

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 27, 2010
7:00 am Michael Melley-32nd Anniv.
9:00 am Mary Musillo

Tuesday, December 28, 2010
7:00 am Frances Maher
9:00 am Grace D. Metzger-Anniversary Rem.

Wednesday, December 29, 2010
7:00 am Peter Piliero
9:00 am Deacon Buddy Bianco-1st Anniversary

Thursday, December 30, 2010
7:00 am Ceilia Avellino-1st Anniversary
9:00 am Frank Ferrara

Friday, December 31, 2010
7:00 am Jean Schildknecht and Carolyn McGrath
9:00 am Thomas L. Riley-16 Anniversary and Frances Baccellieri
5:00 pm Biagio Tufano

Saturday, January 01, 2011
9:00 am Benjamin Zakrewski
10:30 am Matt Hochstrasser, Jr.
12 noon John and Jenny Santoro and Carmela and Jerry Aschettino

Sunday, January 02, 2011
7:30 am Members of Purgatorial Society
9:00 am Angelo Modena
10:30 am Joe Horn
12:00 pm Louis Lembo
5:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

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 Kmiolek	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	Joe Rost
Frank Kubicki	Florence Zoccola	Pat Deegan
Dorothy Vella	Ray & Marion Gattus	Frank/Gloria Santoriello
Julianna Buttner	Baby Carmine Luongo	Mackenzie J. Borchers
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 BREAD AND WINE DONATIONS



Our Altar Bread and Wine for the week of December 26th are in memory of the Thomas L. Riley 16th Anniversary
Donated by Elizabeth Riley and Family



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Our Altar Flowers for the week of December 26th are in loving memory of Al Carey
Donated by his loving family



ALTAR CANDLE DONATIONS

Our Altar Candle Donations for the week of December 26th are in memory of Jenna Devine
Donated by her loving grandparents.



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

FROM THE PASTOR

Christmas 2010

Perfect Love

Perfect Peace

Perfect Joy to You

Dear Parishioners:

What a special time of the year for us all! For secular society, it is a season to express human warmth, closeness, and love. The songs proclaim it; the decorations show it; the greetings call it to mind.

But, for us who believe that Jesus is the reason for all the celebration, this time is even more important - it is truly sacred because it reminds us that God once became part of our human family so that we might become part of His.

Many years ago, in my first parish, a group of dedicated volunteers helped a Vietnamese refugee family of eleven children and two parents settle. They fled Southeast Asia after the fall of Vietnam with, literally, only the clothes on their backs. They sailed the South China Sea, always afraid of the marauding pirates, and finally were picked up by the U.S. Navy and brought to Guam. From there they made their way to Pennsylvania and then to Huntington Station. What a Christmas for all! The family members told me it was their first peaceful Christmas ever. The parishioners outdid themselves in presents and presence. We all rejoiced in the gift of new life and birth.

Every Christmas is, naturally, different. But every one is an opportunity to 'go home', to return to the basics of our faith and life - to separate the things that truly matter from the less important. I think, during this season, we discover the abiding importance of RELATIONSHIPS. Made in the image of God - who is a Family of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - we hunger for strong and vibrant, lasting and life giving relationships with a whole host of people - beginning with family and close friends, spreading out to colleagues and acquaintances, from neighbors to occasional conversation partners. For it is in relationships that we can discover new life, hope, and the presence of Our God.

I don't know where that Vietnamese family is today. All the children are grown by now and, hopefully, making a contribution to society and their faith community. The Christmas of 1978 was a special one for all. This Christmas is a special one for all of us here, today.

I thank everyone who has participated in one or more of the many ministries and life activities of Maria Regina this past year. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, have enriched this fine parish.

I thank everyone who lived the Advent journey with us in a thoughtful, more silent manner. We greatly depend on our liturgical and social ministers, our catechists and teachers, our leaders in CYO and VBS, our ministers to the Homebound, and needy, and our ordained staff of Deacons and Priests. Blessings one and all!

TO ONE AND ALL - PERFECT LOVE...PEACE...JOY TO YOU THIS CHRISTMAS!

Fr. Peter

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

Did you know: Who is doing the work of translation?

The process of translating liturgical texts from the original Latin is a highly consultative work done by several groups. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) prepares English translations of liturgical texts on behalf of the conferences of bishops of English-speaking countries. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the other member conferences receive draft translations of each text and have the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions to ICEL. Then ICEL proposes a second draft, which each conference approves and submits to the Vatican for final approval. Each conference reserves the right to amend or modify a particular text.

At the Vatican, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments examines the translated texts, offers authoritative approval (*recognitio*) of the texts, and grants permission for their use. Currently the Congregation is aided by the recommendations of Vox Clara, a special committee of bishops and consultants from English-speaking countries. The translation and review process is guided by the guidelines in *Liturgiam Authenticam*, issued in 2001, an instruction from the Congregation that outlines the principles and rules for liturgical translation. In 2007, the Congregation also issued a *Ratio* outlining the specific rules for translation in English.



