

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 03, 2011
7:00 am Carolyn McGrath
9:00 am Francis Elberfeld

Tuesday, January 04, 2011
7:00 am Joe Cifarelli
9:00 am Fortunata Tropea

Wednesday, January 05, 2011
7:00 am Vito Gangitano
9:00 am Joe Cifarelli

Thursday, January 06, 2011
7:00 am Raffele Colandrea
9:00 am Tom O'Brien-60th Wedding Anniv.

Friday, January 07, 2011
7:00 am Al Miele
9:00 am Arnold Faranello

Saturday, January 08, 2011
9:00 am Biagio Tufano
Richard Joseph Marrano
Ottaviano DiGangi
4:00 pm Clare and Ricard Nadal
5:30 pm Jim Reddy

Sunday, January 09, 2011
7:30 am Mark Prasinios
9:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
10:30 am McCormack and Flynn Families
12:00 pm Members of Purgatorial Society
5:00 pm Lucia Imbriano and
Costantino Montemarano

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

Michael Glose	William Ford	Philip Crepeau
Joseph& Adele Manso	Christine Lisle	Maxine McDonald
Richard Strejlau	Tony Gentile	Mike Brassil
Bonnie Kmiołek	David Golpanian	Baby Sophia Maglione
Danny Davino	Mae Bonano	Dr. John Sheehan
Andrew Bartolozzi	Rosalie Licata	June Bellofatto
Colleen Clark	Joe Dunn	Carol Wilson
Nicole O'Neill	Edward Weinschreider	Palma Ricken
Joan Nauss	Matthew Egan	Donald Vita
Frank Kennedy	Linda Farese	Mary Ann Kotoucek
Emily Brophy	John Mc Keon	Jane/Raymond Huber
Rose Vroman	Alan Meyer	Edward Zoccola
Sally Waskewich	Robert Cazer	Edward Krupp
Terence Sullivan	Laureen-Quinn Sturge	Brianne Patton
Theresa Gorozdi	Baby R. Sznurkowski	Assunta Arceri
John Dominic Morea	Andrew Gamard	Florence Beaver
Walter Descovitch	Florence Bianco	Richard Sens
Eleanor Descovitch	Leonard Toscano	Sal Portelli
Leanne Patric	Michael Korwan	Robert Goelz, Jr.
John Dick	John Mysliwicz	Agnes Ackermann
Domenick Burdi	Dorothy Montuori	Pat Deegan
Frank Kubicki	Florence Zoccola	Frank/Gloria Santoriello
Dorothy Vella	Ray & Marion Gattus	Mackenzie J. Borchers
Julianna Buttner	Baby Carmine Luongo	
Jessica Buttner	John/Connie Cardillo	

Anointing of the Sick

The Mass of Anointing is celebrated four times a year as scheduled. The Priests of the parish are always available for the Anointing of the Sick.

Arrangements can be made for someone to bring Holy Communion to a sick or homebound person.



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Our Altar Flowers
for the week of January 2nd, 2011
are in loving memory of
John Marc Arceri
donated by his loving mother



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE
IN OUR MILITARY**

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	Erin Ropelewski
John Heckle	Joshua Rotondo
Timothy Hirten	Michael Sanchez
Ryan Hodgetts	Alfred Simeone
Gregory Holownia	Michael Simeone
Michael Jackvony	Jason Spinella
Timothy Judge	John M. Tarpey
Daniel Klein	Chad Thornton
James Lisle	Nathan White
Thomas Lisle	John Zimmerman
	Kevin Zwijczaz



Pray for deceased of our parish:

Eileen Hinch, Anthony Arpino, Lydia
Mommers, Marie Rosetti and
Rose Leone



**TAKE
NOTE**

When next you update your
estate plan, please consider
continuing your lifelong
stewardship by leaving a
bequest to our parish.

Thank you!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated flowers in memory of a loved one for our altar during this Christmas Season. Listed below are the names of the deceased loved ones you have remembered.

