

St. Margaret of Antioch Church

115 W. CENTRAL AVENUE ✦ PEARL RIVER, NY 10965



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

SERVED BY

Rev. Eric P. Raaser-----*Pastor*

Rev. Ransford S. Clarke-----*Parochial Vicar*

Mrs. Brenda Lattuca-----*Director of Religious Ed.*

Mrs. Patricia Maldonado -----*School Principal*

MASS SCHEDULE †

Saturday ----- 4:30 PM

5:45 PM (Sept.-June)

Sunday ----- 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,
12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Weekdays

Monday - Friday ----- 7:00AM, 9:00 AM

Saturday ----- 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM

BAPTISM: Every Sunday 1:30 PM, Church.
Contact Parish Center Office to make
arrangements.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples should
contact Parish Center Office at least
six months in advance.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays Church,
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

SICK CALLS: Call Parish Center Office for
visits and/or Communion calls to sick & home-
bound. In danger of death, day or night, call
Parish Center Office for 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:

Wednesdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

NOCTURNAL ADORATION:

1st Fridays 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

St. Aedan's Church - *January thru March & July thru September*

St. Margaret's Church - *April thru June & October thru December*

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays 7:30PM & after 9:00AM Mass on Saturday

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Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Fri., 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12 noon of each week.

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PARISH RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAM - PREP (Parish Center)

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From the Desk of Father Raaser

In early June, two more celebrities committed suicide. They were rich and famous; qualities the world says are significant and worthy of much sacrifice to attain. Why are they killing themselves?

We as a society enjoy social, technological, and economic advances that far surpass any other generation. We enjoy better health, longer life spans, less air pollution, higher levels of education, higher per-capita income, and greater personal and civil liberties than at any other time in history. All these material gains should add up to an increased sense of happiness and well-being. But they don't. Depression has increased over 1,000% since the 1950's.

Suicide has become the tenth most leading cause of death in the U.S., the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34, and the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35 and 54. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2016 Report saw almost 19,000 homicides in the United States; the number of suicides was more than twice that at 45,000.

64,000 lives lost to violence, not to mention the reported 800,000 legal abortions performed that same year. We human beings, loved into existence and created in the image and likeness of God, are throwing ourselves away. Why are we missing the most fundamental aspect of who we are? Why do we think so little of ourselves?

G.K. Chesterton, the Catholic apologist wrote, "The man who kills himself, kills all men; as far as he is concerned he wipes out the world." Why do people want to kill the world in which they live?

For many, they have no meaning in their life. Nothing makes sense to them; all their hopes and dreams were dashed through the years, all the empty promises given to them as youth go unfulfilled. We tell our young people they can do and be anything they want to be, a great lie. Thinking all things are within their grasp, simply by hard work and that they can attain their self-actualization, another lie.

It is when we replace God and place our hopes on technology, pleasure, sensuality, desire, even humanity that we find ourselves in the Garden of Eden again. What should be paradise becomes a place of sin, nakedness and shame. We create a world without God, and it becomes hell: cold, lifeless and without purpose or hope. We see ourselves not as spirit and flesh, but just as a genetic machine. It becomes so intolerable that people want to destroy that world, so they kill themselves.

There is a general pessimism, emptiness to life, which is expressed in our movies, art and TV shows. So, no wonder people want to kill the world. People are so full of self-loathing and self-deception that the idea of anyone else loving them, particularly God, seems unimaginable. This is a terrible lie, of course. When the feeling becomes so a part of them, the battle against it can be lifelong. It is usually in the weakest of moments — moments that we know will pass but they cannot see how — that the fight is lost. They throw themselves away. The people left behind then agonize over why their loved-one did not believe in love, call on love, depend on love, and trust love. God is Love.

It is only God who gives meaning to our life; it is only following Christ, who is the Way, Truth, and Life that helps us when dark moments enter our life.

We of course can never judge the state of someone's soul. We must pray for those who find life unlivable and pray even harder for the loved ones left behind. Peace happens when people pray.

Love the people in your life, love them and let them know it, so they don't kill the world.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., July 8 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM – Michael Vesta Sr.

