

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 16, 2012
 9:00 am Frank Sullivan

Tuesday, January 17, 2012
 7:00 am Cecilia and James McDermott
 9:00 am Margaret Lombardo
 Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
 7:00 am Patricia Rizzo
 9:00 am Mary and Rocco Amarante

Thursday, January 19, 2012
 7:00 am Marc and Angelo Roncallo
 9:00 am Jerry and Carmella Aschettino and
 John and Jennie Santoro


Friday, January 20, 2012
 7:00 am Francis J. Walsh, Sr.
 and Genevieve Walsh
 9:00 am Thomas Walsh-2nd Anniversary Rem.

Saturday, January 21, 2012
 9:00 am Francis J. Walsh Jr. & Genevieve Walsh
 Armando Alberti
 Mary Ann De Santis
 Adrian Lopez-Silvero
 Phyllis Lombardo
 4:00 pm Jack Anthony Garofalo
 5:30 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 22, 2012
 7:30 am James Connelly
 9:00 am Members of Purgatorial Society
 10:30 am Eleanor and Andrew Aschettino
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 12:00 pm Anthony and Joseph Russotti
 5:00 pm John R. Miller

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish
 and those who care for them:**

Michael Glose	Michael Capobianco	Sean Matthews
Richard Strejlau	Mary Ann Kotoucek	Mary Mallon
Larry Redican	Edward Zoccola	Gene Chanis
Andrew Bartolozzi	Margaret Mary Gmelch	Baby Ellieanna Barbers
Nicole O'Neill	Brian Mulligan	Baby Paul Meyers
Emily Brophy	Frank Santoriello	Christine Americo
Rose Vroman	Mackenzie J. Borchers	Bayani Santiago
Sally Waskewich	Ralph Esposito	Christopher Palmer
John Dominic Morea	Richard Girardi	Thomas Volpe
Jeanne Bianco	Cathy Mitchell	Frances Elberfeld
Aaron Rojan	Rita Esposito	Myrtle Melazzi
Dorothy Vella	Mary Sue Maluda	Justin LaScala
Julianna Buttner	Dominick Granite	Pat Kohler
Jessica Buttner	Connie Granite	Michael Kolnberger
David Golpanian	Linda Farese	Debra M. Monahan
Edward Weinschreider	John LoBasso	Eugene Mullins
Peter Mastropasqua	Michael LoBasso	Theresa Gorozdi
John McKeon	Sal Portelli	Anne DellaRocca
Doris Eich	Alan Meyer	William Joseph Adams
Baby R. Sznurkowski	Joan Nauss	Thomas Marinace
Andrew Gamard	Elizabeth Logan	Maddie and Bob Kenny
Leonard Toscano	Baby Joseph Bedell	Amanda Koch
Raymond O'Rourke	Anna Lopez	Joe Dunne
Dorothy Montuori	Diana Skelton	Marion O'Brien
Marion Gattus	Mary Fitzsimmons	Jackie Grace
John/Connie Cardillo	Coleen Ventricelli	Kenneth Lisle
Philip Crepeau	Mario DiGangi	Charles Ditta
Steven Bonansinga	John Maniaci	Dominick Prestipino
Baby Sophia Maglione	Joyce Ambrusino	Ryan Malley
Rose Maglione	Mike Cunnane, Sr.	Rita Berkman
June Bellofatto	Maura Dolan-Colucci	

 **Please pray for the deceased of our parish and those who mourn them:**
Rosalie Licata and Carmella M. Rasmussen



Altar Candle Donations
*Our Altar Candles
 for the week of January 15, 2012
 are in memory of
 Evo Bontempi
 donated by his loving wife*



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Note:
The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, January 16, 2012 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will reopen Tuesday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

Jonathan Ambrosini	Kristin Paladino
Chris Caiozzi	Christopher Manzalillo
Joseph Carroll	Evan Marcy
Anthony Cavaliere	Drew Masone
Michael Dundon	Robert Michelotti
Christopher Eckert	Marc Mitchell
James Fenton	Gregory Nordquist
Michael Geller	Peter Rommel
Murray Griffin	Adam Ropelewski
James Harris	Joshua Rotondo
Ashlee Heckler	Michael Sanchez
Timothy Hirten	Alfred Simeone
Ryan Hodgetts	Michael Simeone
Gregory Holownia	Jason Spinella
Michael Jackvony	John M. Tarpey
Timothy Judge	Chad Thornton
Daniel Klein	Nathan White
James Lisle	John Zimmerman
Thomas Lisle	Kevin Zwijczak
George Lynch, Jr.	