James Fava, Sr.	M/M G. Ermete	M/M N. Fava	Lo Dico/Adamski Families
Mary & Frank Sommese	Gattung Family	Schwarz Family	Vito Gangitano
Josephine Gangitano	Ann Marsac	Anthony Inferrera, Jr.	Philip Rooney
Peter Tiscione	Frank Santoro	Cestare Family	Ferrante Family
Mary Guerriero	June Flecker	Denise Menisick	Michael Smith
Parents of Wahl Family	Bologna Family	Spitaleri Family	Louis Burdi
George Howe	The Schick Family	The Smith Family	Jack Buonomo
Francis DeAcetis	Victor Ranero	Mangione Family	Cirlincione Family
Kevin Kalinowski	Michaela Califano	Matt Hochstrasser, Jr.	Mat Hochstrasser, Sr.
Joseph Barbera, Jr.	Joseph Barbera, Sr.	Italian Holy Spirit Group	Louise & Jim Thoma
Joseph & Eleanor Pascale	William Lynch	Mary Alice Lindstao	M/M Anthony Brienza
Vie & Angelo Gaudiosi	Madeline/Joe Rizzo	Dora/Monty Cancellieri	M/M John Sullivan
M/M W. Charleston	Walter Charleston	Dorothy Wassum	Paul/Concetta Pustorino
Ed/Filomena Jankowski	Margaret Pataky	Joe Pataky	Deodati Family
Albert Cattabiani	Carolyn O'Neill	Mark Prasinos	Ida/Sal Salinetro
Harold Neumann	Menduni Family	Curcuru Family	Evo Bontempi
Neil Fedoronko	Helen Fedoronko	Ted Fedoronko	Gerry Mc Govern
Joe Molinari	O'Brien Family	Lauri Family	Anna Bongiovanni
Vic/Phyliss DeLuca	Joe Paschitti	Angelino Paschitti	Paul & Sadie Graziano
Joe/Antionete Mollino	Angelo D. Roncallo	Marc A. Roncallo	Martha Pouliot
Joe/Carmela Digesu	Charles LaGattota	Joseph Amore	Florio Family
Dellano Family	Mary Pultorak	Anthony Pultorak	Josephine Jamroz
Patricia G. Schmitt	Claire Nadal	Richard Nadal	Frank Jamroz
Luchsingi Family	Inglese Family	Sciortino Family	Fred Wagner, Sr.
Josephine Caccappolo	Jerry Caccappolo	Brian G. Sweeney	Karl Matzer
Balestrieri Family	Centino Family	Ferlits Family	John/Rachel Dell'Aquila
Papp Family	Pinamonti Family	Teresa Papol	Murray Family
Madden Family	Sciascia Family	Young Family	Schrieger Family
William Brown	Raymond J. Paul	Lawrence O'Brien	Concetta/Peter Bologna
Angela Carillo	Marian Cesso	Henry Cesso	Donato/Ann Cassano
Antonio Ciccone	Louis Ciccone	Proto Family	Rost Family
Amarante Family	Arthur A. Neuhedel	Luke Paul Tolson Neuhedel	
Colantone Family	Harry/May Royal	Patricia Ahern	John Dalibene
Vincent Grande	Alfred Villawela	Emily Villawela	Annette Vallone
Barbara Edelstein	Joseph E. Manez	Casey Family	Flynn Family
Looney Family	Brikei Family	Stenglein Family	Matthew Ryan
Benedict J. DeFrancisci	Field Family	Beatrice Family	Mary Ellen/Martin Evans
Deacon Jack Weigel	Tom O'Brien	Edward Sloane	Edna Sloane
Adrian Lopez Silvero	Joe Cifarelli		

Living Members of the Murtagh Family



FROM THE PASTOR

Beware of False Prophets/ Accusations

Several Sundays ago, at the morning Masses, people came from Church to find their cars leafleted by an unknown group. Pamphlets which purported to explain the Catholic faith, with Pope St. Pius X on the cover, were distributed without my knowledge or consent.

Who did this scurrilous action? We have no idea since they lacked the courage and honesty to speak with me before. In fact, the pamphlets have no mention of who they are distributed by or a printing company I could call for further information. These same pamphlets have appeared, at different times, by the Pastoral Center breezeway door and they were left there in the same manner by unknown people with no permission bent only on causing confusion.