Please pray for the deceased of our parish: James O'Connor and Christine Pecoraro

“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 January 2nd:** Where are you on your journey with God?

Diocesan Choir - Rockville Centre

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!! I'd like to thank you for all the help you gave in getting the word out about our celebration of Lessons and Carols this year. Because of 'you', attendance was wonderful.

I'd like to extend a special “Thank You” to all who put our event/service into your Parish Bulletins and for hanging our posters on your school, church, choir and employee bulletin boards. A very special “Thanks” to the Nassau Chapter President of the Knights of Columbus, for posting our Lessons and Carols celebration on their website. All of you have blessed the Diocesan Choir by your acts of kindness and generosity! Be assured, you are in our prayers and have our deepest gratitude for this amazing help. This celebration would not have been such a success without YOU.

Now I bring the latest news - The celebration of Lessons and Carols at St. Agnes Cathedral will be on T.V. It will air on Christmas Eve at 2 p.m. on TELECARE. So, if you'd like to see it again, or if you know someone who missed it...mark the date and tune into Telecare on December 24th at 2 p.m. What a nice way to prepare for the coming of our Savior on Christmas morning!

AGAIN, YOU HAVE OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE TO HELP US!! MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS WITH PEACE, HEALTH AND LOVE.

Sincerely,
Regina Wahl
Publicity Coordinator/Diocesan Choir RVC.

P.S. If you do not get the Telecare channel, you can view the event on the Internet.

Pauca Verba – Christmas Implications
Father Stephen P. Morris

In the First Letter of St. John (3: 1-3) the apostle teaches us: “*How great is the love that the Father has shown to us! We were called God’s children, and such we are...Here and now, dear friends, we are God’s children; what we shall be has not yet been disclosed, but we know that when it is disclosed we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*”

Can we imagine what the world would be like if each of the billions of human beings on this planet knew deeply that we’re all God’s children! I can’t make that awareness *happen* for the billions, but I can surely make it *happen* for myself.

The poor throughout the Americas are part of God’s holy family.

The children of Afghanistan, Lebanon, Somalia, Iraq are part of God’s holy family.

The baby in the womb (however broken/frail/disabled/conceived in “*wrong*” circumstances) is part of God’s holy family.

Those spending Christmas in prison (even on death row) are part of God’s new holy family.

The people whose lives are shredded by addictions are part of God’s family.

The people who have no prestige; no power, are part of God’s holy family.

The teenagers whose lives confound us are part of God’s new family.

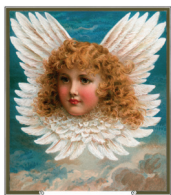
Those whose marriages are ruined are nevertheless still part of God’s family.

All the colors, nationalities, political persuasions, genders and orientations are part of God’s family.

The people whose beliefs and values are not my own, are part of God’s family.

The people who are *taking too long to die* or whose lives *have no purpose* are part of God’s holy family.

We’ll each undoubtedly find ourselves before the manger scene this Christmas time. And while I may even find myself on my knees before the Sacred Infant’s Crib, *the sign* of my reverence must be the love I lavish upon other people – especially the littlest, the vulnerable and the poor. In Jesus Christ, God has invaded humanity in a way that lifts up humanity. The first to hear the sung and happy news of the Baby’s birth were not the Jewish clergy, celebrities or imperial types, but (*low-end*) shepherds. Heaven opened up and serenaded them with the best news. It’s a good thing to be a human being. God didn’t become an angel, but human. We must be very valuable to God that he would take the great risk of coming to be with us utterly, and to teach, heal and even die for love of us! *What a love!* It’s raw, really! If we understood these things we would fall down and weep for joy and gratitude! Then, in a kind of holy delirium, we would run (like the women of Easter morning) to tell others and to love in creative and fresh ways.



**Maria Regina School
Guardian Angel Fund**

At this most beautiful time of year as we celebrated the birth of Jesus, please take a moment to consider donating to our Guardian Angel Fund. This will help a family who is struggling to pay their tuition during this difficult economic time.

Maria Regina School provides for the educational, growth, and development of the whole child; spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically; meeting the needs of the individual within a Christian atmosphere centered on Christ.

Thank you for your generosity and please spread the word about our outstanding school; it is a tribute to the wonderful children who graduate every year.



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.

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.

**December 12th, 2010
Blood Drive Results**



We collected 130 pints of blood and 19 donors were deferred.

A special thanks to my family, friends, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and all who have helped in making this drive a success.

God Bless and Merry Christmas

Jim O'Hara



Ministry Page



HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Mass of the Holy Innocents

Tuesday, December 28th at ST. Frances De Chantal, Wantagh at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Abortion robs 3,300 human beings (the unborn) of their lives daily.