7:30 AM – Anne & Leo Biedermann

9:00 AM – James Bredin

10:30 AM – Martin Dolphin

12 Noon – Michael Kisfalvi

5:30 PM – For the Parish

**Mon., July 9 – Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM – Anita Morriarty

9:00 AM – George Jr., George Sr. & Anne Bartley

Tues., July 10 – Weekday

7 AM – Marie & Alfonso Favorito

9 AM – Chet McGuire

Wed., July 11 – Saint Benedict, Abbot

7 AM – Mary Degnan

9 AM – Connie & Breda O'Sullivan

Thurs., July 12 – Weekday

7 AM – Terrence Lorino

9 AM – James P. Smith

Fri., July 13 – Saint Henry

7 AM – John Rooney

9 AM – Ellen Kiely

Sat., July 14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

9 AM – Michael Gilligan

Noon – Nora McGinnis

Sun., July 15 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM – Deceased Members of the Sciarra Family

7:30 AM – Kathleen Foley

9:00 AM – Edmond Sheehy

10:30 AM – For the Parish

12 Noon – Thomas Kissane

5:30 PM – Mary Gannon

SATURDAY EVENING 5:45 PM MASS
Will be cancelled during the months of
July & August

WEDDING BANNES:

III Christopher Coyle & Kathryn Dizzine

II Daniel Stokes & Marie Spina

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 10858-207-6277. Many foreign cities are included.

Daily Readings of the Week**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Sunday** Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a**Monday** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26**Tuesday** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38**Wednesday** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7**Thursday** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15**Friday** Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23**Saturday** Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33**Readings for Next Sunday****FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Amos 7:12-15****Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10****Gospel: Mark 6:7-13****THIS WEEK'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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Priests' Residence mailbox.

Project List~~Church air conditioner...completed~~

New Church organ...deposit made

~~Drainage repair in front of Church...Completed~~

Mechanical engineer for heating systems in Church and School...Report received

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Saint Margaret of Antioch School News . . .

Summer Office Hours:

9 AM to 2 PM

Tuesday through Thursday - 845-735-2855

- visit us at www.saintmargaretschool.com to learn more and register



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

Within the parish, there are certain ministries (service) that are important to the Sacred Liturgy. Among them are Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, over the summer months, would you consider serving your parish as a liturgical minister? We will train you and don't be shy!

Altar Server

Any boy or girl from the 5th grade and upwards are invited to join the Altar Servers. Of all the ministries, the Altar Server stands closest to the Altar and the priest. It is a most privileged place to stand and serve.

Lector

The Lector proclaims God's Word at Mass in the First and Second Readings as well as prays the petitions of the Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful). Any parishioner over the age of 16 and who has good communication skills is invited.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion assists the priest at the celebration of the Mass to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of our Lord to other parishioners. We need help on Sundays and weekday Masses. Another aspect of the ministry is to bring home the Lord to those who are sick or homebound. If this aspect of the ministry interests you, please consider it. Any adult parishioner is invited.

Usher

The ministry of Usher is most important in the life of the parish. You are the face of our parish. You greet people at the door, assist them to their seats and collect the offering, pass out the bulletins and say goodbye to God's faithful as they leave Church. Any male or female adult is invited to be a minister of hospitality. If you are interested, please call Fr. Raaser at the Parish Center, or submit your name and contact information to Fr.Raaser@smparish.com.

St. Gregory Barbarigo Regional School is **in need of a full time teacher** for its sixth grade who will also be teaching Math 6 through 8 for the 2018 academic year. Applicants may contact Mrs. Dana Spicer at:
**29 Cinder Rd, Garnerville, NY or
by phoning 845-947-1330.**



THE GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR PREP

**Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
Patron Saint of Youth**

Do your parents have plans for you? As soon as Aloysius was born, his parents began planning for his future. His mother wanted him to be a priest. His father was determined to have his oldest son become a military leader or famous political figure—anything but a priest.

While he was on a visit to Spain with his parents, Aloysius read the lives of saintly Jesuit missionaries, and he decided to become a Jesuit. His father and some other relatives tried to change his mind. It was a fierce battle of wills, but after several years, Aloysius won. With his father's permission, Aloysius gave his large inheritance to his brother and joined the Jesuit order at 17 years of age.

