

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 21, 2025 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICE

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

Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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: SHMargar@rcda.org

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 - (607) 652 – 7170

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ

PASTOR'S SERVANT: *Rev. Paul J Mijas*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Kelly Bauer – (845) 586-2665

TRUSTEES:

Richard Colfer – (607) 435-0524

Laura Sanford – (845) 586-6255

FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR:

Kelly Bauer – (845) 853-3001

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Joseph Grieco - (845) 676-4640

Rita Peterson - (607) 326-4019

Lisa Friscia

Todd Pascarella

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

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

HOSPITALITY:

Dick & Mary Colfer - (845) 586-3049

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend:

Sunday 10:00 am – Sacred Heart Church

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

Weekday Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel (Rectory):

Monday 9:00 am

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.

SACRED HEART PARISH

Sacred Heart Church / Margaretville & St. Anne's Church / Andes

Welcome To Our Parish

We are happy that you have joined us today and want you to know that you are always welcome here. If you're new to the area either as a permanent, seasonal, or weekend resident, or even just visiting, we invite you to participate in any of our parish activities or ministries. Our church activities are regularly publicized in our bulletin and posted in our church. We all have unique and valuable gifts and talents with which we can serve God and each other. Welcome!



Sunday, December 21, 2025

10:00 AM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Halina & Jan Witkowski, req. Family

Monday, December 22, 2025

9:00 AM — Mass: Sacred Heart Rectory
† Thomas Kilpatrick, req. Kelly Bauer

Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:00 AM — Mass: Sacred Heart Church
† Renata Bourdon, req. Rita Peterson

Sunday, December 21, 2025

12:00 PM — Mass: St. Anne's Church
No Intention

Thursday, December 25, 2025

12:00 PM — Mass: St. Anne's Church
NO MASS

Please contact us:

Masses are available for intention request



The Sanctuary Candle (\$20.00) & Bread and Wine (\$15.00) at Sacred Heart & St. Anne's are available for dedication. Please contact the Rectory.



Church Cleaning

Dec 18-19 Joaquina & Veronica
Dec 25-26 Dick & Mary

Many thanks for keeping our church so beautiful.

We need more volunteers to clean our church. If you would like to offer this sacrifice up to our Lord please call 845-586-2665 and you will be put on the list.

If you are unable to clean the church on the scheduled date, please find a substitute.



Weekly Offering



PARISH SUPPORT

December 14, 2025

Margaretville	\$ 1,602.00
2nd Collection	\$
Andes	\$
2nd Collection	\$

If you would like to receive envelopes for your weekly contribution to our Parish please let us know: (845) 586-2665.

MASS ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY

Margaretville: 41
Andes:



ON-LINE GIVING



"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

Electronically giving has been made easy! Donate today by going to our website at <https://sacredheartmargaretville.org/> and clicking "Donate", follow very simple instructions.
START GIVING ON-LINE TODAY. THANK YOU!

Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

5 pm on Christmas Eve in Stamford;
8 am on Christmas Day in Grand Gorge;
10 am on Christmas Day in Margaretville;
12 pm on Christmas Day in Stamford.
NO CHRISTMAS DAY MASS IN ANDES.

DATE MARGARETVILLE ANDES

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Dec. 21, 2025 Laura Sanford Joe Grieco
Dec. 25, 2025 Todd Pascarella

EM SCHEDULE

Dec. 21, 2025 Mary Colfer
Dec. 25, 2025 Mary Mitchell

Readings for Next Sunday: Is 52:7-10 | Ps 98:1-6 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON US...



Lucy Straut

ADORATION

Every Friday in Stamford
At 11am with Mass to follow.
Come, share some private time with your
Lord!

Join us for the Rosary at 9:30 before 10 am Mass, Sundays.

The names on our prayer list get updated and removed from time to time. If you would like someone added, removed, or even kept on for a longer period, please contact the office.



