



# ST. MARGARET SHRINE

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Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

December 7, 2025

## Clergy & Office Staff

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Father Jeffery Couture

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Deacon Donald Foust

## Safe Environments Coordinator

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## Mass Schedule

*Monday—Saturday:* 8:15 a.m., Rosary after Mass

### Sunday Mass Schedule

St Anthony Novina (When possible)

Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

*Sunday:* 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. in Italian, 11:00 a.m.

### Holy Days of Obligation

8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

*Monday through Saturday* 7:45-8:15 a.m.

*Saturday:* 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Confession also available by appointment

## St. Pio of Pietrelcina Mass

*Last Friday of Month, April-October:* 6:00 p.m.

*Rosary before Mass* at 5:30 p.m.

## Pastoral Care

Contact the office to schedule a visit to the sick

## **Saturday 12/6**

8:15 a.m. St. Margaret Shrine Parishioners

4:00 p.m. +James McKane by The Family

## **Sunday 12/7**

8:00 a.m. Rachele Francois "Happy Birthday" by Rachele

9:30 a.m. +Giulia & Carmela Campanelli by Rosa & Mike Donofrio

11:00 a.m. +Jennie Fiumara by Tom & Lorraine Carrano

## **Monday 12/8**

8:15 a.m. +Tommaso & Raffaella Posta by Daughter

12:15 p.m. +Enrico Mancini by Family

7:00 p.m. Fulgenzio & Mildred Casinelli & Family by Millie C.

## **Tuesday 12/9**

8:15 a.m. +Padre Giovanni Odoardi by Family

## **Wednesday 12/10**

8:15 a.m. +James V. Pezzullo by Family

## **Thursday 12/11**

8:15 a.m. +Matt Piatkowski by Barbara Piatkowski

## **Friday 12/12**

8:15 a.m. Christian & Isabella Casinelli & Family by Millie C.

## **Saturday 12/13**

8:15 a.m. Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Maud Joseph

4:00 p.m. +William Vincenzi by Adriana & Family

## **Sunday 12/14**

8:00 a.m. James Petrino Jr. "Happy Birthday" by Family

9:30 a.m. +Leandro Cerro by John Joseph Cerro

11:00 a.m. +Mario & Josephine Posta by Family

+Antonia Lisi by Anita & Antonia Liburdi

## Offertory Collections-**GOAL \$5,500**

**Week of November 30, 2025**

1st Collection \$2,142

2nd Collection \$236

**Thanksgiving**  
\$689

### **Important Contact Information**

For assistance with planning a

### **Funeral, Wedding, Baptism**

Contact Lucia Palmieri at (917) 578-8443

### **Prayer Line**

If you know someone in need of prayer, please contact:

**Judy Duva**  
(203) 372-5114.

We will pray for them and pass their name to others for additional prayers. In short time, they will have many prayers said for them.



### Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Shrine Community

**Sick:** Gaetano Camagna, Francisca Campos Carmen, John Carroll, Ann Marie Casey, Richard Colucci, Maryann Colucci, Anthony Colucci, M. Celfo, Dennis Conlan, Pat Copetta, Carmela Cuto, Maria D., Judith Day, Marlene Dervil, Gasner Dervil, Jean Dervil, Rosa Donofrio, Antonette Drew, Judy Duva, Lyndsey Ellis, Ruth Fririhio, Molly J. Francois, Rachele Francois, Gina Freddino, Jacqueline Petit Frere, Umberto Fronterotta, Bria Guilford, Beth Herbert, Jean Joseph, Vlad Joseph, Addiany Joseph, Kaylee, Danni Kemp, Tom Kerr, Debra Klein, Lazarre Neptune Lamy, Hadjry Lauture, Kathy Liello, Jenna Macchio, Mariette Makhraz, Anna Mastrone, John Maserano, Art Meyer Jr, Artie Meyer III, Diane Martinsky, Carlo Minopoli, Colleen Mitchell, Ruby Noel, Eileen O'Sullivan, Len Paoletta, Irene Perretta, Nia Philippe, Terri Phillip, Eric Pidluski, Joseph Pierre, Jaiden Andreiz Ragsdale, Jaqueline Raposo, Bob Reed, Alicia Reilly, Maryann Robles, Paul Rigoli, Luis Rosario, Matteo S., Patricia Sci, George Sherwood, Alessandra Marie Simon, Sister MaryJane, George Strauch, Marie, Tedesco, Rachel Thau, Anthony Urciuoli, Philippe Valentin, Ada & Bernardo Vittori, George Wilson, Bill Woods, Joseph Zeppieri

## Holy Hour of Exposition

Join us every Friday from 3:00 to 4:00pm for a Holy Hour of Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed within the hour.