If the distributors were open to a sincere dialogue - this would be one matter. BUT, the way they behave shows a lack of Christian charity and an ill will at least.

The issues raised in the pamphlet are old ideas and confusions - the role of the Holy Father, the relationship of Scripture and tradition, faith and works, etc. These topics would make an interesting agenda for an adult education class where they could be honestly explored and explained.

If you read the pamphlet and have questions, please feel free to discuss them with one of the priests.

Fr. Peter



Jesus is waiting for our visit with such eagerness. If we understood, we would never miss our hour with the Blessed Sacrament. No sacrifice would be too great because we would be doing it for Jesus.

Eucharistic League (Noon to 8 pm) and
Nocturnal Adoration Society (8 pm-9pm)
Friday, January 7th, 2011

Please note: beginning this month (January) and continuing throughout the year, NOCTURNAL ADORATION has been moved up one hour to 8 p.m.

Please join us this and every First Friday to “watch one hour” before the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction at 10 pm in the Maria Regina Chapel.



CELEBRATE LIFE! CELEBRATE FAMILY!

*Attention Families of the
The Recently Baptized &
Expecting and Waiting
Families*

*Join the Celebration of the
Baptism of the Lord*

Join us at the 10:30 AM Family Mass
on January 9th
Stay for light refreshments after Mass

Hosted by: Your Pastoral Team In cooperation
with the Baptism and Evangelization
Committees

Pauca Verba – Voices, Chant of Avignon
Father Stephen P. Morris

An advertisement from Ignatius Press at Christmas time offers a new CD just released by the Benedictine Nuns of Notre Dame (Our Lady) of De L'Annonciation in Avignon, France. Here's the ad:

The Nuns' album features the most ancient form of Gregorian Chant, which the sisters sing eight times a day, and was the first music ever to be written down. "This recording is like an immediate escape from the challenges, stresses, noise and pace of modern living. You're given a glimpse of a secret world of peace and calm".

Now, I would recommend getting a copy of this CD because French nuns and monks sing Gregorian Chant most beautifully. When American monastics hope to improve their chanting (which is the centerpiece of their common life), they look to France. But the reasons given in the ad for purchasing the CD are not very good (or realistic for that matter). Monks and nuns are ordinary people who come together in community carrying all the human baggage the rest of humanity carries.

I was chaplain to a small monastery of nuns for some years and early on I asked them at breakfast, *"Do you ever argue?"* Immediately, one senior nun called out, *"Do we!!!"* I once toured a well-known American Trappist monastery and the monk who was showing us around the formidable buildings said, *"This looks like a really nice place to live, but when you are living with the same group of people day in and day out...."* His voice trailed off. Then he picked up with this anecdote, *"One day two monks got into a kitchen argument and one went after the other with a mop."*

Saint Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower) wrote about convent life, *"Sometimes I feel as if I'm living inside a tornado!"* So monks and nuns are not living, as the ad claims, in a "secret world of peace and calm." What's with the beautiful chant then? Well, monastics are people who have consciously set out on the path of transformation. Very many monks (and perhaps nuns) have a story – a past. They understand the need for conversion – turning my life to a new Christ-direction. The chant has as its primary goal the Glory of God, but also the transformation or reshaping of the mind and heart. This is reflected in that the monastic community comes together eight times each day – we need to keep returning, returning to the things of God.

Do we remember Saint Paul writing, *"If, then, you have been raised to life with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are where Christ is, above, seated at God's right hand. Fix your thoughts on the things that are above, not on those that are on earth."* Colossians 3: 1-2.

And again, *"Now, brothers and sisters, let your minds dwell on what is true, what is worthy, what is right, what is pure, what is amiable, what is kindly – on everything that is excellent or beautiful..."* Philippians 4:8

Be kind to yourself. The CD: VCA-D (Chants from Avignon) is available from Ignatius Press. **Telephone 1-800-651-1531**. The price is \$17.95.

