



ST. MARGARET SHRINE

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Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

January 4, 2026

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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 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 (living)
by Millie C.

Monday 1/5

8:15 a.m. +Francesco & Eleonora Pontoriero by Giuseppe

Tuesday 1/6

8:15 a.m. +Michael Horne by Debbie Horne

Wednesday 1/7

8:15 a.m. +Souls In Purgatory

Thursday 1/8

8:15 a.m. +Catherine M. Belardinelli

Friday 1/9

8:15 a.m. +Helen Mastroni by Daughter Rosemary

Saturday 1/10

8:15 a.m. Priest Intentions

4:00 p.m. +Deceased members of Sedita & McGill Families by The Family

Sunday 1/11

8:00 a.m. Bernard McHugh (Birthday) by Family

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

11:00 a.m. Christian & Isabella Casinelli & Family (living)
by Millie C.

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

Week of December 21, 2025

1st Collection \$3,600

2nd Collection \$1,150

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

Join us as we celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the world!

Entrance: "**We Three Kings of Orient Are**" (117)

This traditional Epiphany hymn tells the story of the Magi's journey to worship Jesus, making it a perfect fit for this celebration.

Hymn: "**O Come, All Ye Faithful**" (102)

This classic hymn invites all people to come and worship the newborn King, echoing the Epiphany theme of Jesus being revealed to all nations.

Communion: "**Bread of Life**" (336)

This hymn highlights Jesus as the source of spiritual nourishment, reflecting the Epiphany theme of Jesus being the Light of the World.

Meditation: "**The First Noel**" (115)

This carol recounts the story of Jesus' birth and the announcement of the angels, fitting well with the Epiphany narrative.

Exit: "**Joy to the World**" (90)

This upbeat hymn celebrates the joy and salvation brought by Jesus' birth, aligning with the Epiphany theme of revelation and worship. May the light of Christ shine brightly in our hearts and guide us to share His love with all nations.

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

What is The Epiphany?

The Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi to Jesus, marking the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles. It's a celebration of Jesus being revealed as the Light of the World.

Why January 4th? In the Catholic Church, Epiphany is typically celebrated on January 6th. However, in our diocese it's transferred to the this Sunday (January 4th in 2026) to ensure it's not overshadowed by Christmas festivities.

Many cultures reenact the Magi's journey with processions, often with camels and costumes.

Some Italians exchange gifts, especially for children, and enjoy treats like zeppole and panettone.

Many cultures host feasts with special foods.

Saint Margaret Shrine	
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 12/19/25	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$25,500
Total Pledged:	\$27,210 (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.

For those seeking sponsorship forms who received their sacraments here or at St. Raphael's Parish, please email Pastor@CParish.org. Please note that all sacraments are currently being held at the Cathedral Parish.