

St. Margaret Mary's marks 75th year

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Marking the 75th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary's R.C. Church in Midland Beach are, from left, the Rev. Robert Navins, former pastor; Deacon Patrick Graham of St. Margaret Mary's; Monsignor James Dorney, co-vicar of Staten Island and principal celebrant; the Rev. Erno Diaz, administrator of St. Margaret Mary's; the Rev. Thomas Mullin, former pastor; the Rev. Hyungsang Sung, Korean Catholic Apostolate of Staten Island.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Parishioners celebrated the 75th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary R.C. Church in Midland Beach last Sunday.

The Rev. Monsignor James Dorney, co-vicar of Staten Island and pastor of St. Peter's R.C. Church, was the principal celebrant at the noon mass of thanksgiving honoring the Feast Day of St. Margaret Mary and the anniversary of the church being built in 1936, according to an account posted by Jerry LePre on the parish web site, [Stmmsi.org](#).

Concelebrating were the parish administrator, the Rev. Erno Diaz, along with Deacon Patrick Graham, Korean apostolate the Rev. Hyungsang Sung and former pastors the Rev. Thomas Mullin and the Rev. Robert Navins.

Sister Barbara Hecllo, school principal from 2000 to 2006, read *Philippines 2:1-4*.

In addition to Sister Hecllo, the events were attended by fellow Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Sister Rosemary Ward, Sister Jane Wagner and Sister Janet Dunn — and Sisters of St. John the Baptist — Sister Amelia Cueva, Sister Norieta Tusi and Sister Mary Crucifix.

Mass highlights included the Manresa Council Knights of Columbus Color Guard entrance procession, a presentation by parish children of flowers to St. Margaret Mary and music performed by the Korean and St. Margaret Mary choirs.

An International Food Tasting Luncheon was held at the Olympia Activity Center immediately after the mass, with donations from Baskin-Robbins, Hillside Market, Go Go Souvlaki King and Sudety Delicatessen. Featured were trays of Filipino food made by Sister Amelia and Sister Norieta, and Korean food prepared by parishioners.

Stephan Park and Ziwoo Park sang, while pianist Francesca Han played jazz music and Father Diaz and some Philippine parishioners danced as entertainment at the luncheon.

Serving on the 75th anniversary committee were Father Diaz, LePre, Bob Dennis, Staci Memmesheimer, Linda Clemenza, Stephan Park, Joe Funk, Peggy Rybarczyk and Debbie Leone.