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, I will be ending my second 6-year term as pastor of Maria Regina Parish this coming June. At the end of a pastor's second 6-year term, it is customary for the pastor to step down and accept another assignment. I will be stepping down as pastor of Maria Regina Parish this June. Thus, the Parish of Maria Regina will have a new pastor in June 2012. I just thought I would outline the process of selecting a new pastor.

First, a letter is sent to a number of the leadership people in the parish. This would include Fr. Allan Arneaud, Fr. Paul Bie, Fr. Thomas Gallagher, our Deacons, members of the parish staff, the members of the Finance Council and Pastoral Council, etc. They are asked to submit, in writing, answers to the following questions:

- What are the strengths of your parish as you understand them at the present time?
Please list five such positives.
- What are the areas of pastoral life that are most in need of attention at the present time?
- What specific qualities of leadership do you think would best serve the needs of your parish in the next six years? Please list three.

Next, the Episcopal Vicar (Bishop John Dunne), one of the deans (Rev. Robert Romeo) and the Vicar for Clergy Personnel (Msgr. Brian McNamara) host an "Open Town House Meeting" to hear the concerns and vision of the larger parish community. This meeting will take place on **MONDAY, JANUARY 16 at 7:30pm in the School Auditorium**. The purpose of this "Open Town House Meeting" is to focus on the future of the parish: Where does our parish need to go from here and what type of pastor can take us to that future.

All this information is distributed to the members of the Priest Personnel Assignment Board. This Board consists of six elected priests (elected by the other priests in the Diocese), the Vicar for Clergy Personnel, the three auxiliary bishops, the Vicar General, and Bishop Murphy.

At this same time, other priests in the diocese can apply to become the pastor. These pastor candidates have undergone a screening process and an interview with one of the auxiliary bishops and two members of the Priest Personnel Assignment Board. This Board then recommends that Bishop Murphy accept or postpone an individual priest for entrance into the "pastor pool". As the Bishop, Bishop Murphy makes the final decision regarding the priest candidate. Once accepted into the "pastor pool", a priest can apply for any open parish as the pastor.

Normally, each open parish would have a few priest candidates applying for the parish. The Priest Personnel Assignment Board members read through the information from the letters from the leadership people and the report from the "Open Town House Meeting". The Board then recommends candidates for the pastorate to Bishop Murphy. As the Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Murphy then chooses the next pastor of the parish.

I know that the Priest Personnel Assignment Board takes this responsibility very seriously. I ask for your prayers in the coming weeks so that the Holy Spirit will send a good shepherd to the people of Maria Regina Parish. I am very confident that with the new pastor, your parish family will continue to live out the Gospel of Christ.

In Christ,

Msgr. Peter Pflomm

Save the date!

Please join the Maria Regina
parish community
for one very special hour

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.

**Taizé Prayer: The beginnings**

Taizé (pronounced “tay-zay”) is the name of a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, France where seventy-one years ago, on August 20, 1940, Brother Roger Schulz, at age 25, arrived alone France, with the idea of founding a community to help those suffering from the ravages of the war, just as his grandmother had done during the First World War. This small village where he settled, was quite close to the demarcation line dividing France in two: it was well situated for sheltering refugees fleeing the war. Friends from Lyon started giving the address of Taizé to people in need of a place of safety.

Pope John Paul II spent time at Taizé when he was Archbishop of Krakow in the 1960s and as Pope returned there in October 1986 during an Apostolic visit to France.

Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and others from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a “parable of community” that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

The brothers of the community live solely by their work. They do not accept donations. In the same way, they do not accept personal inheritances for themselves; the community gives them to the very poor. Taizé prayer groups meet regularly on every continent. Young adults in particular are drawn to Taizé, and every year countless youth groups make pilgrimages to Taizé to stay for a few days or a week.

In November 2010 over 100 parishioners and friends lifted their hearts and voices in Taizé prayer in our church. Please join us on

Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. as the parish community of Maria Regina once again experiences Taizé Prayer.

