



ST. MARGARET SHRINE

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Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

December 28, 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 12/27

8:15 a.m. +John S. Altavilla, Sr.

4:00 p.m. +Migliore Family by Mary Jane

Sunday 12/28

8:00 a.m. +Antonia Lisi

9:30 a.m. +Martino Parrella by Family

11:00 a.m. +Madeline Smith by Deacon Don

+Dominic Staltaro by Family

+Frank Ventresca by Katina & Children

Monday 12/29

8:15 a.m. Bridgeport First Responders

Tuesday 12/30

8:15 a.m. +Michael & Rose Horne

by Daughter Debbie Horne

Wednesday 12/31

8:15 a.m. +Ersilia Mancini by Family

Thursday 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:15 a.m. +Cerro & Silvestri Families by John & Liana Cerro

12:15 p.m. +Dorothy Amaral & Yoli Vasil by Marie Tedesco

Friday 1/2

8:15 a.m. United States Military

Saturday 1/3

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

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

Sunday 1/4

8:00 a.m. +Michael Couture by Family

9:30 a.m. +Antonia Lipari by Mirella

11:00 a.m. +Fulgenzio & Mildred Casinelli & Family by Millie C.

Offertory Collections-GOAL \$5,500

Week of December 14, 2025

1st Collection \$1,922

2nd Collection \$343

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 Makhras, 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

December 28th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Music for the Holy Family

As we celebrate the Holy Family, we're reminded of the love, joy, and devotion that filled their home. Our music today reflects the warmth and tenderness of this special family. 'Angels We Have Heard on High' (109) opens our celebration, while 'Away in a Manger' (80) invites us to gaze upon the Infant Jesus. 'Endless is Your Love for Us' (408) echoes the boundless love of the Holy Family, and 'What Child is This?' (101) prompts us to wonder at the Gift we've been given. May 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' (105) inspire us to proclaim the Good News!

January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Music for the Solemnity of Mary

As we honor Mary, the Mother of God, our music celebrates her beauty, humility, and love. 'Angels We Have Heard on High' (109) echoes the heavenly host's praise, while 'Silent Night' (84) invites us to peaceful reflection. 'Bread of Life' (141) reminds us of the Eucharist, the Bread that nourishes us on our journey. Schubert's 'Ave Maria' whispers prayers of devotion, and 'Let There Be Peace on Earth' (480) sends us forth as agents of God's peace

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



Serve with Love

Join The Lady's Altar Guild!

We're seeking volunteers to join our dedicated group of women serving the Lord and our shrine. The Lady's Altar Guild is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded women, and contribute to the beauty of our liturgies. To learn more, please contact Lorraine Carrano 203-615-4598

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2026

8:15am 12:15pm

Honor a Veteran by donating a brick, in his or her name, to our Veterans Memorial. You can donate a brick honoring Veterans from the U.S. and our Allies, wartime, peacetime, regular, reserve, and currently serving.

Bricks are installed year-round. The names of the Veterans, on newly installed bricks are read at Mass on every Veterans Day November 11th. Brick forms in the Chapel entrance or if you would like one sent to you; email: artfalco8@gmail.com or call 203-514-1728.

Saint Margaret Shrine

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

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.

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

Celebrate the Joy of Christmas!

Visit our beautiful Presepio 9am-3pm A traditional Italian Nativity scene, on display in our shrine. May the story of Jesus' birth fill your heart with joy, love, and wonder. All are welcome to come and be inspired by the gift of God's love.

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.

Christmas Crowd Alert!

Welcome to our festive family, newcomers and regulars alike! We're thrilled to share our shrine's warmth and joy with you, even if you're just here because you were promised a cookie. If you're one of the many visitors who only come to town once a year, we want to say: PLEASE COME BACK SOON! We promise not to make you sit through too many more hymns, and we'll save you a seat (and maybe even a cookie)