Another Chant Album, also from Ignatius Press (I have it and it is very fine) Chant – Music for Paradise – the Cistercian Monks of Stift Heiligendreuze CMS-D \$17.95.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The members of the Maria Regina Holy Name Society wish all a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

The HNS Executive Board meets on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the St. Michael Room.

The next Holy Name Mass is on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All HNS members should try to attend and join us for corporate Holy Communion.

The next Holy Name Society meeting is on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Music and Art Room. All men of the Parish over the age of 18 are invited to join us. Please visit the HNS page on the Maria Regina website (www.mariaregina.com). Click on the Ministries, Service Ministries, Holy Name Society tabs and learn more about what the HNS is and does.

Did you know: What's new or different about the revised translation?

The style of the translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal is different. In accord with the rules for translation established by the Holy See, the revised translation follows the style of the original Latin texts more closely, including concrete images, repetition, parallelisms, and rhythm. The English used in the Mass texts is more formal and dignified in style. Where possible, the texts follow the language of Scripture and include many poetic images.

In addition, the third edition contains prayers for the celebration of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Masses and prayers for various needs and intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (or instructions) for the celebration of the Mass.

CONDO FOR SALE!

Senior Community -
55+

The Hedges in
Bohemia

Five rooms, 2 bed-
rooms

2 full baths;
up and down

No basement

Common Monthly Charges-\$240.
Pets permitted

If interested contact Fr. Peter 516-798-2415



***Maria Regina's 2nd
Reverse Raffle***

\$100. per ticket; a limited number of tickets sold! Great chance to win big money. Every ticket entitles 2 people to a cocktail party night out. Don't miss out - Tickets go on sale next week. Contact Nikki Liberto: 516-826-0848.

Maria Regina Singles Club

Do you remember...

When coke was in a 6 z. can?

Do you remember...

Going to a drive-in movie?

Do you remember...

Hoola Hoops?

If you can remember any of the items mentioned above we would love to have you join the Maria Regina Singles Club.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 4th @ 7:30 p.m. in the St. Michael's Room of the Parish Center. We plan to meet every two weeks.

This is a brand new club and we are looking for new members with lots of good ideas. Open to all adults 45 and older.

Any questions, please contact Fr. Peter at the Rectory: 516-798-415

Ministry Page



The Maria Regina Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts did some Christmas caroling at the Dominican Village Retirement Home two weeks ago. They sounded like angels - great job!!!

INNKEEPERS

Teams #2 and #3 are working on Wednesday, January 5th, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

EVANGELIZATION

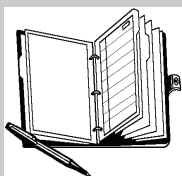
Let this be our New Year's resolution: be encouraging, listen attentively, offer assistance, share Christ's message and absolutely pray. These are the actions of love that will allow you to effectively bear witness.

Invite someone back to Church!

Parish Social Ministry **795-7438**

To all of you who support Parish Outreach: Thank you for your very generous donations this holiday season. Because of you, we were able to serve many families with gifts of toys, clothing and the knowing that they are not alone and that they are loved by the people of Maria Regina. We wish you all a healthy and blessed New Year.

Love, Kathy Ryan and Alice Moran



Morning Brew

If you are unemployed, please join our Monday morning information/networking group.

9:30 am

Winter Session Begins:
Monday, January 3, 2011
St. Francis Room, Pastoral Center

Bereavement Support Group

The widow/widowers bereavement program will begin again on Sunday, January 30th. To register, or for more information, please contact Kathy Ryan at 516-795-7438

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Maria Regina's Parish Social Ministry would like to thank the Plainedge Soccer Club for their generous donations to the families we serve at Maria Regina. The Soccer Club held its 12th Annual "Kids Helping Kids Charity Tournament" over the Thanksgiving weekend. Over 60 teams came from all over the Island to Plainedge High School to support the event. In the past 12 years the Soccer Club has raised over \$100,000. dollars for various charitable organizations. This year the PSC once again selected Maria Regina as one of those organizations and were proud to sponsor eight families for Christmas. In addition to the generous monetary donation, the PSC sponsored a toy drive from which we benefited as well. Those adult volunteers and the kids that play, have discovered a fun way to make a change in people's lives.