When Aloysius was 23, a serious epidemic broke out in Rome. Aloysius volunteered at once to help in the hospital. At that time hospitals were not the clean, orderly places they are today. Aloysius became very ill and no medicine could help him. Aloysius was not afraid to die.

Aloysius shows that young people are not too young to become saints. During his life he had focused on doing what God wanted—serving and loving God and his neighbor.

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga pray for us Amen

PREP Classes - Begin Wednesday September 12th, Monday September 17th & Tuesday September 18th. All classes will begin in the cafeteria with an orientation for both parents & children. Please be in the cafeteria by **4:00 pm or 7:00pm** (on Tuesdays & Wednesdays) and dismissal will be in front of the school at 5:40 pm (Mondays), 5:30 pm & 8:30 pm (Tuesdays & Wednesdays). Have a safe & blessed summer.



"Share What You Can"

**COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND
Saturday, Sunday,
July 7th/8th**

We invite you to "SHARE WHAT YOU CAN" by donating non-perishable foods at St. Margaret's Church.

Suggested Items: boxed cereal, juice boxes, canned vegetables, soup, beans, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, instant potatoes. (no glass)

Saint Margaret Rosary Altar Society

7/09 – 7/15 – Team #3 – E. Neyen
 7/16 – 7/22 – Team #4 – T. Anselmi
 7/23 – 7/29 – Team #5 – A. Byrne
 7/30 – 8/05 – Team #6 – S. Bellocchio
 8/06 – 8/12 – Team #1 – G. Possavino
 8/13 – 8/19 – Team #2 – M. Young
 8/20 – 8/26 – Team #3 – E. Neyen

**BECOME A KNIGHT****Triune Council- K of C 2052**

Invitation to practicing Catholic Men who want to join with others that support the practices of the Church, & The Charity, Fraternity, Unity & Patriotism within the Order of Knights.

For more info:

K. McGovern at 845-735-2444 or

C. Nawoichyk – 845-735-3969

SAVE THE DATE**Saturday, July 21st****Rockland Boulders vs Quebec Capitals****6:30 PM****Irish Heritage Day****Cost: \$15/ticket**

**Box seat plus a Boulders Hat
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Proceeds to benefit

Knights of Columbus Charities.

Limited number of tickets!

To reserve tickets: Contact:

Anthony Licandro at amlicandro@aol.com or

Bill Irwin at bill@billirwinrealtor.com or

Bill Collins at wcollinsjr70@gmail.com

**Calling Local Vendors for the
68th Annual Autumn Festival!**

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, are looking for vendors for their 68th Annual Autumn Festival on September 29, 2018. Contact Kerrin Kissel at kkissel@opblauvelt.org or 845-359-5767 for more information.

See Every Giants Home Game this Season!

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, N Y are raffling off two season tickets for all regular 2018-2019 Giants home games. Purchase one entry for \$10 or three for \$25 at <https://rafflecreator.com/pages/9964/2018-giants-season-tickets-raffle>.

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS**PEARL RIVER PIRATE BASKETBALL CAMP**

Boys entering 3rd through 10th grades in the Fall of 2018. Head Coach at Pearl River HS will be conducting 2 sessions at the High School –

**July 9 through 13 (9am – 3pm for boys only) &
 July 16 through 20 (9am–Noon) for boys and girls).**

For applications and/or further info, please call

(845) 735-8402 or (845) 596-3431.

Falcon Soccer Camp at Albertus Magnus H.S.**August 6th – 10th - 9:00 AM to 12 Noon**

Boys & Girls/Grades K – 5 – Register Online at albertusmagnus.net – Contact: Brian Fitzpatrick –

bfitzpatrick@albertusmagnus.net



BEREAVEMENT H.A.N.D.S. (Healing And Nurturing Distraught Survivors). Sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of H.A.N.D.S., who lost her son & daughter-in-law in a boating accident. All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at H.A.N.D.S. International headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY 10956.

Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions. H.A.N.D.S. has a WIDOWS & WIDOWERS GROUP facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday evening at the H.A. N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY 10956. Phone: 634-6706,

Fax: 634-9199; Email: Hands423@aol.com

Remember St. Margaret's Parish in Your Will -

If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about how to include our parish in your will or living trust, call (646) 794-3317 or email plannedgiving@archny.org

PADRE PIO CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP

All Children (& parents) Welcome! We explain & recite the rosary prior to the 9 AM Mass & attend Mass together following recitation of the rosary on **Saturday each month 8:30 AM** at St. Margaret. Light refreshments will follow in Toner Hall.

For more info call: Maura, Grace or Kathryn McGraw
(SMS students) 845-359-0529
Coordinator: Mr. McGraw

CENACLE OF LIFE Wednesdays: 6 – 6:45 PM

Promoted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, to defeat the culture of death & elevate a culture of life. 2 rosaries & a fast 1x a week (traditional fast: bread & water or fasting from a favorite activity could be done. Implore God's mercy through his mother. Group meets on Wednesdays in Church. All are welcome.

Call: Terry at 735-5238 or Margaret at 735-7398
www.CenaclesofLife.org

DON BOSCO PREP HOSTS HSPT TEST PREP PROGRAM:

This summer, open to all 8th grade students to help prepare for the high school entrance exam.

Session I: Mon., July 23 through Thurs., July 26.

Session II: Mon., July 16 through Thurs., July 19, and Mon., July 30 through Thurs., Aug. 2.

Program Tuition is \$500. For more information, please visit www.donboscoprep.org/admissions.

Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington, NJ, hosting summer enrichment courses **July 9 & running through Aug. 2**. Open to both young women & young men, 6-12th grades. Summer@theheart program. Courses, Sessions: 2 large & 4 mini held Mondays - Thursdays - 9am - 12noon Courses: Personal Leadership, Sweets & Treats, SAT Prep: Verbal & Math, Broadcasting, Creative Writing, Essay Writing, STEAM (Art Meets STEM), Intro to Geometry, Intro to Algebra, & Young Artists Workshop. For more info & to register, visit www.ihanj.com or contact the main office at 201.445.6800. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

Catholic H S Entrance Exam Prep Class Offered by Sandt's Excel - Program services boys & girls entering 8th grade this fall & provides an intensive review of math, reading, & language skills, instruction in quantitative & verbal reasoning, practice with all sections of the exam, & training in the appropriate test taking strategies. Summer classes offered at the end of July & August at Mary Help of Christians Academy & Immaculate Heart Academy. Weekend fall classes will be held at St. John's Academy. For more info and to register, visit www.sandtsexcel.com/call (201) 666-5956.

**CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE
"WAY OF ST. PAUL" SUMMER OF 18**

Join Fr. Michael McLoughlin, Pastor of St. Columba, Hopewell Junction & Peter's Way Tours on a Pilgrimage to Greece "In the Footsteps of St. Paul" July 29– Aug. 7. Stops include Thessaloniki, Philippi, Veria, Meteora, Athens (the Parthenon), Corinth. 3 day cruise included! Stops include Mykonos, Ephesus (Mass at the House of the Virgin Mary), Patmos, Heraklion (Crete) & Santorini. Call Fr. Michael at St. Columba 845-227-8380 or email rectory@stcolumbaonline.org for a Pilgrimage Brochure! Spaces limited so don't delay

**CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE PASSION PLAY
AT OBERAMMERGAU 2020**

World famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, held once every 10 years. Tickets & accommodations always in high demand so we must make reservations now. Fr Michael McLoughlin, Pastor of St. Columba, Hopewell Junction, & Peter's Way Tours invites you to join us on a Pilgrimage on:

July 30 – Aug. 8, **2020**. We'll visit Vienna (St. Stephen's Cathedral, Schonbrunn Palace & free time), Melk Abbey, Cruise the Danube, Shrine of Mariazell, Salzburg (Shrine of Maria Plain, guided tour of city including St. Peter's Abbey from "Sound of Music" and free time), King Ludwig's Castle, Oberammergau, Dachau and Munich. Please call Fr. Michael at St. Columba 845-227-8380 or email rectory@stcolumbaonline.org for a Pilgrimage Brochure! Spaces are limited so do not delay.

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