Office for visits and/or Communion Calls to sick and home-bound. 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 or register on our website: www.smparish.com under "I'M NEW"

Devotions +

Rosary Recitation & Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Daily following 9:00 AM Mass

Cenacle for Life:

Following the 9:00 AM Mass on Wednesday

Nocturnal Adoration:

1st Friday 7:00 PM -9:00 PM

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Mondays at 7:00 PM & after 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday

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From the Desk of Father Raaser

Paston's Desk

Yesterday, our parish family began what I call, "First Holy Communion Season"; 54 of our children will receive our Lord in their First Holy Communion for the next four weeks.

I enjoy First Holy Communions, the love and excitement of the young children always inspires me. It is a blessing for me to see in their faces the love they have for Jesus and how they so want to receive Him. And then, how fervently they pray after they receive Holy Communion, hands folded and heads bowed. I also enjoy watching the pride in the faces of the parents and particularly, the grandparents as they see their little ones take the next step in the journey of faith.

I think it was the joy and the faces of the little ones that so affected Pope St. Pius X, who in 1910 made possible children at the tender age of 7 to receive the Eucharist. Prior to 1910, First Communion was the last of the three sacraments of Initiation, usually received around the age of 16 or older. It was later because by receiving Holy Communion there is an obligation placed upon the person to attend Mass every Sunday and Holyday. So it is still. Parents are now responsible for their children, along with themselves, to attend Mass every Sunday.

Church law states: On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass, and as the Catechism further explains #2193:

"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound. . .to abstain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body."

Sunday is to be a special day of the week. Sunday Mass is to be the highlight of the day. Nothing else should interfere with attending Mass. All the other activities we may do on a Sunday are secondary to the Mass.

There is also the hour of fasting before receiving Holy Communion, no food or drink, except water or medicine one hour prior. When I told the 2nd graders that their great-grandparents had to fast from midnight, or 3 hours before, they thought that was impossible! Why? They had to feel "hunger" for the Bread of Life.

If you miss Mass on purpose, without a good excuse, you cannot receive Holy Communion until you go to confession. Missing Mass on purpose is still a mortal sin and excludes you from a worthy Communion until you confess the sin.

St. Paul warns us of the consequences of receiving the Lord unworthily in his first letter to the Corinthians: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died" (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

We thank our children and their parents for helping us, once again, capture the importance and the joy of receiving Holy Communion. It is a wonderful time for our parish life; these days are grace-filled days and it is a joy not only for the children's families but also for the parish family and the entire Church. Even though you may not have a family member receiving these Sacraments, I invite you to share in the joy of the Church. I invite you to pray for our little friends, indeed pray for all of us that we will re-capture the love and excitement we had on the day of our First Holy Communion.



Sunday, April 28 -5th Sunday of Easter

4:30AM - (Saturday) -

Connie & Breda O'Sullivan

5:45 PM-(Saturday) - James & Rita Linekin

7:30 AM - Jason Newton

9:00 AM - Margaret Galvin

10:30 AM - William Buchan

12 Noon - Mary Shaughnessy

5:30 PM - For the Parish

Mon., April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM - Gary Friel

9:00 AM - Peggy Pandolfi

Tues., April 30 - Saint Pius V, Pope

7:00 AM - James Power

9:00 AM - James Ward

Wed., May 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker

7:00 AM - Julia Ann DeVito

9:00 AM- The MacMaster & Chon Families

Thurs., May 2 - Saint Athanasius,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM - Maureen Strehle

9:00 AM - Patrick McGovern

Fri., May 3 - Saints Philip and James,

Apostles

7:00 AM - Raymond Bellocchio

9:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Mofett & Finnegan Families

Sat., May 4 - Easter Weekday

9:00 AM - George Davy & Jerry Hughes

Sunday, May 5 - 6th Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM - (Saturday) - Janice Ramunno

5:45 PM - (Saturday) -

Sean Tonner & John Gannon

7:30 AM - Andrew Regenhard

9:00 AM -Walter F. Regel

10:30AM - Martin Dolphin

12 Noon - Tom & Margaret Shaughnessy

5:30 PM - For the Parish

There will be no 12 Noon Masses on Saturdays:

May 4th, May 11th, May 18th -

-Due to the children receiving the

Sacrament of First Holy Communion



Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2024 are invited to attend the

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on: Sunday, June 2nd - at 2:30 PM Pews will be reserved for *Golden Jubilee* couples only. Up to (4) additional family & friends will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section in general seating. All *Golden Jubilee* couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Pre-registration is required.

