

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 9, 2012
7:00 am Francis McManus
9:00 am Peter Ford

Tuesday, January 10, 2012
7:00 am Kieran Flynn—Anniversary Rem.
9:00 am James Logan

Wednesday, January 11, 2012
7:00 am Francis J. Walsh, Jr. & Genevieve Walsh
9:00 am Frank Vita

Thursday, January 12, 2012
7:00 am Edmund Brodigan
9:00 am Frank Sullivan

Friday, January 13, 2012
7:00 am James Logan
9:00 am Stephen Schojan

Saturday, January 14, 2012
9:00 am Francis J. Walsh, Jr./Genevieve Walsh
Mary McLaughlin—4th Anniversary
John Clarke
Elizabeth Jones
Nancy Braddick
Lillian Goich
4:00 pm Grace and Dennis Winter
5:30 pm Herb Sievers and Eleanor Dale

Sunday, January 15, 2012
7:30 am Catherine & Ernst Schamberger
9:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
10:30 am Julius Scorzelli
12:00 pm Members of Purgatorial Society
5:00 pm Marian & Henry P. Cerro
71st Wedding Anniversary Rem.

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

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



**Please pray for the deceased of our
parish and those who mourn them:**
*Scott Hahn, Vincenza Pedagno,
Olivia Lima and Jacqueline Carnacchio*



Altar Bread and Wine Donations

*Our Altar Bread and Wine
for the week of January 8, 2012
are in memory of
Arthur V. Gunning
donated by
Joe and Patricia Aiello*



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Note: The Rectory Office
will be closed Monday, Janu-
ary 16, 2012 in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
It will reopen Tuesday, Janu-
ary 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.	

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 Prayer Form

Taizé (pronounced "tay-zay") is the name of a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, France. Seventy years ago, on August 20, 1940, as World War II was raging, Brother Roger Schulz, at age 25, arrived alone in the village of Taizé, 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.

From this humble desire to offer comfort a worldwide movement began. Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, and 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.

At Taizé Prayer, a cross is surrounded by candles and the prayer begins: Meditative sung chants followed by periods of silence. There is a scripture reading, intercessory prayer, and then, while the singing continues, those who wish can come to the cross to pray as they are entrusting silently to Jesus. "All you who are heavy-laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and gentle of heart." This prayer reminds us that now, risen from the dead, Jesus accompanies all who call upon Him, even when His presence is not recognized.

You are cordially invited to join us on **Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.** as the parish community of Maria Regina experiences Taizé Prayer together.

Please watch the bulletin next week for more about 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)

July 5-8, 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!



Banns of Marriage
First Time
Daniel Monaco
and
Julia Musso

Bulletin Reflection

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who develop their talents to the fullest in order to use them to benefit church and community by assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, consoling the sorrowful and teaching the young.

Zorn's Poultry Farms, Inc.

We are proud to announce our "PROCEEDS MONTHS" fundraising program, during the months of January & February, 2012. This includes all 3 ZORNS, in Bethpage, East Meadow, and Bellmore.

This is designed to help raise funds for our local houses of worship. We are presently running this program with many local schools, with much proven success.

The ZORNS Family is ever mindful of the rising cost of energy, upkeep, and labor involved in maintaining your buildings. This is how it works: First, register your school, house of worship, sports entity, or other with us. Customers who mention which program they are affiliated with, will receive 10% off the purchase price and that 10% will be credited to that program. The program will then receive the check at the end of the month.

Our entire staff look forward for the opportunity to serve and help our local houses of worship.

The ZORN Family



Cub Scout/Boy Scout Sunday
Cub Scout Promise— I...promise... to
do my duty to God.
Boy Scout Law (12th point) - A
Scout is Reverent.

Scout Sunday for all Cub and Boy Scouts of Maria Regina Parish will be celebrated on **February 5th** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Parents of Cub Scouts who have recently completed Light of Christ or Parvuli Dei requirements should contact Ellen Keegan (204-7772).

