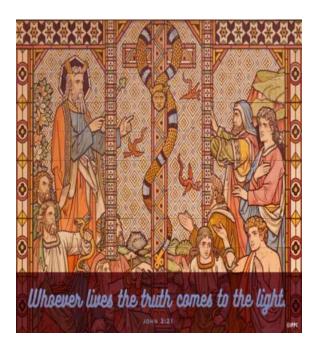
# Saint Margaret of Antioch Parish

115 West Central Avenue • Pearl River, New York 10965



### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

March 10, 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:

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### **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:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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

Don't know if you are awake that early, but have you seen the sunrise recently, and the beauty of the rose colored dawn? They say this time of year,

it's rose so we can get a glimpse of the joy we are preparing for at Easter.

The fourth Sunday in Lent, *Laetare Sunday* derives its Latin name from the first word of the Introit (Entrance chant) text, "*Laetare Jerusalem*" (Rejoice, Jerusalem). It is a day to rejoice, a day of joy within the penitential season of Lent. We have arrived almost at the mid-point of Lent. So the fasting can take a break this day, and to indicate this, the priests wear rose-colored vestments instead of purple, there can be a prelude and a postlude at the Mass and the altar is decorated with flowers.

The reason for such display of joy is explained in a sermon by Pope Innocent III in 1216:

On this Sunday, which marks the middle of Lent, a measure of consoling relaxation is provided, so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart.

There are multiple reasons why the Fourth Sunday of Lent is cause for joy, the most important of which is the proximity to Easter. On Ash Wednesday, Easter was a long way off, six and a half weeks, but today, Easter is only three weeks away, and as the greatest of all Christian feasts draws ever nearer, our joy increases. Joy is also present because the penitential practices like fasting, abstinence, and self-denial, is more than half over.

In many Catholic churches flowers are the most commonly used decorations in the sanctuary. Around the year 1000 AD flower arranging arrived in Europe and was particularly popular in churches and monasteries. As crusaders came back from the Middle East, they brought with them new and interesting plants.

Flowers and garland can be found surrounding the altar at Mass, or in front of statues, the baptismal font and other prominent works of art.

There are liturgical regulations concerning flowers in Church, "Floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table." Additionally, "During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts." (General Instruction Roman Missal)

Flowers are meant to express joy, and is why they are restricted during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.

A Franciscan monk Francis Borgia, wrote: "God has left us from Paradise three things: the stars, the flowers and the eyes of a child." In fact, flowers have in God's creation a place entirely their own; they are on the globe of the earth what the stars are in the canopy of heaven — flowers are the least affected by the curse of sin. In the splendor of their colors, in their fragrance, they are revelations of the beauty and goodness of God, emblems of His benevolence, images of His first, true designs. Flowers also remind us of the spiritual life and the virtues we should acquire within our hearts. Flowers also used to symbolize the virtues, innocence and holiness, and some saints are symbolized by a flower, St Therese the Little Flower.

**Tulips**, are symbolic of the resurrection because they are from bulbs, and return every year. **Passion Flowers** – Originally called "Espina de Cristo" by the Jesuit missionaries who brought it to Spain from South America, this flower represents Christ's suffering and sacrifice. **White roses** and **lilies** are used to stand for purity. **Red roses** stand for love or as a sign of Christ's blood. The petals of the rose can symbolize the five wounds of Christ from the crucifixion.

The next time you see flowers in Church, let it raise your mind and heart to God as you enter into the beauty and sweet aroma of holiness.



# Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM - (Saturday) - Josephine Geenty

5:45 PM - (Saturday) - William O'Connor

7:30 AM - Thomas Broderick & Eddie O'Connell

9:00 AM - Bridget & Michael Conway

10:30AM - Martin Dolphin

12 Noon - Patrick Moore

5:30 PM - Pasquale Botta and

**Angelo Carpentieri** 

### Mon., March 11th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM - Caterina Rabellino

9:00 AM - Moira Reilly

### Tues., March 12th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM -Mary Green

9:00 AM - Martin Farrell

### Wed., March 13th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM - The Coyne, Riley, Shanley and Darby Families

9:00 AM- William Byrne & Family (LIVING)

### Thurs., March 14th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM - For Grieving Parents

9:00 AM - Eugene O'Brien

### Fri., March 15th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM - Ughetta Coppo & Yvonne & Jen

9:00 AM - Reverence for Life

### Sat., March 16th - Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM - Patrick Green

12 Noon - James, Alice & Jim Morrison

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM - (Saturday) Gus O'Toole

5:45 PM - (Saturday) For the Parish

7:30 AM - Gordon Taylor

9:00 AM-Robert McKiernan & Joanne Duffy

10:30 AM - Bridie Rvan

12 Noon - Patrick Moore

**Abstinence:** Catholics who are 14 and older are not allowed to eat meat from an animal or fowl. Every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence.

# There will be No 5:30 PM Mass NEXT Sunday, March 17th The St. Patrick's Parade will be taking place in Pearl River.

Palms

Saint Margaret Parish is selling Palm Crosses after all

### Masses next weekend

March 16/17<sup>th</sup> & also the weekend of March 23/24<sup>th</sup>.

Crosses will be sold for \$10 each.

The proceeds will fund our Special Needs Ministry.