Please contact St. Margaret's to register no later than Monday, May 6th.

If you are unable to attend please request a certificate through your parish.

SAINT MARGARET PARISH ANNUAL MASS

Celebrating 25th & 50th Anniversary Couples on Sunday, June 23rd at the 10:30 AM Mass Please call the Parish Center – 735-4746 and let us know that you will be attending.

Marriage Banns



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MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2025

Will open on Monday, May 13th in the Doyle Center **after** the 9 AM Mass.

(There will be no reserving of Mass Intentions before May 13th)

You may sign up for WeShare - 845-735-4746

Cardinal's Appeal Goal for 2024 - \$94,000 133 gifts - \$ 39,830 pledged.

Thank you for your generosity.



SAINT MARGARET'S PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - PREP

Prayer to Saint Joseph the Worker Feast Day May 1st

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen. (Composed by Pope St. Pius X)

BEREAVEMENT - H.A.N.D.S (HEALING & NURTURING DISTRAUGHT SURVIVORS)

Sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child.

It is facilitated by Ann Carussi, founder of H.A.N.D.S., Group meets from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at H.A.N.D.S., 9 Scott Dr. New City. - Next meeting: May 21st. Services are free of charge.

Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions. H.A.N.D.S. has a **WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. **Meeting held every Monday evening at the H.A.N.D.S. Headquarters.**

PARISH FOOD DRIVE The following items are much needed in our local community. Perhaps you could assist us: Vegetable oil, Spices, White rice, Apple or Cranberry Juice Bottles, Dish Soap, Hand soap, Laundry detergent, Coffee, Pancake mix, Boxed milk (ie. Parmalat), Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Salt, Sugar. Your kindness is appreciated!

Promenade at Blue Hill BBQ Monthly BBQ for Pearl Seniors Starting Friday May 22nd 1:00-2:00 PM RSVP Sally Ann O'Shea 845-735-6846



ST. MARGARET ROSARY ALTAR

If you wish to enroll in Saint Margaret Rosary Altar Society please call: Mary Milillo - co-President - 845-735-0680

Diane Edsall - co-President - 845-620-1876

May God Richly Bless You!

4/29 - 5/05 - Team #2 - Mary Young

5/06 - 5/12 - Team #3 - Evelyn Neven

5/13 - 5/19 - Team #4 - Pat Michel

5/20 - 5/26 - Team #5 - Mary Clarke

5/27 - 6/02 - Team #6 - Sylvia Bellocchio

Join us every First Saturday at 8:30 AM to pray the Rosary for world peace and an end to abortion.

Bus SENIOR TRANSPORTATION for Doctor visits, shopping, etc. - T.R.I.P.S. BUS 845 364-8747 SENIOR DISCOUNT FARE- 845 364-3333 60+ must obtain ID card from Rockland County Dept.of Transportation for local transportation.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - 845 364-2116

Seniors 60+ for ride to medical appointments, grocery shopping, pharmacy)



2nd Annual Rob Gallagher Memorial Golf Outing St. Margaret of Antioch School

Thursday, May 16th

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Phone #:	
E-mail:	
List Dinner Only (\$65) names below:	

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL NEXT Sunday, May 5th ALBERTUS MAGNUS High School

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We would like to express our sincere condolences to all those who have lost loved-ones. The Consolation Ministry will be offering a Bereavement Support Group.

Sessions: Thursdays - 7 - 8:30 PM - April 4 - May 16

In Classroom 6. To register, please call: Bernadette Hemmer (914)907-8016, Sheila Buckley (845)634-8315 Peggy Concannon (914)589-7674

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