

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

Confessions: Saturday—1-2 PM in the
Parish Center or by appointment.



**Mass for the
Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Saturday, August 15th at 9 AM.**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020**

Phone: (631) 732-3131

the Parish Office
will be open limited hours this week
Mon, Tue & Wed 9am to 1pm
Any meeting will be by appointment Only.

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A word cloud with the word 'GIVING' as the largest and most central element. Other prominent words include 'FAITH', 'BLESSING', 'GROWING', 'OFFERING', 'SHARING', and 'GIFT'. Smaller words like 'GROWING', 'OFFERING', 'SHARING', and 'GIFT' are also visible, creating a dense cluster of related concepts.

The Second Reading for this week is so powerful. Let us encourage our brothers and sisters by reminding them that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note—due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we continue to face the challenges of our “new normal,” I invite you to strengthen your faith journey with examples of people from the 20th century who faced challenges of their own. Their lives give us a chance to appreciate the different ways that faith can be lived and shared.

Fr. Jim Wood, Pastor

Takashi Nagai

Mystic of Nagasaki (1908–1951)

On the morning of August 9, 1945, Dr. Takashi Nagai was working at the medical center in Nagasaki, Japan, when he saw a flash of blinding light, followed by darkness, and heard a crashing roar as his concrete building, and his world, collapsed around him. After escaping from the rubble, he joined the hospital staff in treating dazed and dying survivors. Only gradually did the extent of the destruction become clear. An atomic bomb had killed nearly 80,000 people.

In the days to follow, he witnessed scenes of horrifying suffering. Though his children survived, he found the charred re-mains of his wife in their home, a rosary clasped in the powdered bones of her hand. A devout Catholic, Nagai struggled to find in the cross some meaning to this event. He found it remarkable that by chance, Nagasaki, principal home of Japan's Catholic population, had been an alternate bombing site and that the pilot had fixed his target on the Urakami Cathedral.

The war would end on August 15, feast of the Assumption of Mary, to whom the cathedral was dedicated. In all this, Nagai saw the mysterious hand of Providence and believed Nagasaki had been chosen to bear witness to the cause of international peace.

Radiation sickness left him an invalid, and he spent his remaining years as a contemplative in a small hut near the cathedral ruins. He died on May 1, 1951, at the age of forty-three.



“Grant that Nagasaki may be the last atomic wilderness in the history of the world.” —Dr. Takashi Nagai

Please Note Mass Schedule Changes

There is no Mass on Saturday mornings at 8AM for the rest of 2020 as we are videoing the Sunday Mass that morning.

There will be no Mass on Thursday morning ~ 9AM until after Labor Day.



Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Robert Joseph Bader III
Aleksander Scott Goncharuk

Wedding Banns



Banns I: Maryrose Favia, St Jude's, Mastic Beach
& Frank De Stefano, St. Margaret of Scotland

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Saturday ~ 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Due to the need for privacy without using an enclosed room, parishes have had to be creative in finding a suitable space for hearing confessions. We will be using the Parish Center foyer. The red front door will be propped open and a screen will be inside, between the priest and the penitent. There will be no chair or kneeler since we could not disinfect them.

You simply come in, stay standing, confess, receive your penance and depart.



If you see someone in the foyer, do not come up the walkway! Remain on the sidewalk (or in your car) to keep a safe distance.

Emergency Care: Maximum Safety for Urgent and Emergent Needs

Catholic Health Heightened Safety Measures Protects Emergency Department Patients

Catholic Health Services (CHS) maintains the highest level of safety across its integrated health care system. We've elevated that stellar care as we battle COVID-19. This is critical, because even during a pandemic, people will have accidents or health issues requiring emergency care. CHS wants you to know our emergency departments (ED) are safe centers of care. In fact, CHS has been successfully treating patients across the system and performing emergency surgeries throughout this pandemic. Similarly, CHS has been delivering babies, protecting the well-being of both mother and child.

CHS has put extensive measures in place to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus—from intensive sanitization to safe social distancing to isolation of COVID-19 patients.

If you or a family member are experiencing any symptoms that may require emergency care, call 911 or drive directly to a CHS hospital. We're ready, safe and able to help you.