You may virtually visit Taizé at www.taize.com

Taizé Chants**Bless the Lord**

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy
Name Bless the Lord,
my soul who leads me
into life.

The Lord is My Song

The Lord is my song,
the Lord is my praise.
All my hope comes from
God The Lord is my song,
the Lord is my praise
God, the well spring of life.

O Lord Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer.
O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer.
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Stay With Me

Stay with me,
remain here with me;
watch and pray, watch
and pray.

Adoramus Te Domine

(We adore you, O Lord)
Adoramus te, Domine



Maria Regina School is Celebrating its 50th Anniversary!

We are reaching out to alumni,
requesting they send emails to
alumni@mariareginaschool.org

Please indicate your full name (surname if applicable),
address, telephone number, and email address.

We invite you to join us on the following dates.
January 29, 2012: 50th Anniversary Mass @ 10:30 AM
Open House will follow from 11:30-1:00 PM
March 3, 2012: Alumni Mass @ 5:30 PM
Dinner Dance in the school's gym from 7-11PM
May 19, 2012: Barbecue/Picnic at Marjorie Post Park
(Rain date May 20, 2012)
June 21-24, 2012: Family Carnival
September 28, 2012: 50th Anniversary Dinner
The Coral House

Visit our school's homepage at
www.MariaReginaSchool.org

Join us on Facebook!



**Maria Regina
Super Bowl Pool
\$50. per box**

1st Quarter \$250.—\$50 Touching Box
2nd Quarter (half) \$500.—\$50. Touching Box
3rd Quarter \$250.—\$50. Touching Box
Final Score \$2,000.—\$50. Touching Box

TOUCHING BOX

**Touching Box Winning Box Touching Box
Touching Box**

Tickets can be purchased at the
Rectory Office 516-798-2415

First Come, First serve basis!!!



Needed—Coupon Clippers!
Fr. Paul is organizing a new committee for “coupon clippers”. In these trying economic times coupons can help in saving money on groceries, school supplies, clothing, etc. In an effort to help our families more completely,

we would like to give them an envelope of money saving coupons to be applied to their purchases.

If you would like to be one of Fr. Paul’s “coupon clippers”, please come to our first meeting on **Tuesday, January 17th at 10 a.m. in the St. Michael’s Room of the Pastoral Center.**

Hope to see you there!

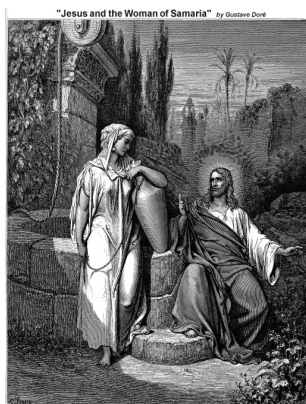


**Banns of Marriage
Second Time
Daniel Monaco
and
Julia Musso**

Maria Regina Singles Club

The next meeting of the Maria Regina Singles Club will take place on Thursday, January 26th, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Michael’s Room of the Pastoral Center.

Join us and bring a friend!



Ring in 2012 with a new prayer practice

“Give me a drink”
a monthly prayer experience

by women for women.

Please join us in prayer
Saturday, January 21

9:45 —11:00 am. in the Chapel

Facilitated by Marion Cochran Lunt, MA, MA,
a Fordham University trained spiritual director.

Future dates: 2/18, 3/10, 4/14, 5/19, 6/16.

Questions for Marion?

Via email: mclunt@sprintmail.com

or telephone: 516.445.5467.

MARIA REGINA MEN’S GROUP

The next meeting of the Maria Regina Men’s Group is on Sunday, January 22, 2012 in the St. Michael’s Room of the Pastoral Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

All men 18 and over are welcome!

Little Rock Scripture Study Acts of the Apostles II

Moderated by:

Fr. Peter

and

Deacon Gerry Whitfield

Five Week Program:

**January 31st,
February 7, 14, 21 and 28th**

PLEASE CALL : 516-798-2415

Parish Rectory to register.

PASTORAL CENTER—St. Michael Room

TUESDAY MORNINGS OR EVENINGS

9:30 A.M. OR 7:30 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

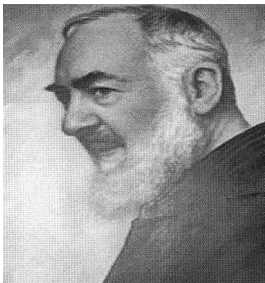
March for Life—January 23, 2012

The 2012 Pilgrimage to Washington D. C. is almost here! Join us on our pilgrimage to Washington D.C. as we gather with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray for respect for all human life.

