



ST. MARGARET SHRINE

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Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

December 14, 2025

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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 12/13

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

Monday 12/15

8:15 a.m. +Stanislaw Baldyga by Mark Baldyga

Tuesday 12/16

8:15 a.m. Isabel Reyes by Daughter

Wednesday 12/17

8:15 a.m. +Christian Ciarapica & Andy Palo by Lorraine & Tom Carrano

Thursday 12/18

8:15 a.m. St. Anthony Feast Memoriam Intentions

Friday 12/19

8:15 a.m. +Anthony E. Armeno by Your Loving Family

Saturday 12/20

8:15 a.m. +Michael Couture by Family

4:00 p.m. +Maria Lopes by Fatima Araujo

Sunday 12/21

8:00 a.m. +Andrew A Loman by Lucia Palmieri

9:30 a.m. +Luigi & Anthony Tucci by Anna Tucci

11:00 a.m. +Antonia Lisi by Lena & Beny Viselli

Offertory Collections-GOAL \$5,500

Week of November 30, 2025

1st Collection \$2,401

2nd Collection \$1,114

Immaculate Conception

\$795

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

Gaudete Sunday Music Selections

We've chosen music for today that reflects the joy and anticipation of Gaudete Sunday.

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' sets the tone for our gathering, echoing our longing for Christ's coming.

'The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns' prepares our hearts for the offertory, proclaiming Jesus as the Light of the World.

'Ubi Caritas' reminds us of the love and unity that Christ brings, perfecting our communion with Him and each other.

A moment of 'Sacred Silence' invites us to reflect on the mystery of God's love.

As we depart, 'City of God' sends us forth, shining Christ's light in the world.

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.**

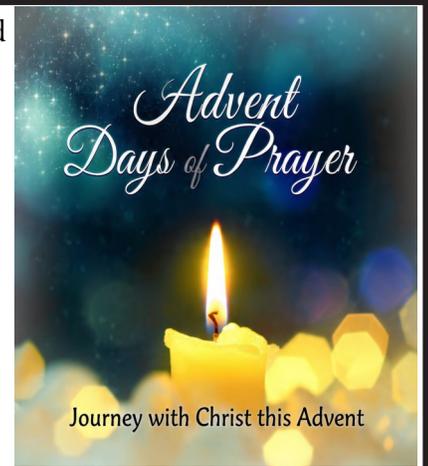
Upcoming News and Events

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 our second evenings of prayer and reflection during Advent:

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!
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Reflection
Music

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil
4pm & 10pm (Italian & English)

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

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.

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, and it's traditional to wear pink or rose-colored vestments. This color symbolizes joy, hope, and anticipation, marking a midpoint in Advent's penitential tone. It's a moment to rejoice in the coming of the Lord and celebrate the nearness of Christmas!

Thank you to John Tedesco and the Trinacria Society of Bridgeport for their generous Christmas toy drive! Many items were collected and will be delivered to the needy and to shelters in our local Bridgeport area.

Saint Margaret Shrine

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 12/5/25

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| Bishop's Appeal Goal: | \$25,500 |
| Total Pledged: | \$27,200 (107%) |
| Donors to Date: | 80 Donors |



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