

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday,	December 20, 2010
7:00 am	Al Miele
9:00 am	Dale Fanning
Tuesday,	December 21, 2010
7:00 am	Sergio Russo
9:00 am	Dolores Andreski
Wednesday,	December 22, 2010
7:00 am	Danny Collins
9:00 am	Adrian Lopez-Silvero-4th Anniv. Rem.
Thursday,	December 23, 2010
7:00 am	Diehl, Mennella & Restituto Families
9:00 am	John Reddington
Friday,	December 24, 2010
7:00 am	Living/Deceased Priests of the Diocese
9:00 am	Shawn Raggi-25th Anniversary Rem.
4:00 pm	Grace D. Metzger
4:00 pm	Auditorium - Herm Sievers
5:30 pm	Peacock and Gargiulo Families
12 Midnight	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Saturday,	December 25, 2010
7:30 am	Joseph and Mary Jo Fazio
9:00 am	Paul DeVoy
10:30 am	Philip Rooney
12 noon	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:15 pm	Auditorium-Alissa Marie Tucciarone and grandparents
There will be no 4 pm or 5:30 pm Masses today	
Sunday,	December 26, 2010
7:30 am	Carol Wilson
9:00 am	Members of Purgatorial Society
10:30 am	Dominic DellaRocca
12:00 pm	Rosaria Taormina
5:00 pm	Susan Kaufman

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

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.



***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

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE DONATIONS

Our Altar Bread and Wine for the week of December 19th are in memory of the Lipay and O'Keefe Families, Donated by Marguerite Lipay

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Our Altar Flowers for the week of December 19th are in loving memory of Lawrence Caparco Donated by the Caparco Family

ALTAR CANDLE DONATIONS

Our Altar Candle Donations for the week of December 19th are in memory of Sergio Russo Donated by his Loving Family

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2010

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 18th - 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Monday, December 20th – 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21st – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 18th

4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 19th

7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. (Church), 4:00 p.m. (Auditorium),

5:30 p.m. (Church) and 12:00 Midnight Mass (Church)

CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 25th

7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon (Church) &

12:15 p.m. Mass (Auditorium)

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

MASS SCHEDULE

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26th

7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12 Noon and 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m. ONLY

NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Saturday, January 1st

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

NO EVENING MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY



Did you know? Over the next few weeks we will be featuring the ten most frequently asked questions on the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*.

1. Why is there a need for a new translation?
Pope John Paul II issued the third edition of the *Missale Romanum* (the Latin text of the Roman Missal) during the Jubilee Year in 2000. This new edition included many new texts requiring translation. In addition, the experience of the years after the Second Vatican Council gave rise to a desire for more formal and literal translations of the original Latin texts. This new translation will employ the best of what we have learned about translation and liturgical language in two generations of celebrating the Liturgy in the vernacular. It will provide an opportunity to reflect ever more deeply on the Eucharistic celebration that lies at the heart of the Church's life.



Family Mass Nativity
Calling all shepherds and angels!
The Family Mass Committee is looking for children who are interested in participating in the Nativity at the 4:00 pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve.

Our next rehearsal is December 21st from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

Please contact Gina D'Orio at 679-0169.
Thank you!

Welcome to Seaford!
Oceanside Christopher,
The Catholic Credit Union
4050 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY
516-620-8100
www.thecatholiccreditunion.org

As parishioners of Maria Regina you automatically qualify for membership in this Catholic institution.

Stop by and say hello, receive a free gift and take advantage of all the financial services they provide!

Parish Christmas Offering

For the past several weeks, people have spent many hours shopping 'for the right gift', wrapping it, and sending it off to distant relatives and friends. The saying is surely true at this time of year - we often receive more joy from gift giving than receiving-especially if we know that our gift is something another wishes to have.

At Christmas, we are also asked to donate generously to the parish. The people of Maria Regina have always been generous at Christmas in the past and I ask you to continue being so supportive of our works and ministries. The Christmas collection, along with the Easter offerings, account for over 10% of the monetary donations we annually receive.