*Patience, prayer and silence...these are what give strength to the soul." -St. Faustina Kowalska*

## **Advent Music Selections**

This week's hymns take us on a journey through Advent's anticipation.

We begin with 'People, Look East!', inviting us to gaze toward the rising Light.

The Angel Gabriel's announcement of the Incarnation reminds us of God's plan to dwell among us.

'Panis Angelicus' offers a moment of Eucharistic reflection, pointing to the Bread of Life who's coming to us.

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' and 'Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus' echo our heart's cry for the Savior's arrival, expressing our longing for Christ's coming.

May these hymns guide our hearts in preparation for Christmas.

### **For those unable to receive Communion or are homebound:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

## Upcoming News and Events

### ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL GIVING TREE!

The Altar Guild's "Giving Tree" is now up!

Please take an ornament (s) as you leave mass.

Purchase and return the gift-wrapped item(s) with the ornament tag taped to the gift.

For clothing, include the gender and size.

The purchased item(s) should be returned before Christmas and placed in the box in front of the tree.

All gifts will be distributed locally.

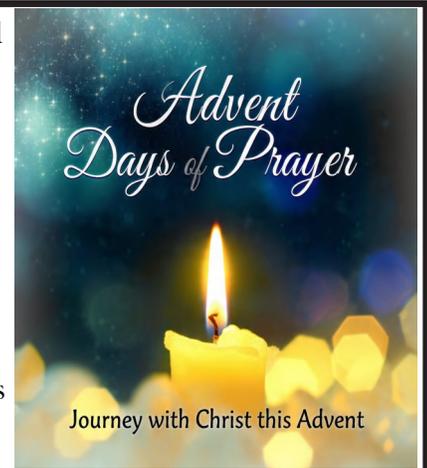
Thank you for your generosity.

Join us for two special evenings of prayer and reflection during Advent:

Wednesday, December 10th, 6:30pm-8:00pm: Fr. Ignacio will guide us in a reflection on prayer, focusing on Christmas as a time to contemplate the baby Jesus.

Wednesday, December 17th, 6:30pm-8:00pm: Fr. Jeff will lead us in reflection on Our Lady, Full of Grace, as we contemplate the true meaning of Advent.

Everyone is welcome, hope to see you all there!



### UPCOMING HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Immaculate Conception December 8th

8:15am, 12:15pm, 7pm

#### Christmas Eve Vigil

4pm & 10pm (Italian & English)

#### Christmas Day

8:00am, 9:30am Italian, 11:00am

During Advent, the Church traditionally omits the Gloria (Glory to God in the highest) from the Mass. The Gloria is a hymn of joy and praise that's typically sung on Sundays and other festive occasions.

Advent, on the other hand, is a season of preparation and anticipation, with a focus on penitence and expectation. The omission of the Gloria reflects this more subdued tone, emphasizing our longing for Christ's coming rather than celebrating his arrival.

However, on December 24th, Christmas Eve, the Gloria is sung at the Mass, marking the beginning of the Christmas celebration.

### Shrine Men's Group

All men of the parish are invited to join the Shrine Men's Group, which meets on the first Saturday of every month at 7:00 AM in the Community Hall. Our meetings begin with a prayer, followed by a reading and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of Scripture, grow in your faith, and connect with other men of the parish. Join us for fellowship, and prayer. Coffee and cake are available before the meeting, so come early!

Join us after daily Mass for the Rosary! This beautiful devotion brings us closer to God, calms our hearts, and unites us as a community.



#### All are welcome!

When the rosary is said well, it gives Jesus to mothers, fathers, and children, and it makes the family unbreakable.

Saint Margaret Shrine

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 10/10/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal: \$25,500

Total Pledged: \$27,070 (106%)

Donors to Date: 78 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2025BishopsAppeal.org](http://2025BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.