If you would like to put an announcement in the bulletin, please contact Kelly Bauer at the church rectory one week prior to when the announcement needs to be announced. The bulletin is sent in for printing a week in advance. Thank you.



Pregnant? Alone? Need help?
The GABRIEL PROJECT is here for you.

Call (833) 227-3273

Available for free, 24/7



"I want to celebrate the Holy Christmas night... In the woods by the cloister you will find a cave, and there you may arrange a manger filled with hay. There must also be an ox and an ass, just as in Bethlehem... I want to see with my own eyes how poor and miserable the Son of God wished to become for our sakes."

~St. Francis of Assisi



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Food Pantry at Sacred Heart Church

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him" - Luke 3:4

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ by sharing His love with others. The Sacred Heart Church Food Pantry invites you to help bring light and hope to families in need this Christmas season.

Donations of non-perishable food or monetary gifts help us fill empty shelves—and hearts—with the joy of Christ's presence.

May our giving be a reflection of His greatest gift—love made flesh among us.

Community Pantry: Fridays 4pm-6pm and Saturdays 10am-12pm
42838 Rt 28 Arkville, NY 12406
(845) 586-2233



**Diocesan
Appeal**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

Sacred Heart Assessment is
\$11,093.00.

Sacred Heart Parish 2025/2026

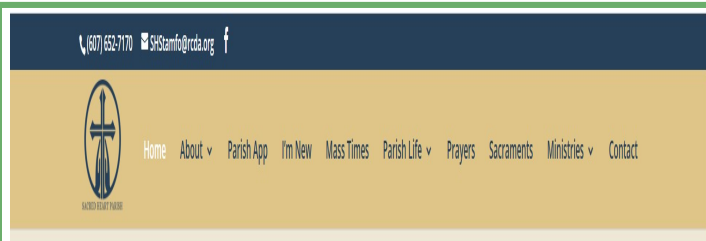
Please give!

Some of you have already received
your

donation requests from the Diocese. You have to mail it directly to Albany using special Diocesan Appeal envelope.

Thank you!

We THANK Dr. Tadeusz Pyz & His wife for Their incredible donation towards printing our parish bulletin. It is our plea that God will open the floodgates of heaven to bless Them.



If you would like to see Father Paul's weekly homily please visit us at sacredheartstamford.org. There you can download the Parish App. You will also have access to updates from the Diocese as well as other news and events.

JAMES HERRIOT

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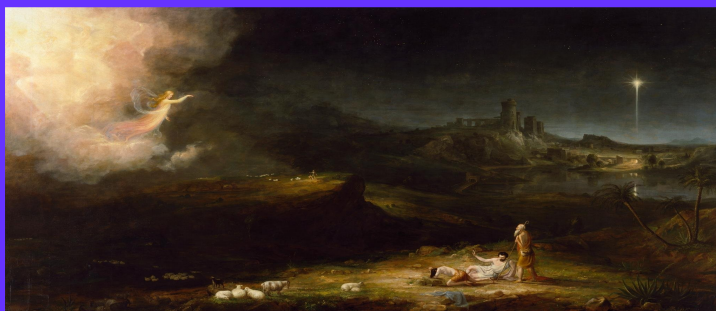
SACRED HEART PARISH

BOOK & FILM CLUB
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 @5:30PM

LOCATION: MARGARETVILLE RECTORY

Join us to discuss this heartwarming novel about finding one's place in the world and the enduring power of kindness & connection.

RSVP & Questions:
tanya@pulvercap.com




The Angel Appearing to the Shepherds: Thomas Cole (1801–1848)

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle which symbolizes peace. This candle is called the “Angels Candle” reminding us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”




Our weekly bulletin helps keep our parish family informed and united in faith. We're seeking donations to help cover the printing costs. If you would like to contribute, please mark your gift “Bulletin Support” and drop it in the collection or bring it to the parish office.

Thank you for helping us continue to share God's Word and parish news each week!



When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all,
To make music in the heart.



Howard Thurman