You may also contact our ambulance partner, Hunter Ambulance by calling (516/631)719-HELP.



**Catholic
Health Services**
of Long Island

SUNDAY MASS WILL CONTINUE ON ST MARGARET'S

We resume celebrating weekend masses in St Margaret's church as was usual, at 5pm Saturday and 8am, 10am and noon each Sunday. As we continue to deal with covid 19, Bishop Barres is continuing his dispensation from the obligation to attend mass on Sunday.

The Sunday Mass from St Margaret of Scotland Church will be streamed on our website each weekend. Click the Announcement and Online Masses section on the opening page. It will take you to a link for the masses celebrated each day from St Agnes Cathedral as well as the Liturgies from St Margaret's. WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Faith Formation

Fall Faith Formation Registration

Registration forms will be available in the near future. Please watch the bulletin or our website ~ WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM.



St. Anthony's High School
Franciscan Brothers

Online Virtual Info Sessions

Prospective Families are invited to join
the Brothers and the Admissions Staff for a Webinar
Every Thursday at 3:00 PM

Prayer Virtual Tour Q & A—Register by e-mail at

ADMISSIONS@STANTHONYSHS.ORG

Good Shepherd Hospice - *Virtual* Bereavement Support Groups

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Bereavement Support Group

August 1 thru September 5 / 10:00AM-11:30AM ~ Saturday Mornings

Registration Required - Email/Call Intake Coordinator: Keara Lincoln, LMSW
(631) 828-7631 / keara.lincoln@chsli.org

Spanish Speaking Bereavement Support Group for loss due to COVID-19

August 4 thru September 22 / 6:00PM -7:30PM ~ Tuesday Evenings

Registration Required - Email/Call Intake Coordinator: Yamith Soacha, LCSW
(631) 655-7569 / yamith.soacha@chsli.org



CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) - is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture. Our mission is to proclaim the teachings of our Lord to the Catholic Community and beyond using media in all forms. (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream.

Guidelines for Attending Our Parish Masses

As we resume celebrating Saturday and Sunday, please keep these essential points in mind.

- The obligation to come to mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is on hold in our diocese due to the pandemic.
- Those at **higher risk from COVID-19** (i.e. those **over 65** years of age, those with **sleep apnea**, anyone with **diabetes or heart disease**, those who are **overweight**, and/or with any **additional underlying health conditions**), **Should stay home**, for their safety.
- And, of course, anyone who is **not feeling well** or anyone **with a fever or a cough** of any sort **should not come to the church** to attend Mass, for a visit or for any other ceremonies or purposes.

Limiting the Size of the Congregation & Safety Precautions

- **All those in the church are required to wear a mask** except those exempted by New York State directives
- **Congregations for all our liturgies must be limited.** Up to the weekend of July 11/12, the number was 70.

With Long Island entering Phase 4, the Diocese has given permission to lessen the distances. Therefore, we will be increasing the number of spaces available to over 90 by allowing seating in EVERY OTHER PEW.

Families and those who traveled to the church together sit together. All others must sit separately in the seats designated by the blue markings. To expedite seating, Ushers will oversee all seating. All are asked to sit where directed (it may well not be *your regular seat*). Limited seating may necessitate our turning parishioners away when we reached the mandated attendance number. *We have ordered an fm transmitter to allow those who cannot be seated to listen to the Mass in their cars.*

- All entrances and exits should be through the Front Doors. The north and south steps are for emergency exit only.
- This **physical distancing should be maintained** everywhere on the church property (at the entrance, in the parking lot, etc.).
- In areas where the parishioners stand in line (for example, entering or exiting the church, or to receive Holy Communion), tape has been placed on the floor to help proper spacing between persons.
- Rest Room are for emergency use only.
- All missalettes and hymnals have been removed from the pews. Readings and any hymn verses needed will be shown on the screen in the sanctuary. Bulletins will be available to be picked up only **after** mass.
- **Holy Water fonts** are to remain empty. The Holy Water dispenser (tank) is available (near the lobby elevator) for people to take Holy Water home with them.
- **Collection baskets will be in the lobby** so that faithful can simply drop their collection into the basket on their way into church. Collection baskets will not be passed around.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

