16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021

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, 5:45PM (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 1:30 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 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.smeparish.com under “I'M NEW”

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:
Following the 9:00 AM Mass on Wednesday

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

Parish Center Office
33 N. Magnolia Street, Pearl River, NY
Phone: (845) 735-4746 - Fax: (845) 735-4744
Web: www.smeparish.com
Parish Office Hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 AM – 4:30PM
The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12Noon of each week.
Email: Dorothy@smeparish.com

Parish Religious Education Program – PREP (Parish Center)
Phone: (845) 735-5489  Fax: (845) 735-4744
Email: smprep@hotmail.com  Web: www.smeparish.com

St. Margaret School – 34 N. Magnolia Street, Pearl River, NY
Phone: (845) 735-2855  Fax: (845) 735-0131
Web: www.saintmargaretschool.com
This Tuesday is the feast day of our Patroness, St. Margret of Antioch. The practice of adopting patron saints dates back to the building of the first public churches in the Roman Empire, most of which were built over the graves of martyrs. The churches were then given the name of the martyr, and the martyr was expected to act as an intercessor for the Christians who worshiped there. Churches are largely dedicated to a patron.

Patron saints are not only advocates for churches, but also they can be the heavenly protector of a nation, profession, class, occupation, family, or a person. This is the reason why a Saint’s name is chosen for a child at their baptism. In the early Church, the Roman or pagan names were changed to a saint’s name, reflecting the name change of Sts. Peter and Paul.

As you may know, when the Catholics gathered together here in Pearl River, first in a private house on Ridge Street (now a vacant lot) in 1893. Then a small chapel was built on South Main Street in 1895 under the patronage of St. Agnes (that is the reason that St. Agnes is depicted in the round Rose Window in the choir loft). Then our first Church was built in 1900, the name was changed to St. Margaret of Antioch. The name Margaret means, “pearl of great beauty.” Someone in the Chancery Office had a nice sense of the meaning of names, humor and history. So who was Saint Margaret of Antioch?

She was a young Virgin-Martyr of the Early Church; she was martyred during the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian (AD 303-305). The fact that she existed, the fact that she was martyred is most probably true, the rest is pious legend and embellishment from the medieval times. Many of the stories were already discounted by Pope Gelasius in AD 496. She was the daughter of a pagan priest at Antioch in Pisidia. In the East, she is known as St. Marina. Her mother died at her childbirth, or soon thereafter and was raised by a Christian nurse. She was converted to Christianity, whereupon her father disowned her and drove her out of the household. She became a shepherdess and herder. One day as she was tending the herds, a Roman prefect named Olybrius saw her and became infatuated with her beauty. He made advances to her and she declined, she said she was married to Christ, and wanted to remain a virgin. Not taking ‘no’ for an answer, he charged her with being a Christian. He had her tortured and then imprisoned, and while she was in prison she had an encounter with the devil in the form of a dragon.

According to the legend, the dragon swallowed her, but the cross she carried in her hand so irritated his throat that he was forced to disgorge her. The next day, attempts were made to execute her by fire and then by drowning, but she was miraculously saved and converted thousands of spectators witnessing her ordeal—all of whom were promptly executed. Finally, she was beheaded. She is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, and St. Joan of Arc heard her voice in a religious vision. One of the reasons St. Joan of Arc is depicted in one of our windows.

Saint Margaret became the patroness of childbirth because of the bursting forth unharmed from the belly of the dragon. That story was deemed in late Medieval Western Europe to be analogous to the pains and perils of childbirth. Furthermore, before her death, Margaret intercedes for her executioner and encourages devotees to call upon her in various needs, promising to be especially attentive to the needs of pregnant women. These promises largely account for her widespread popularity. It became common practice to place the story of St. Margaret on the stomach of a woman as she was delivering her child, to protect the mother and child.