I know the times are difficult for many. The calls and visits to our Parish Social Ministry continue to increase in number and need. All are most cordially welcomed; some we can assist in their needs. Others have needs that far surpass our ability to meet them completely.

So, I ask you to PLEASE be generous with your Christmas contribution to Maria Regina. I would never dare to recommend a certain amount per family; please do the best you can.

In this time of giving, may the Lord abundantly bless you, your family members, and friends.

Works of Mercy Collection

Every year, at Christmas time, we take up a special collection called "The Works of Mercy." Some have wondered where the monies collected are spent. It gives me pleasure to share how we have spent the monies, over the past year, that came in last year's collection.

1. We have helped several families with back tax payments for their homes. In danger of losing them because of tax default, we have been able to give them a brief respite while they gather their energy for repayment.
2. We will again spend some of the funds to assist in the expenses of the parish group travelling to New Orleans in January to help rehabilitate homes in the "Helping Hands" project.
3. With your assistance, we have been able to assist several other groups or parishes when they experienced need.

Whatever is donated in this special collection is earmarked for these and other charitable works.

**MARIA REGINA
HOLY NAME CHRISTMAS POSTER
CONTEST WINNERS**

Sofia Legarretta - Kindergarten - 1st Prize Winner in Diocesan Contest

Caitlin Monaghan - 1st Grade

Daniel Hoang - 2nd Grade - 3rd Prize Winner in Diocesan Contest

Jake Metzner - 3rd Grade

Nicole Kalinowski - 4th Grade

Mary Claire Troy - 5th Grade

Lena Genovese - 6th Grade - 2nd Prize Winner in Diocesan Contest

Arisa Ossandon - 7th Grade - Honorable Mention Diocesan Contest

Matthew Alvarez - 8th Grade - 3rd Prize

Congratulations to all who participated from Maria Regina School and Maria Regina Religious Education Program. Your parish family is very proud of you.
A job well done!

“REVIVE” SCC at Maria Regina

“Share your faith through the Sunday Readings and Share the Word in your Home.” Here is a question to get you started. **For the week of December 26th:** What does God’s Peace mean to you?

Banns of Marriage-Third Time

Frank Li & Kerri Ann McGuckin



Please pray for the deceased of our parish: Felix J. Alfino, Eugene Dzienkowski and Evelyn M. Byrnes



Foot Locker has an inappropriate official advertising campaign throughout their stores wishing customers a “Merry Kickmas.” Please take a moment to let them know that as a Catholic you find this disrespectful to our Christ! FOOT LOCKER, 11 W. 34th Street, New York, NY 10120 (800)991-6685
Thank you!

Congratulations to the following Maria Regina School Alumni who made the Honor Roll at St. Anthony’s High School:

Seniors:

Lauren Brown
Kiera Egan
Christopher Lee
Giovanni Mio
John Quinn
Kaitlin Russell
Heather Troy

Juniors:

Peter Branche
Katelyn Ginley
Amanda Haas
Allison Isnardi
Lauren LaCorte
Jennifer Polera
Philip Remi
Elizabeth Sweeny

Sophmores:

Anthony Duggan
Daniela LoCurto
Kyhle Nakagawa
Nicholas Nici

Freshmen

Jordan Behr
Olivia Colon
Connor Devlin
Ryan Dolce
Marina Jacques
John Lovett
Rachel Luebke
Joseph Mangione
John McCrystal
Frank Pecoraro

Congratulations to the following Maria Regina Alumni who made the Honor Roll at Our Lady of Mercy Academy:

Seniors:

Briana Almonte
Kathleen Carey
Danielle Cascione
Kerry Porembski
Lauren Ruppenthal

Juniors:

Maria Guarascio
Ashley Lubrano
Ava-Miranda Stone
Rachel Tyler

Sophmores:

Julia Visaggio

Freshmen

MaryBeth Cassaro
Sarah Mabey
Nicole Puoplo

Great job to all the Maria Regina Alumni - we are very proud of you!

The Long Island Catholic

Thank You For Your Donations!

This month we asked for \$20 donations and tens of thousands of our Catholic neighbors responded with great generosity. Thank you all so very much!