Only 19 people have signed up so far. We need a lot more than that in order to hire a bus. Please invite family, friends, etc. to join you on this trip. We need to know ASAP in order to book the bus in time for January 23, 2012!

For additional information, contact Brian Cronin at: *briancronin@gmail.com* or call 516-308-2214.

We you can join us!



Padre Pio Prayer Group

Padre Pio Prayer Group will be meeting Saturday, January 21st in the St. Michael Room after the 9 a.m. Mass.

All are welcome!

Early Maria Regina School History

DID YOU KNOW?

Maria Regina School was scheduled to open in September of 1961, but was delayed because the building was not completed.

Maria Regina officially opened on January 29th, 1962 with nine classes. Four hundred and fifty students were enrolled.

Original staff included Sr. Mary Camilla Marino, Sr. Mary Eucharista, and Sr. Noel. Sr. Camilla served as both 5th grade teacher and Principal.

**MARIA REGINA'S "SHOPPING CENTS"
SUPERMARKET ORDER FORM**

Name: _____
Phone: _____ Date: _____
(Make checks to: MARIA REGINA SCRIP PROGRAM)

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Name: _____
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<u>Supermarket</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Total Amt.</u>
Best Yet \$50	_____	_____
King Kullen \$25	_____	_____
King Kullen \$100	_____	_____
Shop Rite \$100	_____	_____
Shop Rite \$100	_____	_____
Stop & Shop \$25	_____	_____
Stop & Shop \$100	_____	_____
Waldbaum's/Pathmark\$25	_____	_____
Waldbaum's/Pathmark\$50	_____	_____
Waldbaum's/Pathmark \$100	_____	_____

Total # of Cards: _____
Total Amount of Order: _____

Place this form with your payment in an envelope labeled "Scrip Program" and drop it off in the collection basket at Mass or anytime at the school or rectory. You will receive a call when your cards are ready. If you prefer to purchase cards on the spot, you can also stop by the Rectory on Monday nights between 6:45-7:30 pm. (If you would like to order cards to any other retailer, please pick up a full order form at the rear of the Church or in the Rectory.)

Attention all Seniors: please join us for lunch and activities at our Catholic Charities, Massapequa Park Senior Center, located in our Lady of Lourdes school. Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4 p.m.; transportation available.

If interested please call Barbara at 516-797-5357.

Please join us!

Ministry Page



St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

We wish to thank the many parishioners that have donated food, supplies, money and prayers on behalf of the needy in Maria Regina. As we start our new year there are a few items that need replenishment, namely:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Shelf Status</u>
Pancake mix & syrup	Empty
Cereal	Very low
Pasta Sauce	Very low
Toilet Paper	Very low
Tuna fish	Very low
God Bless you all!	

Parish Social Ministry 795-7438 Widow and Widowers Bereavement Support Group

If you have experienced the death of your spouse within the last two years and would like to join others as they process the loss, please call Kathy Ryan at 516-795-7438 to register for this group.

Catholic Charities' Senior Housing: Mary's Manor Enriched Housing in Inwood is accepting applications for those who are 65 and older, SSI eligible (Supplemental Security Income) and who need minimal supportive care in the activities of daily living. For more info contact Eileen Armstrong-Larney at 516-371-1376.

Help Wanted—looking for part time seasonal workers for national trade show company. Potential travel throughout the United States and locally. No experience necessary—will train. Salary plus expenses.

If interested please call FRED on 718-683-6831



Human Life Committee

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, January 19, @ 7:30 p.m. at my house (264 Hamilton Avenue, Massapequa). Any questions, call 799-0190.

Rosary for Life in the Chapel on January 19th at 1:15 p.m. Come and pray to end abortion!

INNKEEPERS

Teams #1 & #5 will be working Wednesday evening, January 18th, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIZATION


In today's Gospel Jesus asks "what are you looking for?". What is your relationship with God really like? All around you are people who need to know God's Love and compassion for them.

INVITE SOMEONE BACK TO CHURCH!

Youth Ministry @ Maria Regina

7th - 12th Grade Teens

Evening of Champions!