Every Friday after the 9 AM Mass & 7 PM

Confessions: Friday evening at 6:30 PM Saturday 9:30 AM & 11 to 11:45 AM

**Weekly Collection** - for March 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$ 9553.01 or you may also sign up for WeShare

Cardinal's Appeal Goal for 2024 - \$94,000 83 gifts - \$ 27,705 pledged. Thank you for your generosity.

# RECONCILIATION MONDAY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK



Confessions will take place throughout the New York Archdiocese and Brooklyn on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM to 4 PM & 6 PM to 8 PM

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY TODAY, March 10<sup>th</sup> We are participating in the 12 Noon Mass at St Margaret's. Bake Sale & Girl Scout Cookie Booth following the 10:30 AM & 12 Noon Masses in Toner Hall.



## <u>HOLY WEEK AT</u> SAINT MARGARET

### Palm Sunday, March 24

Blessing and Distribution of Palms at all Masses

### **Holy Monday, March 25**

2:00 - 4:00 PM & 6:00 - 8:00 PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Spy Wednesday Evening, March 27

7:00 PM: Service of Tenebrae

### Holy Thursday Evening, March 28

7:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper Repository of the Blessed Sacrament in Toner Hall until Midnight

### Good Friday, March 29

10:00 AM: Service of Tenebrae3:00 PM: Service of the Lord's Passion7:00 PM: Choral Stations of the Cross

### **Holy Saturday Morning, March 30**

10:00 AM: Service of Tenebrae Blessing of Easter Food8:00 PM: Solemn Vigil of Easter with Choir and Orchestra

### Easter Sunday, March 31

6:30 AM (Mass at Sunrise)
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
10:30 AM - with Choir and Orchestra
12 Noon, 1:00 PM
(No Evening Mass)



### EASTER EGG HUNT Following the 9:00 AM Family Mass on March 31st

**Outside of Church -** Bring your baskets! 0 - 4 Years: Meet by Pre-K 4 playground behind the gazebo.

5+ Years old: Meet by backyard (down the driveway to the right of garage)
EVENT HELPERS:\*

\* Community Service Hours Opportunity For info/help signing up: smfamilymass@gmail.com



# SAINT MARGARET'S PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - PREP

### Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, in His public ministry, your Son healed the sick and cured many of diseases. Throughout the centuries, manifestations of His Blessed Mother and official canonization of saints are often accompanied with healings of those declared incurable by medical professionals. Hear us as we pray for deeper compassion and justice for the sick and their loved ones anxious for their care. Amen.

### **MUSIC NOTES:**





### **Rehearsals for Choristers:**

Thursdays at 4:00PM in Toner Hall.

### **Rehearsal for Parish Choir:**

Wednesdays at 5:45PM in Toner Hall.



### 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!

3/04 - 3/10 - Team #1 - Gina Possavino

3/11 - 3/17 - Team #2 - Mary Young

3/18 - 3/24 - Team #3 - Evelyn Neyen

3/25 - 3/31 - Team #4 - Pat Michel

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

2nd Annual Rob Gallagher Memorial Golf
Outing St. Margaret of Antioch School Thursday, May 16th - Location: Blue Hill Golf
Course, 285 Blue Hill Road, Pearl River, NY

Time: 10 AM Registration / LUNCH / 11 AM Putting/Bunker Contest 12:00 PM Shotgun Start Cost: \$250 per Golfer / Includes: • Golf & Cart • Lunch / Dinner at The Castle and all drinks throughout the day • Skill contests - Longest drive, Closest to pin, Hole-in-One-win a Mercedes • Live Auctions, Raffle Baskets \$65 Dinner Only (5:30 PM): Cocktail party, Dinner, Music/Auction/Raffle Baskets

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- ✓ **Tournament Sponsorships \$2,000 \$5,000:** See opposite column for Sponsorships details. These sponsorships include GREAT value for your company and guests.

Make checks Payable to St Margaret Home School Association Inc. Send to: Frank List/Golf Committee 32 Oldert Dr. Pearl River, NY 10965 Or purchase tickets/sponsorships at: https://smshsa.rallyup.com/golf2024

Questions: Contact Frank List 646-879-3106 or Matt Reid 845-548-4272 franklist25@yahoo.com; mattjreid2019@gmail.com;

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ALL Welcome ~ Spread the word! For more info visit: www.stbarnabashigh.com or call Sarah O'Connor '77 (203) 512-4351

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Next meeting next Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>
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
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In thanksgiving to God for the gift of life. Because the Blessed Mother is praying with you. For more information, please contact Eileen Peterson at RachelMinister1@aol.com or call: (845)-492-6709 especially if you are able to commit to one hour per week.

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**Pray with the Dominican Sisters Lenten Evening Prayer Each Sunday in Lent.** At 4:45 PM, the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill gather in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel each of the first 5 Sundays of Lent to pray Solemn Evening Prayer (also known as "Vespers"). We are blessed to have preachers from the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, the Sisters of St. Dominic, Blauvelt, & Albertus Magnus H S, Lectio Divina with Sunday Scriptures for Lent Join us by Zoom for the ancient practice of Lectio Divina — a meditative reading of Sacred Scripture with quiet time for individual reflection. Each Monday in Lent at 1:30 PM, Lectio Divina will be guided by a Dominican Sister, using the Sunday Scriptures for the upcoming week as our focus.

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