If you missed our Dec. 5th collection, you can still make your \$20 donation by bringing your LIC envelope to next weekend’s Mass. \$20 may not seem like much, but it is our lifeline. Thank You!



Pauca Verba – The Crib of Bethlehem (*in Rome!*) **Father Stephen P. Morris**

It's almost Christmas, when Christians contemplate God's kind mercy as He comes to be with us in person, in the Holy Child of Bethlehem. The lovely Christmas carol says: "He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger." Can we imagine this? We can never again say that God is far away or doesn't understand or isn't with me. Indeed, God has gone to a great deal of trouble to be with us know our joys and disappointments, our successes and failures, our fears and hopes. How loved we are by God, despite our weakness and mistakes and the terrible sins of the world.

When visiting Rome, we can go to visit the marvelous *Basilica of Saint Mary Major*. The story of this great church dates back to the 4th century! And when we approach the altar, way up front, there is a winding, white marble staircase that takes the visitor down to a tiny chapel of cave-like intimacy. And there, over the little altar, is a marvelous glass case shaped like a great egg or gilded bath. And inside the glass "egg" is the precious relic of the crib of Bethlehem! Rome, like any great city, is a noisy place, and even the churches are noisy with tourists talking about the things they're seeing. But here, before the crib remnants, everything is hushed and very still.

Just outside the little sanctuary, where there is an altar and space enough for a priest to offer Mass, there is a miniature wooden stool – like something a young altar server might sit on. And there, I can sit quietly, thinking of myself being in the cave of Bethlehem, next to Mary who holds the Holy Infant. I imagine that Joseph is near holding the light so I can contemplate God's face in the little Christ. And in my meditation, the animals are there. And I remember the Prophet Isaiah saying that the *donkey and the cow know their master* but God's people do not. And I can imagine entering the cave and asking Mary for permission to hold the Holy Baby. And I sit next to her in the comfort of the hay and take the Child in my own arms and speak to him in great tenderness – from an inner place – the place of my deepest longings, concerns, joys and sorrows. I thank Him, honor Him, and tell Him about my love. And then, I listen in the stillness, because He will speak to me, not with words from His mouth, but with the thoughts of His heart.

Is there a manger in your home where you might sit in this meditation? Or is there a particularly beautiful card someone has kindly sent depicting this scene? Soon the fine Bethlehem scene will be set up in our church. Let's all stop for awhile, these last Advent days, and consider these things.

The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is in the narthex of the church. Please help yourself to a tag off the tree and buy a gift card to Old Navy, Kohls, Waldbaums, Target, Toys R Us or any other local store. Please return the gift card to the rectory or the Religious Education Office by **December 20th**. These will be distributed to families in need in our area.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*We have received the following letter from
Senator Kemp Hannon :*

Dear Monsignor Pflomm:

Merry Christmas! I wish you and your Congregation the very best during this Holiday Season.

May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts with celebration and peace. This time of year inspires us to count our blessings.

My very best wishes for happiness, health, and prosperity throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

KEMP HANNON,
6th Senatorial District



Maria Regina Holy Name Society

New Year's Eve Party

Friday, December 31, 2010

*Maria Regina Auditorium
Hot Food-Dancing-Open Bar
Noise Makers-Hats-Etc.*

*Admission: \$65. per person
ALL INCLUSIVE!*

*Call: Joe Pontieri 679-9764
Gene Meyer 221-7608
Robert Wahl 776-2767
Dom Granite 799-5076*



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Senior Community - 55+
The Hedges in Bohemia
Five rooms, 2 bedrooms

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.

Flower Offering



In Memory of _____

Name _____

Address _____

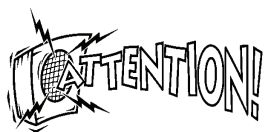
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We are accepting Flower Offerings in Memory of a loved one for Christmas

There are envelopes in the Narthex of the church or you can cut this out and send it in to the Rectory.

Ministry Page



The Maria Regina Men's Group would like to extend an invitation to all men of the parish to join us for our December meeting to be held on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 6:15 p.m. in the St. Michael's Room. Our featured speaker for the evening will be our very own Fr. Stephen Morris.