All are welcome!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Do you believe in Miracles? We at Parish Outreach do. We see them every day. We have many “miracle Makers” in this Parish. WE wish each and every one of you could see the faces of the families that are the recipients of your generosity. It touches the heart!

Here are a few miracles we would like to share:

- ◆ Our pantry was constantly stocked with fresh wonderful food for our families to enjoy.
- ◆ A family battling cancer was renewed in spirit because of the generosity of so many people who came forward to help.
- ◆ Our transportation committee all pulled together and took turns driving one of our seniors back and forth to doctor appointments.

You are all Miracle Makers! You enable us to serve our fellow parishioners and experience the true meaning of the Christmas Season. Thank you all so much for everything you do and we wish you all a happy and healthy 2011.

Peace and blessing, Kathy Ryan
and Alice Moran

INNKEEPERS

We all received the greatest gift for Christmas - Jesus. Emanuel means ‘God is with us’. If you know someone not with God, invite them to open up their gift of the Lord.

EVANGELIZATION

PEACE: Give and Receive the gift of peace, the peace that comes from a relationship with Jesus. There is no greater peace in this world than the peace we receive when we allow our hearts to rest in His. Peace on Earth.

Invite someone back to Church!

Parish Social Ministry

MORNING BREW will resume their meeting on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 9:30 pm in the St. Francis Room of the Pastoral Center.

Thank you to all our extremely generous parishioners who either sponsored a family or made donations to Help a Family. We would not have been able to do all that we did without your help.

We are very fortunate here at Maria Regina Parish to have a community of people who truly give of their time, talent and treasure.

God Bless You!

Would you like to memorialize a loved one?

Here at Maria Regina, we have the Children’s Garden of Remembrance as well as the Maria Regina Memorial Walkway. Both are located behind the school.

Engraved bricks can be placed with the name of your loved one, a special occasion or a prayer of gratitude. Bricks can be purchased for \$100. each and be engraved with up to 3 lines. If interested, please call the Rectory and ask for Judy Fasano.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SEVENTH GRADE **Confirmation Retreat: February 5, 2011** **Presented by *Son Ministries***

Below is the retreat schedule for the seventh graders. Each child should bring a snack and a drink for him/herself. Please make sure the snack is in a bag with the child's name on it. No glass bottles. The children should report to the school lobby **15 minutes prior to the start of the retreat**. If you would like to chaperone the retreat, please contact the office. This **DOES NOT** take the place of the Religious Education class for the week.

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Pilot7
Moir7
Mrs. Pape
Mrs. Lindquist
Mrs. Montello
Mrs. Guarnieri
Mrs. Kowalczyk

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

McNally7
Gambino7
Mrs. Troiano
Mrs. Thorburn
Mrs. Balnis
Mr. Roumie
HomeStudy7
Kellenberg7
Mrs. Russell
Mrs. Murphy

Due to the large number of children in each session – no changes may be made. Students may not bring any type of electronic devices to the retreat (iPods, etc). Cell phones **MUST** be turned off during the retreat or they will be confiscated and returned after the retreat. The retreat will take place in the school auditorium.

Second Grade Students

Next Sunday, January 2, 2011 is a Grade Level Mass at 10:30 (although you may go to any Mass). Your homework will be in the bulletin. Please hand it in to your teacher at your next class.



On Tuesday, December 14, Maria Regina School's Junior and Senior Choruses and Experienced Band performed at their Christmas Concert. The audience was treated to many wonderful Christmas songs.

On Thursday, December 16, the eighth grade students visited the Pre-K students and read various Christmas stories to them as well as working on an art activity. This was a great experience for all involved.

The fifth grade students are working on two exciting projects. For their reading class, they are creating dioramas and writing narratives comparing colonial and present times. This is based on the article they read called "Digging Up the Past." In social studies, they went through treasure chests to learn about the different explorers.

The third grade has been learning about Ecosystems. They created scenes of four different ecosystems: the pond, rain forest, forest, and desert.



Upcoming Events at Maria Regina School:

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

Fire Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the
North Massapequa Fire Poster Contest!

Kindergarten: Julia Aaron

First Grade: Katie Laraia

Second Grade: Michael Campbell, Gianna
Iovino, and Kyle Murray

Third Grade: Ladrea Buffaloe, Bridget
Harrington, Erin Rooney, and Kyle Wahlers

Fourth Grade: Melody Almodovar, Claire
O'Hara, and Sophia Visaggio

Fifth Grade: Joelle Habibi, Erin Horan,
Jenna Marullo, Thomas Moran, and Mary
Claire Troy

Sixth Grade: Kayla Fullerton, Ryan Kelly,
Kaitlyn McFadden, Olivia Visaggio

*Congratulations to our eighth graders who
appeared on Telecare's Divine Intervention
on Friday, December 17: John Accetta,
Michal Califano, Emily Haas, and Kasey
Harrington.*

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