

SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sacred Heart Church
543 Main Street
Margaretville,
NY 12455



St. Anne's Mission Church
375 Main Street,
Andes,
NY 13731



DECEMBER 25TH, 2022 – CHRISTMAS

RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICE

38 Academy Street
Margaretville, NY 12455
(845) 586 – 2665

Office Hours:

Tuesday-1:00pm – 4:00pm
Thursday-9:15am – 3:00pm

MAIL & DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Letters/Envelopes: PO BOX 909, Margaretville, NY 12455
Packages/Boxes: 38 Academy Street, Margaretville, NY 12455

Visit us: www.sacredheartmargaretville.org
Parish email: shcatholicchurch@icloud.com

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registration: Parents are asked to register at the Parish Office at least two months before the date of Baptism.

Ceremony: Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 2:00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for weddings should be made at least six months prior to the marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Paul - (838) 910-9889

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Margaretville & Andes before Sunday Mass
Margaretville also before weekday Masses
or by appointment

PRIEST: Rev. Paul J Mijas - (838) 910-9889

OPERATIONS MANAGER: John Russell - (516) 455-4959

SECRETARY: Usha Tagliaferro - (845) 586-2665

TRUSTEES:

Doris Warner - (845) 586 - 2484

Todd Pascarella

FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR:

Joanne McLaughlin - (607) 437-4923

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Tucker

PARISH COUNCIL:

Ellie Aulino - (845) 586-4028

Bunnie Muzzonigro - (845) 676-3586

Francisco Duque - (845) 586-6248

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Joseph Grieco - (845) 676-4640

Rita Peterson - (607) 326-4019

Lisa Friscia

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Sacred Heart Church - Bob Barrack

St. Anne's Church - Richard Powers - (845) 676-4055

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE:

Rita Peterson - (607) 326-4019

Joseph Grieco - (845) 676-4640

HOSPITALITY: Dick & Mary Colfer - (845) 586-3049

OUTREACH: Frank Canavan - (845) 586-3992

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 10:00am – Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 12:00pm – St. Anne's Mission Church

Weekday Masses at Sacred Heart Chapel:

Tuesday 12:00pm & Wednesday 9:00am

*First Saturday 9:00am – Sacred Heart Church

(Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Mass)

SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Sacred Heart Parish are members of The Body of Christ. We accept our baptismal call: to provide a warm and welcoming place for all to freely worship, to minister to all, especially the ill and the needy, to offer a program of faith formation for all ages of our ethnically diverse parish community and to witness the Gospel by the way we live our daily lives.



Classes are held on Sundays after 10 am Mass – for more information call Joanne McLaughlin (607) 437-4923

MASS INTENTIONS IN MARGARETVILLE

Sunday, Dec. 25 + Patricia Rohde
by Irene Jordan
Tuesday, Dec. 27 No intention
Wed. Dec. 28 No intention
New Year, Jan. 1 Tommy Jones
by Lonnie & Marlana Nickerson

MASS INTENTIONS IN ANDES, 12 PM

Sunday, Dec. 25 No intention
New Year, Jan. 1 No intention

E. M. SCHEDULE

Date	Margaretville
Dec. 25	Rita Peterson
Jan. 1	TBD

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Date	Margaretville	Andes
Dec. 25	Bill Thompson	Joe Grieco
Jan. 1	TBD	TBD

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEER

Date	Margaretville
Dec. 25	Mary Mitchell
Jan. 1	TBD

STEWARDSHIP FOR LAST SUNDAY

Sacred Heart Church	\$ 1,287.00
Christmas Flowers - \$ 638.00	
Saint Anne's Church	\$ 235.00
Christmas Flowers - \$ 80.00	
PARISH OFFERING	\$ 1,522.00

“One thing I ask of you: Never be afraid of giving. There is a deep joy in giving, since what we receive is much more than what we give.” *St. Mother Teresa*

Please remember our church in your Last Will.

THANKS FOR GIVING!