St. Margaret, Protect our parish, and all our parishioners, past and present, renew us and our families in the beauty of faith and the worship of our God.
Sunday, July 18th -
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 PM – Barbara Murphy
7:30 AM – For the Parish
9:00 AM – Albert Jackson
10:30 AM – Daniel Callanan
12 Noon – Peggy Sullivan
5:30 PM – Msgr. Rudolph Eisler
Mon., July 19 – Weekday
7 AM – For Vocations
9 AM – Paul Forgacs
Tues., July 20 – Patron Feast
Saint Margaret of Antioch
7:00 AM – For the Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM – For the Living & Deceased Parishioners
Wed., July 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
7:00 AM – Gerard Farrelly
9:00 AM – Michael Murphy
Thurs., July 22 – Saint Mary Magdalene
7:00 AM – The Safety of Travelers
9:00 AM – May & Andrew Kilgallon
Fri., July 23 – Saint Bridget, Religious
7:00 AM – For All Who Serve in the Military
9:00 AM – Martin Neyen
Sat., July 24 – Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
9:00 AM – The Scallon Family
12 Noon – Deceased Members of the Beckerle Family
Sunday, July 25 –
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 PM – For the Parish
7:30 AM – John Rooney
9:00 AM – Kathleen Wilson
10:30 AM – Deborah Dolan
12 Noon – Michael Gregory
5:30 PM – David Lee

Just a reminder as we are all returning to Mass. Please dress appropriately for Mass. Beach wear is best worn at the beach not in Church. We should have our eyes fixed on God, not on you. I ask the parents please see that your children, especially teenagers are dressed modestly for Mass. I know Budweiser is the King of Beers, but there is no need to advertise it in Church, on tee shirts. Please be aware of what you are wearing. I always find it remarkable that some of the outfits that people wear in Church; you would not get through the door at a Country Club.

SUMMER HOURS

- There will be no 5:45 PM Mass on Saturdays during July & August and no Monday Holy Hour
- The Parish Center Offices will be closed at 12 Noon on Fridays: July 2nd through September 3rd

Brian Davidson & Caitlin Bailey

Weekly Collection for July 11th - $8522.50
Electronic Giving for June - $15,157.17
Thank you for your generosity

or you may also sign up for WeShare
July 18, 2021

St. Margaret of Antioch
School News...

Join us in daily prayer in the Year of St. Joseph

Prayer to St. Joseph
Hail Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His Only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you, Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

Registration is ongoing and thriving:
- visit saintmargaret.com and click on Apply Now & take a peek into classrooms via our Video Gallery
- visit our Facebook & Twitter pages to see all the wonderful things that have been taking place 5 days a week: We Are SMS Strong
- Contact Administration Directly with questions:
  - pmaldonado@saintmargaret.com (principal)
  - Brenda@saintmargaretschool.com (admin)
  - emcgowan@saintmargaret.com (admin)

God bless, keep safe and stay well.

Patricia Maldonado, Principal

When God is about to do something great, He starts with a difficulty. When He is about to do something magnificent, He starts with an impossibility.

Armin Gesswin

SAINT MARGARET’S PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
PREP

Prayer to Saint Margaret of Antioch
Feast Day July 20th
Jesus, lover of chastity, Mary, Mother most pure, and Joseph, chaste guardian of the Virgin, to you I come at this hour, begging you to plead with God for me. I earnestly wish to be pure in thought, word and deed in imitation of your own holy purity.

Obtain for me, then, a deep sense of modesty which will be reflected in my external conduct. Protect my eyes, the windows of my soul, from anything that might dim the luster of a heart that must mirror only Christ-like purity.

Heart of Jesus, Fount of all purity, have mercy on us. Amen.

Registration for 2021-2022 classes. Please look for an email from Parish Giving which will provide the details needed to register your child (children) online. Email the PREP office (smprep@smparish.com) with any questions.

Thank you.

Travelling: If you will be travelling in the United States and want to find the nearest Roman Catholic Church and its Mass schedule, you can visit the Mass Times site on the Internet: www.masstimes.org or call Mass Times at: 1-858-207-6277. Many foreign cities are included.
**Saint Margaret Rosary Altar Society**

7/19 – 7/25 – Team #5 – M. Clark
7/26 – 8/01 – Team #6 – S. Bellocchio
8/02 – 8/08 – Team #1 – G. Possavino
8/09 – 8/15 – Team # 2 – M. Young
8/16 – 8/22 – Team #3 – E. Neyen
8/23 – 8/29 – Team #4 – P. Michel

Any questions call Angela: 845-920-0264

**Pray the Rosary each day for the end of the Pandemic**

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**ONGOING PARISH FOOD DRIVE**

We deliver bags of food to a local School Food Pantry & to Catholic Charities Community Services monthly.

