



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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Office Hours: (Monday—Friday) 9:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Anticipated Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance 3:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Faith Formation Director:

Maintenance:

Music Director:

Office Manager:

Sacristan/Liturgy:

Trustees:

Pastoral Council Chair:

Rev. Paul J. Alciati

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AnnMarie Mooney

Kathryn Reynolds & Patrick Hayes

Mary McNeil

Baptisms - call the parish office for information on baptismal class and the scheduling of Baptism.

Marriages - arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana classes. Call the parish office for an appointment.

Sick and Home-bound - please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs, and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home or hospital for an extended length of time. Arrangements can be made for a Eucharistic Minister to take Communion to them at home, at the hospital, or at nursing home. When hospitalized please tell them you are a parishioner of St. Margaret's.

Dear Parishioners,

In his encyclical Quas Primas, Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925, to be celebrated throughout the universal church. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe. Pius XI and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian (or nominally Christian) dictatorships throughout Europe and saw Catholics being persuaded by these earthly leaders. These dictators also often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted, devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point. The Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, and when the feast was needed most.

Today, individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be antiquated and possibly oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "Lord" and "King" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true, these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service.

Jesus said, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45, NAB) Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"... Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth" (John 18:33b, 36-37)

Thus, Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him. Christ the King Sunday used to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October, but since the calendar reforms of 1969, the feast falls on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, which is the Sunday before Advent. It is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed right before Advent, when we liturgically wait for the promised Messiah (King).

Many thanks. God Bless You, Fr. Paul J. Alciati

This Week In The Parish (Nov. 24—30)

Sat 4 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sun 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Mon 5 p.m. Daily Mass
Tue 5 p.m. Daily Mass
7 p.m. St. Margaret's choir rehearsal
Wed 12 p.m. Daily Mass

Next Week In The Parish (Dec. 1—5)

Sat 11 a.m. First Reconciliation
4 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sun 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation Grades 1-5
10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass-Coffee Hour-Book Signing
Mon 5 p.m. Daily Mass
Tue 5 p.m. Daily Mass
7 p.m. St. Margaret's choir rehearsal
Wed 3 p.m. Mass @ Brewster House
5 p.m. Daily Mass (Note: New Time)

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday **November 24**
 4:00 p.m. For Cathy Niehus—Shirley Clark

Sunday **November 25**
 10:30 a.m. For Joseph Bacigalupi—Zech Family

Monday **November 26**
 5:00 p.m. For Grace Nicholas—Angela Griffin

Tuesday **November 27**
 5:00 p.m. For Winifred Daly Madigan—Emerich Family: Kathy, Helen, Jean & John

Wednesday **November 28**
 12:00 p.m. For Jim Vaber—Corky Wrisley Family

Saturday **December 1**
 4:00 p.m. For Patricia Toncola—Don & Mickey McHugh

Sunday **December 2**
 10:30 a.m. For Francis Patience—Zech Family

Readings for the Week of November 25
 Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-23; 19:1-9a/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Observances for the Week of Nov. 25

Friday: St. Andrew, Apostle
 Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS THIS WEEK

November 24-25	4:00 P.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector	Melissa Tyler	Mollie Riley
Eucharistic Ministers	Shawn McMahon Susan Barnes Vicki Carle	Lana Riley Mary Van Miller Paula Lundberg
Ushers	Michael Havington Harry Reddick	Steve Lundberg Richard Riley
Altar Servers	Riley Delage	Michael Williams Sarah Williams

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

December 1-2	4:00 P.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector	Sandy Cardillo	Thomas Belton Andrew Hage
Eucharistic Ministers	Richelle Bloodgood Christine Williams Amy Bertini	Betsy Venum Bernadette Belton Mary Hartquist
Ushers	Patrick Hayes Mary Jo Helms	Colin Harrington Jorge Martinez
Altar Servers	Alison Compagni	Grace Esposito Jack Hartquist Isabelle Woodward

Altar Care Next Saturday: (December 1) Nancy Porcaro

Sunday Total: \$ 4,171 E-Give: \$ 70 Grand Total: \$ 4,241
 Thank You, your generosity is a blessing to St. Margaret's Parish.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are ill:
Calvin Griswold, and Millie Horak



Bottles & Cans Quick Stop Beverage on Rt. 281 will be accepting our can/bottle deposits. You may combine cans and plastic bottles in plastic bags but please place glass into a separate box. **Empty Inkjet Cartridges**—bring all your empty inkjet cartridges to the drop box in the church hall. St. Margaret's gets a donation per cartridge.