Pack and Troop leaders who have Maria Regina Parishioners in their units are asked to contact Lucille Koch (783-9819), or email:

lu@kochny.com

so adequate seating in the Church can be reserved for the Scouts. We hope that former Scouts and Leaders will also join us at this Mass!

December 2011 Bills-To-Pay Bills Winners

1st Prize	\$100	Tom Ficker
2nd Prize	\$30	Mr. & Mrs. William Kral
3rd Prize	\$25	Joseph Sander
4th Prize	\$20	Emily and Neil DeLucia
5th Prize	\$15	Gerry Fedoronko Frank Nappi Madeline O'Brien John Murray Joan Helly
6th Prize	\$10	Bernadette Miele Howard Boasi Jean Fanning Arthur Breunig Anne Brack George Lyons K. Gattung George Macioce Pat McDonald Coleen Waldron



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

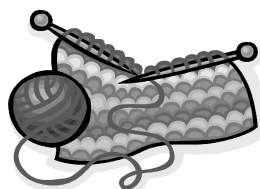
1st Quarter \$250.—\$50 Touching Box
2nd Quarter (half) \$500.—\$50. Touching Box
3rd Quarter \$250.—\$50. Touching Box
Final Score \$2,000.—\$50. Touching Box

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!!!



**Maria Regina
Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Please join us if you like to knit, crochet and pray. Prayer Shawls will be hand crafted

for members of our parish community experiencing illness, grief or any difficult time in their life. Making Prayer Shawls is a wonderful way to relax and also minister to those in need of support and comfort. Gatherings are held monthly on the **First Friday of every month from 10:00 am to 12 noon in the St. Michael Room.** Knowledge of knitting or crocheting is not required. Members are willing to teach basic skills.

For more information, please contact Nancy Farrell (516-804-2686) or Cathy Hughey (516-826-5922). Please consider becoming a part of this important ministry.

Our next meeting will be held on **Friday, February 3rd.** Please bring knitting needles or crochet hooks, yarn will be provided.

Special Friends Mass

The next Special Friends Mass will take place on:

Sunday, February 5, 2012
@ 3:00 p.m.
Maria Regina Chapel
Fr. Paul will preside

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!



Once again you did it!

We have been informed by the Catholic Ministries Appeal Office that we have **met and exceeded our goal for 2011!!!**

Based upon payments received as of January 4th, our parish has attained 111.6% of our 2011 goal. The Diocesan Finance Office will be making a series of electronic deposits to our bank account. Our Parish Share is \$33,395.

The CMA office wishes to convey their sincere thanks to our generous parishioners for their support. Many thanks and blessings as well, to all our loyal Maria Regina Parishioners. Fr. Peter

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!

ADVANCE NOTICE
SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a preparatory meeting for the Helping Hands Group of thirteen people going to New Orleans in January 2012. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 10th @ 7 p.m. in the St. Michael Room. We will finalize plans and provide information for our trip.

This is a mandatory meeting. If you cannot make it, please contact Judy Fasano at the Rectory Office: 516-541-6509.

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 by Tuesday, January 10, 2012 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!

Maria Regina's "Shopping Cents"
Gift Card Program

Thank you very much to all those families who have participated in our program throughout the past year. Due to your support, the Scrip Program had a successful year in 2011. Please continue to support our program during 2012. Remember, order forms are available at the rear of the Church and can be dropped off anytime at the school or Rectory or placed in the collection baskets at Mass. If you want to buy supermarket cards on the spot, please stop by the Rectory on Monday nights between 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. (Someone will be available in the Rectory on Tuesday night 6:45-7:30 p.m. when the Rectory is closed on a Monday.)

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 leave your name and telephone number at the Rectory Office. You will be contacted when a meeting date and time has been arranged.



A Special Message from Meg ...

Dear Teens,

It is with great JOY that I take this time to introduce myself to the parish. My name is Meg, and I have just joined the Pastoral Staff at Maria Regina as your Youth Minister.

I have some great ideas, but I want to hear from all of you before I begin to put the program together. My hope is to have two programs - one for junior high teens (7th – 8th grade) and one for high school teens (9th – 12th grade). If there are any college age young adults interested in joining in, please contact me. Your presence would be greatly appreciated by all of us! I am really interested in hearing from all of the teens.