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022-23

www.thediocesanappeal.org/

Our goal: \$14,330.00

Our Parish ID: 1090DA

GABRIEL PROJECT

is a pro-life and parish-based program, offering assistance to pregnant women experiencing difficult circumstances. It is “confidential and compassionate” and takes a Good Samaritan approach to helping pregnant women in need. For more info go to:

<https://perpetualifecare.org/GABRIEL-PROJECT-PHONE-NUMBER>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

CURTIS OLSEN

If you want to request prayers for the sick, contact the Rectory, so their names could be added to the list for the month. Thank you.

OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES:

Our Food Pantries are grateful for your generous giving of non-perishable food. There is a great need for food in our area.

Margaretville: 4283 State Highway 28, Suite 3
Hours: Monday 10am to noon; Friday 4 – 6 pm

Family Table: Catskill Mtn. Christian Center, 629 Main Street in Margaretville. Hours: 10 am to 4 pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Saturday and Wednesday 10 am to 6 pm

Andes: Andes Train Depot, Depot Road
Hours: Fridays 3 pm to 7 pm

Please leave your gifts of non-perishable food at the entrance to our churches. They will be gratefully distributed to our Food Pantries in Margaretville and Andes.

Our Office will be closed on
Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES Saturday, December 24th

4:30 pm - Stamford
12:00 Midnight – Stamford

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES Sunday, December 25th

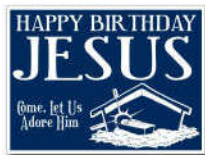
10 am – Margaretville
12 pm - Andes



Dear Parishioners & Guests

Christmas is such a wonderful opportunity to be celebrated with Family and Friends. I hope that these days are enjoyable for all of you. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah at Christmas night Mass describes the Child who is born to us as the Prince of Peace. From the Christmas Gospel of St Luke, we know well its conclusion: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” Peace is a central theme of Christmas. Peace remained a central theme of Jesus’ ministry and preaching. Peace is giving space to God in our lives so that He may fully work within us. It is God who makes us peacemakers. The celebration of Christmas gives us a beautiful opportunity to open ourselves to the presence of God and to His peace. Christmas is a time for Jesus to find a home in us. Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment in the life of our parish because many come here to be a part of this community’s desire to give the Lord His place among us. Whenever we come together for the Mass on Christmas we give expression to our desire for peace and make peace a greater possibility. Peace be with you this Christmas! God be with you! Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Paul



Christmas Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers placed around the altar in Church are dedicated in memory of the loved ones of parish families who contributed to them. Please keep their departed souls and their families in your prayers.

“And You, Mary, the Virgin of expectation and fulfillment, who hold the secret of Christmas, make us able to recognize in the Child whom You hold in Your arms the heralded Savior, who brings hope and peace to all. With You we worship Him and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of man, You who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of Your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the Universe!”

Pope John Paul II, Christmas 2003

Wishing all our Families a blessed and very Merry Christmas! **Religious Education Classes Resume** January 7th in Stamford and January 8th in Margaretville, 2023. At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became Flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the Incarnation (the word means “to take on flesh”), and it changes everything. Today's Gospel reminds us that we can also look upon the Nativity from God's perspective to better appreciate the significance of the Incarnation. The mystery we proclaim at Christmas is that God, the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. Through His birth among us, we have seen the face of God and have become nothing less than God's own children. At this awesome mystery, we adore.

Gather as a family around your Nativity set. Keep this image before you and talk about how familiar we are with this scene. Invite members of the family to recall the details of Jesus' birth that we hear in the Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke. Observe that the Gospel of John invites us to consider Jesus' birth from a different perspective. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:1-14. St John's Gospel reminds us that the image we see in our Nativity set is a most remarkable sight: God made himself at home with us by taking on Flesh and becoming a human person. What are some of the things that John's Gospel says happened for us because Jesus came to dwell among us? (Light overcame darkness; we see God's glory in Jesus; we became children of God.) Together thank God for this mystery of the Incarnation and the salvation that we received because Jesus was born among us.

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