FAITH FORMATION

There will not be Faith Formation classes or Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday, Nov. 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday recess. Classes for all grades and CLOW will resume next Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Our celebration of First Reconciliation will take place Saturday, Dec. 1st at 11:00 a.m.

R.C.I.A

Last Sunday, we welcomed three catechumens in the Rite of Welcoming/Acceptance held at the 10:30 Mass. Please keep these new parishioners, Samantha Cleary, Tony Powers, and Kathryn Smith in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

HOPE APPEAL 2018 YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER IN FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

UPDATED-Thank You to those who have already contributed to our 2018 Hope Appeal! Our assessment this year is \$26,013. Pledges received to date \$20,379 with 80 families pledged. You may place your pledge in the collection basket or deliver your pledge to the parish center. You may also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org

Senior Lunch Bunch

We will meet on Thursday, December 20th noontime at the **Dasher's, in Homer**. Please call your reservation into the Parish Office 749-2542 by Wed. Dec. 19th.

Christmas Masses & Holy Day Mass Sign-Up

The sign-up sheets are near the Communication Center for all Christmas Masses. We will need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers. Please consider serving in your chosen ministry to help make our Christmas celebrations outstanding. Thank you.

Mon. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.

Tue. Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Cortland #919 will meet on Wednesday, December 5th in St. Mary's Church Hall at 7:00 p.m. Monetary donations and gifts for our special family are requested. Also non perishable food item are needed for our local food pantries. We will have a \$5 gift exchange at our coffee hour and Christmas Carols. The short meeting is first. Please join us.



December Bake Sale



The December Bake Sale will be held the weekend of December 15 & 16th. Bakers, please sign up in Communication Center or call: Carole Harris: 315-696-8515. Remember to include ingredients on the label. Please return sauce jars that were purchased at the bake sales, so that they can be reused for future sales. Note: Dave Peter's will be holding a book signing for his book, "Twelve Steps To Joy & Happiness."



Sanctuary Candle Burning

In Loving Memory of:

Kay Alger

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Ethel Morgan

St. Margaret's Music

Singers are needed to assist the choir at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome and needed! (Adults and Teens included!) Please contact Erika at 607-227-2952 or dancingduo@hotmail.com. Children's Ensemble is needed for a special piece with the Adult Choir at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Children grades 3 and up, including teens are needed. This is separate from the children's choir needed for the Christmas Eve 4:00pm Mass Please contact Erika at 607-227-2952 or dancingduo@hotmail.com.



The Christmas Giving Tree



St. Margaret's Human Development Committee will be placing the Giving Tree in the Front Vestibule on the weekend of Nov. 24 & 25. If you would like to purchase a gift for a family in need, please take a tag from the tree. Return your gift-wrapped present with the tag on top NO later than Sunday, December 9th.

Christmas Flower Memorial Fund

Anyone wishing to contribute toward our Christmas Flower Memorial Fund in memory of a loved one, an envelope is included in your envelope packet. Or you may use your own envelope marked "Flower Fund." Please place in the collection basket or call the office 749-2542. Our deadline is Mon. Dec. 17th. Thank You.



Honoring Leonard Cohen

On Sunday, December 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cortland Interfaith Center, the Board and members of Leonard's family will hold an informal celebration of this wonderful man. Leonard Cohen, SUNY Cortland associate librarian emeritus, served the Interfaith Association Board of Directors for decades, until his passing in July 2017. The event will feature a presentation of a plaque to be placed at the Interfaith Center and will be followed with fellowship. Donations to the Interfaith Association in memory of Leonard Cohen may be mailed to Interfaith Center, 7 Calvert St., Cortland, NY 13045 c/o Louis Wilson. For more information, please contact, Interfaith Association Board President, Mary Lee Martens at MaryLee.Martens@cortland.edu

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