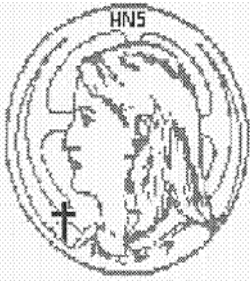
What are your hopes and desires? What I that you want to do as a youth community?

What type of fun activities do you enjoy?

Are you interested in hands-on service opportunities, retreats, sports events, and missionary work?

As you can see the possibilities are endless, so I would really like your guidance; after all it's your program. Are you Game? Are you ready to create a Youth Program that is unique to Maria Regina? If you are interested, please join us on Sunday, January 8th beginning at 6:30 pm and concluding at 8:00 pm in the St. Michael's Room to talk about how best to develop the youth program. Hope to see you there!

Ministry Page



Holy Name Society

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

The next Holy Name Society meeting is on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Music and Art Room. Our Guest Speaker will be the Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature, Peter J. Schmitt. Legislator Schmitt will discuss the State of the County and answer questions from the audience. All members of the parish are invited to join us for what promises to be an interesting and lively presentation!

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. Email or call us with your comments, ideas or suggestions!

Parish Social Ministry 795-7438

Morning Brew—if you are unemployed, please join our Monday morning information/networking group, Monday mornings @ 9:30 a.m., in the St. Francis Room. We will start up again on Monday, January 9th, 2012 in the St. Francis Room of the Pastoral Center.

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.

INNKEEPERS

Team #3 and #6 will be working Wednesday evening, January 11th, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIZATION

Let us reflect on those things that drain us of life, courage and hope. Then reflect on those things that revive us, encourage us and give us hope. Next look around and see if there is anyone in your life right now who could use some reviving. Might you be of help?

INVITE SOMEONE BACK TO CHURCH!

Annual Telecare Telethon

Telecare Telethon Time! The Telecare Telethon is the weekend of January 14th from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and January 15th, 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please tune in on Cablevision Channels 29 and 137 or Verizon FiOS 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest “stars” including many of the clergy, religious, and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from some celebrity chefs, musical groups and New York sports teams will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Msgr. Joe DeGrocco and Fr. Frank Nelson for the 20th Annual Telecare Telethon, “Become a Member of the Telecare Team” and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at:

www.TelecareTV.org



Human Life Committee

Tax Dollars and Planned Parenthood

As the battle to defund Planned Parenthood rages on here are some facts to consider. PP gets 33% of it's revenue from our tax dollars. It receives in excess of \$360 million each year from tax payers. In just 2009 alone PP was responsible for killing 300,000 unborn babies. Abortion makes up 98% of PP's services to pregnant women. How is this health care for women and children? Source: Susan B. Anthony List, 4/5/11

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

SPONSOR DINNER – Saturday, January 14, 2012. 5:30 pm Mass, followed by dinner in the school auditorium. Please bring a dessert to share.

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

On the feast of the Epiphany, we hear the story of the Magi from the east who traveled a long distance to worship Jesus. The Magi brought gifts to Jesus. What gifts would you bring to Jesus? Draw a picture of these gifts on a piece of paper (8 ½ X11). Please hand this in to your teacher at your next class.



On Friday, December 16, 2011, Maria Regina School's Early Childhood students performed their annual Christmas Pageant. Students in Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade recited poems and sang Christmas songs for their families. The students and their teachers worked very hard to put together a wonderful performance.

Brian Joscher of the US Air Force has been overseas for 2 1/2 years. He came to Maria Regina to surprise his niece, Morgan, a kindergartner in Mrs. Mancuso's class. The students welcomed him with a rendition of "God Bless America" using American Sign Language. He was joined by his sister Jessica (Morgan's mom) and his brother Danny. Brian, Danny, and Jessica are graduates from Maria Regina School. Their former teacher, Mrs. Teja, was thrilled with the reunion.



Upcoming Events at Maria Regina School:

January 10: School Board Meeting, 7 PM

January 11: Cupcake Sale

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: 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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