- **The Precious Blood will not** be available to the faithful.
- There will be two stations for receiving Communion – at the front of the side aisles. A small table and kneeler will be at each communion station in the front of the church. Priest and EM will sanitize their hands at these tables **BEFORE** distributing Communion.
- All are asked to remain in their seats until directed by the ushers. The people in the rear pews will go up first. They should not remove their face covering until immediately before approaching the minister to receive Holy Communion, allowing their hands to be free. **Holy Communion may not be distributed with gloves, nor may it be received in the hand if a member of the faithful is wearing gloves.** At the Communion Station, they should extend their hands (non-writing hand on top of dominant hand). The minister will say, “The Body of Christ” and place the host on the extended hand. Use the dominant hand to place the Eucharist in your mouth and immediately replace your mask.
- Anyone requiring reception on the tongue will need to stand behind the kneeler at the station until the minister has completed distributing the Eucharist. Ministers must sanitize their hands after each distribution of the Eucharist on the tongue.

Offertory Support through ONLINE BILL PAY

is the form of Electronic Giving we have been using in the parish. Your bank offers this service, sending money out of your bank account to whomever you wish. ONLINE BILL PAY services will print an actual check and mail it to St. Margaret of Scotland. Sending your regular Offertory support electronically will save you time and money.

It is an easy way to continue your support of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish during this difficult time. Your Bank **does not charge** a fee for this service. You have complete control of your funds, starting, stopping and changing at your will. We have no access to your accounts, receiving only what you wish. If you pay your bills this way currently, you know how easy it is.

To set up sending your Offertory Support all you need is:

Your St. Margaret Account Number: **(Located on your stewardship envelope directly under the date)**

(or call the Parish Center 631 -732-3131 x0 for your number). Please make sure this number is listed under notations or in address.

St. Margaret's Mailing Address:

St. Margaret of Scotland Church
81 College Road
Selden, NY 11784

1. Visit your bank's website or call your bank for more information.
2. On your bank's website: Click on BILL PAY or Pay Bills: each bank may have a different name for bill pay service.
3. Click on "Set up NEW PAYEE": Complete all required fields.
4. Enter amount you will be remitting. Schedule payments for desired frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly: 52x, 26x, 12x).

Envelopes Do Help

A special thank you to the parishioners who have been using envelopes. Please remember that the parish is not able to record your donation for tax purposes unless it is in an envelope. Use of envelopes helps us when asked to sign forms attesting to eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor, determine Faith Formation parish support, as well as Catholic school subsidy for individual families. **Please do not use staples or scotch tape. Thank you!**

Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry

We will only be available to accept donations at the Parish Center Back Door on **Thursday** from **9am until 11am.**

Back to School Supplies
Backpacks, Notebooks
Binders, Looseleaf
Target & Walmart Gift Cards

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Thrift Shop

Closed during Pandemic

Please Do NOT LEAVE ANYTHING

All our Volunteers are at home as directed by Governor. We are unable to process any donations. ~ Thank you!

Virtual Bereavement Support Group for COVID-19 Related Loss

July 29 thru Sept. 2 / 5PM-6:30PM ~ Wednesday Evenings

Registration Required - Please email/call Intake Coordinator:
Keara Lincoln, LMSW
(631) 828-7631~ Keara.Lincoln@CHSLI.org

A Note of Thanks!

Dear Julie & the St. Margaret Of Scotland Pantry ~ I would like to take this opportunity to thank the St. Margaret Food Pantry for your support and generosity that was provided to my family during Covid 19. Your generosity has helped me find my way through these difficult times. It meant so much to me because it was so much more than just a basket of food. It was warm smiles, open hearts and helping hands in a time of need as well as a living example of God's love. Thank you all for giving of your time, talents, and treasure. May your Outreach continue to thrive and grow as you share God's Blessings with all whom you serve. "Lord, thank you for the gift of your Pantry. May your Grace continue to shine upon them." God Bless. The B family



Campaign Catch Up

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One Tile at a Time



First step of floor laid in.

The Men's Room on the left and on the right, the Women's Room. Next three layers of clear coat.