Thank you and God Bless you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Lesson From Santa

Just a week before Christmas, I had a visitor. I just finished household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed when I heard a noise. I opened the door to the front room and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree. "What are you doing?" I started to ask as I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager, boisterous soul we had known. He then answered me with a simple statement. **TEACH THE CHILDREN.** I was puzzled, what could he mean? He knew I was curious and with a quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree. As I stood bewildered, Santa said, "Teach the children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now a days Christmas has forgotten."

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a tree and placed it before the mantle. "Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, showing us the everlasting hope for us all, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of our thoughts turning to God in heaven."

He again reached in to his bag and pulled out a brilliant star. "Teach the children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of his promise."

He then reached into his bag and pulled out a candle. "Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world and when we see this great light we are reminded of Jesus who replaces the darkness."

Once again he reached into his bag and removed a wreath and placed it on the tree. "Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the real nature of love. Real love never stops. Love is always within us."

He then pulled from his bag an ornament of Santa. "Teach the children that I, Santa Claus, symbolizes the generosity and goodwill we feel during the month of December.

He then brought out a holly plant. "Teach the children that the holly plant represents immortality. It represent the crown of thorns worn by our Savior.

The red holly represents the blood shed by Him. Next he pulled from his bag a present and said, "Teach the children that God so loved the world that he gave his Son." Teach the children that the wise ones bowed before the holy babe and presented him with gold, frankincense and myrrh. "We should always give gifts in the same spirit of the wise ones."

Then Santa reached in to his bag and put out a candy cane and hung it on the tree. "Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook. The crook on the staff helps to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper.

He reached in again and pulled out an angel. "Teach the children that it was the angel that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angel sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will toward men."

Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound and from his bag he pulled out a bell. "Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should bring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return.

Santa looked back and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the children that the true meaning of Christmas, and do not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One that is, and I bow down to worship him, our Lord and God."



Maria Regina School's Early Childhood Program performed its annual Christmas Pageant on Friday, December 17, 2010. All students in Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade participated. The students did a wonderful job reciting poems, singing songs, and telling the story of Jesus' birth. Thank you to their teachers who worked so hard to prepare them.

On Friday, December 17, the Student Council held a Movie Night for students in grades K-8. The younger students watched two classic Christmas cartoons and decorated Christmas trees to take home. The older students watched *Elf* and enjoyed a pizza dinner. In addition, the Student Council sponsored a dress down day on December 17 to raise money for Parish Outreach to help families pay bills during the winter months. The Student Council also sponsored a dress down day with the school's Rachel's Challenge Student Leaders on Wednesday, December 1, to raise money to purchase phone cards for America's troops. \$500 worth of phone cards were sent to the troops.



Maria Regina Students

Participate in Free Rice Program

Did you know that there are approximately 29,000 grains in one pound of rice? The student's in Miss Meehan's third grade class decided that they wanted to donate rice to the poor through the website freerice.com. The website donates ten grains of rice to the World Food Programme for every correct answer that students provide to a math question. The students set a goal of donating four pounds of rice by the end of the first trimester on November 30. That meant that they would have to answer 11,600 questions correctly. Fortunately, they received some help from the Mrs. Scarabino's fifth and sixth grade math students and Mrs. McNamara's seventh and eighth grade math students. The students donated over 119,000 grains of rice to the poor. The students have set a donation goal of six pounds for the second trimester. Thank you to everyone who helped our class feed the poor!

Upcoming Events at Maria Regina School:

December 24-January 2: School Closed—
Christmas Vacation

January 1: Happy New Year!

January 3: School Reopens

January 3: School Board Meeting 7 PM

January 7: School Mass 9 AM

January 7: 11:30 AM Dismissal

January 17: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

January 21: Father-Son Night

January 27: MRPA Meeting 7:30 PM

January 30: Catholic Schools Week Begins

Mass 10:30 AM

Open House 11:30 AM – 1 PM

Book Fair

Principal: Mrs. Denise Seck

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Maryalice L. Doherty

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