*Our goal is to continue to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families in need.*

Once again, you make a difference in the lives of the people we serve.

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**THE CARDINAL’S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

The 2021 Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal has begun! Your gift will support the vast educational, charitable, and pastoral outreach of our archdiocese.

Learn more here: [https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support](https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support).

Saint Margaret’s Parish has received 198 gifts with a pledge of $ 57,029.

The goal established by the Archdiocese of New York for our parish is $148,500.

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Father Angelo J. Micciulla, pastor of Holy Family Church on Staten Island, NY is a priest of the Archdiocese of NY and is in need of a kidney transplant.

If there is anyone willing to help, including prayers and spreading the word in hopes of finding a donor please contact donor coach, Lisa Russo at Holy Family Church, (718-761-6663) to receive information to begin the screening process.

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**VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED:**

The 2021-2022 school year marks the 25th year of One to One Learning classes. We again ask that you donate your time and talent in teaching English, GED and Citizenship preparation in a small-group learning format in morning, afternoon or evening classes which will begin in September and occur on Mondays and Wednesdays at our location at: 640 N. Midland Ave., in Upper Nyack.

In order to be prepared for teaching prior to class start-up, Sr. Cecilia will need to meet with you during the month of August.

Please contact Sr. Cecilia at (845) 512-8176 or email at clpangel59@gmail.com.

Our Website is: [www.one2one-learning.org](http://www.one2one-learning.org)
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BEREAVEMENT (HANDS):
(Healing And Nurturing Distraught Survivors)
For parents who have lost a child, facilitated by Ann Carucci, Meeting: 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City. Free of charge. Personal one-on-one counseling sessions & a Widows/Widowers group by Ann Carucci.
Meetings: Every Monday evening 9 Scott Dr., New City. Ph: 634-6706, Fax:634-9199; Email:Hands423@aol.com

DO YOU HAVE A SUMMER PLAN YET?
Spend your summer as a Falcon!
(Albertus Magnus) - Academic Enrichment
Rising 9th Graders - Kidz to Pros
Pre-K -9th Grade - Sports specific camps
2nd – 9th Grade
http://www.albertusmagnus.net

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED
Domestic violence can take different forms, but its purpose is always the same: Abusers want to control their domestic partners through fear. They do this by abusing them physically, sexually, psychologically, verbally, and/or economically.
If you or a family member or friend are affected by abuse and need support, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800 787-3224 (TTY), or if you're unable to speak safely, you can log on to https://www.thehotline.org/.
If you are in immediate danger, call 911.
For more information on Domestic Violence, visit the Archdiocesan Family Life Office webpage: https://archny.org/family-life/training-resources/additional resources/ OR visit Catholics For Family Peace website: www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org.

Saint Margaret Parishioners
(Updating Our Database)
It will be greatly appreciated if you could please update your parish information.
For example: If there has been a change in your phone number or address etc., please call the Parish Center with this information.
845-735-4746 - Thank you.

Rockland County Al-Anon Family Groups,
District 29 – The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon's primary purpose is to help families and friends of alcoholics, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.
Go to www.rockland-al-anon.org for virtual meetings schedule.

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KERRY E. QUINN, D.P.M
Thank you for advertising in our Church bulletin
Support Your Community ...and your Church!

Make a Difference in Your Community
VOLUNTEER with the American Red Cross
Join today at redcross.org/Volunteer

Venture is Hiring!

Venture, a leader in providing support to individuals with developmental disabilities, is hiring! We are currently recruiting for full time/part time and temporary, Day, Evening, Overnight, and Weekend Direct Support Professional positions. With over 40 locations in Rockland County, there’s sure to be a position that is right for you.

Reap the rewards of being part of Venture, an Employer of Choice, offering excellent benefits and opportunities for growth, leading to a fulfilling career.

Are you considering placing an advertisement in the Saint Margaret of Antioch Weekly Bulletin?

Now is a great time to call and find out how you can support Saint Margaret and grow your business at the same time!

To advertise in the Saint Margaret weekly bulletin, contact Larry Post at 201-658-3021 or email at LPost@JPPC.net

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON

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ASK #WHATSMYNAME BEFORE YOU GET IN A RIDE SHARE

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Message and data rates may apply.

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