Human Life Committee



"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you." Jeremiah, Chapter I

Did you know... At 20 days after conception the heart of a preborn baby is beating? Brain waves have been recorded at 40 days.

At 9 weeks a baby is as big as your thumb, is fully formed, responds to painful stimuli and can grasp an object and make a fist?

He has fingerprints and his own DNA. All body systems are working.

God, let us praise the works of your hands!

A Blessed Christmas to all!

Maria Regina Parish Help-A-Family 2010 Christmas Program



The Help A Family Program provides holiday services to families right here in our own parish. We provide Christmas help to those of our fellow parishioners who are experiencing difficult times due to sickness, loss of

job, etc.

Please send all donations to "Parish Social Ministry" and mark your envelopes "Help-A-Family". If each person in your family, contributes \$3.00, we can serve all of our families right here in our parish with Christmas Gifts, food and bill paying. We have more families than ever in need. Please be generous.

Please return all monies by December 20th!

If you know of a local family who could use help during the holiday, please call the Social Ministry Office (Outreach) @ 795-7438. All information is kept confidential.

INNKEEPERS

There is nothing scheduled this week. May you all have a Blessed Christmas filled with peace, hope, love, and joy.

George Lyons

EVANGELIZATION

HOPE: At Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birth, God's gift of Hope to us. To know Jesus means entering into a relationship with God - a relationship that will bring peace and joy. Tell someone about this gift of hope by inviting them to church.

Invite someone back to Church!

Parish Social Ministry: 795-7438

Christmas Turkey Donations – If you would like to donate a turkey to our Parish Outreach to be used by a parish family in need, please bring it directly to the Parish Social Ministry Outreach Office, Monday through Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. For more info, call the Outreach office at 795-7438.

Maria Regina Singles Club

Do you remember...

When coke was in a 6 oz. 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: 516-798-2415.

ADVENT – A TIME OF WAITING

A Circle of Love

Advent is a wonderful opportunity to nurture family prayer. A *Circle of Love* refers to both the Advent Wreath and the family gathered around it.

Take time as a family to know, grow and show God's love this Advent Season. When we gather in his name, Christ lives in a our midst, present as we light each candle on that circle of love and glowing in each heart gathered around it.

Weekly Advent Prayers:

Week 4: Love - Light three purple and one pink God, you have given us faith, hope, and joy. Forgive us for all the times we have made hurtful choices. In you we find true peace. Help us to live in the peace of your Son in our hearts, in our family and in our world. Amen.

FOR THE RIDE HOME



We welcome all Third Graders to our Family Mass!

There is an old saying, "The path of true love never runs smooth." This may not be true for everyone, but it seemed to be true for Mary and Joseph. However, they could be true and faithful to each other because they were true and faithful toward God. And God made the rough ways smooth! What makes for rough times in a relationship between parents and children, husband and wife, friend and friend? What can smooth things out? Look at Joseph for an example what did he have to do before he could move forward in a confusing situation?

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

Confirmation Donation (\$80), Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility Form and Gown Form were due 12/1. Please send them to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible if you have not already done so.



On Saturday, December 11, Maria Regina School's Parents Association held their annual Breakfast with Santa. Students and families enjoyed a hot and cold buffet. The children had their photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, visited with Frosty and Rudolph, wrote letters to Santa, made crafts, and enjoyed music provided by a DJ.

Maria Regina's eighth grade students went to Sunrise Mall on Friday, December 10, to begin purchasing gifts for the family they adopted for Christmas. Students worked in class last week to develop a budget and determine what gifts to buy for the family. The gifts will be delivered the week of December 20.

The fifth grade went on a field trip to the Science Museum in Plandome on Friday, December 10. They learned how to use a compound microscope as well as dissecting a squid. They also learned the history of the squid as well as how the squid protects and camouflages itself.



Upcoming Events at Maria Regina School:

- December 23:** School Mass 9 AM
- December 25:** Merry Christmas!
- December 24-January 2:** School Closed—Christmas Vacation
- 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



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