Sunday, January 22nd; 6:30pm - 8:30 pm in the school auditorium. Don't miss out on the fun. Please wear sneakers!

PLUS ... Up Coming Youth Events

February 25, 2012: Cooking for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island (RMH). The RMH is located in New Hyde Park and offers parents an inexpensive place to stay while they deal with their child's medical needs, such as organ transplants, innovative and specialized surgeries, or chemotherapy. As dinner volunteers, we will have the opportunity to cook for those families who are able to leave their child's bedside for a "tasty home-cooked meal" served with love! Any teen, 8th grade and up, may participate in this event.

July 24 - July 28, 2012: Youth Retreat/Service Opportunity At St. Joseph Renewal Center in Brentwood. This event had its debut last summer and was extremely successful. It was designed for High School Youth; however incoming freshmen are welcome. What makes this experience so unique is that the service opportunities take place within the context of prayer and are fun!

If you are at all interested, please contact Meg as soon as possible to receive the service/retreat brochure enabling you to register. Heads up, three other youth groups have already stepped aboard, so space is limited! Anyone wishing more information on either event please feel free to contact Meg at Youth@mariaregina.com or telephone Meg at 541-6513.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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ctannehill@mariaregina.com (Director)



CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

May 21, 2012 @ 4:00pm – sponsor/candidate meet in the auditorium @ 3:30pm)

(Practice: 05/9/12 @ 6:45 in the church): Mr. Roumie, Mrs. Kowalczyk, Ms. Pape, Mrs. Niola, Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Gambino, Special Education, Mrs. Moir

May 22, 2012 @ 10:30 am –sponsor/candidate meet in the auditorium @ 10:00am

(Practice: 05/09/12@ 8:15pm in the church): Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dooley, Mrs. Balnis

May 22, 2012 @ 2:30 pm – sponsor/candidate meet in the auditorium @ 2:00pm)

(Practice:05/15/12 @ 6:45 pm in the church): Mr. Beggins, Mrs. Lindquist, Mrs. Feidner, Mrs. Troiano, HomeStudy, Kellenberg

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – March 3, 2012

9AM – 12 NOON

Mr. Roumie, Mrs. Moir
Mrs. Kowalczyk, Mr. Beggins
Ms. Pape, Mrs. Lindquist
Mrs. Niola (Pilot)
Home Study Students
Kellenberg Students
Mrs. Gambino
Special Education Students

12:30PM – 3:30PM

Mrs. McNamara
Mrs. McNally
Mrs. Russell
Mrs. Dooley
Mrs. Thorburn
Mrs. Balnis
Mrs. Troiano
Mrs. Feidner

SECOND GRADE HOMEWORK

Imagine that you are Andrew (or Andrea), one of the disciples who followed Jesus. You have spent the whole day with Jesus and have introduced your brother Peter to him. On a piece of paper (8 ½ X11), draw a picture of you and your brother and Jesus. Please hand this in to your teacher at your next class.

There are NO CLASSES Monday, January 16th or Saturday, January 28th

María Regina School News!



On Wednesday, December 21, 2011, Maria Regina School Library and Art Teacher Mrs. Murphy organized a trip with students in grades three, four, and five to the Parkview Nursing Home in Massapequa. The students brought with them Christmas placemats they had made in their art classes. Some students created their own designs while others used old Christmas cards to make their placemats. While at the nursing home, the students brightened the day of the residents by singing Christmas carols to them and later mingling to speak with residents individually. This was a wonderful experience for all involved.



Upcoming Events at Maria Regina School:

- January 16:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
School Closed
- January 20:** Picture Make-Up
Father-Son Night, 7:30 PM
- January 29:** 50th Anniversary Mass,
10:30 AM
Open House, 11:30 to 1 PM
- January 29-Feb. 3:** Book Fair
- January 30:** It's Academic, 1:15 PM
- January 31:** Student Appreciation Day
- February 1:** Teacher Appreciation Day
- February 2:** Volunteer Appreciation Day
- February 3:** School Mass, 9 AM
Math Bee, Grades 6-8, 10 AM

Maria Regina School

Celebrates its 50th Anniversary!

**Opening Mass
Sunday, January 29, 10:30 AM
Open House, 11:30 AM to 1 PM**

Principal: Mrs. Denise Seck
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Donna DiGiovanna
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Fax: (516)541-1235
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