

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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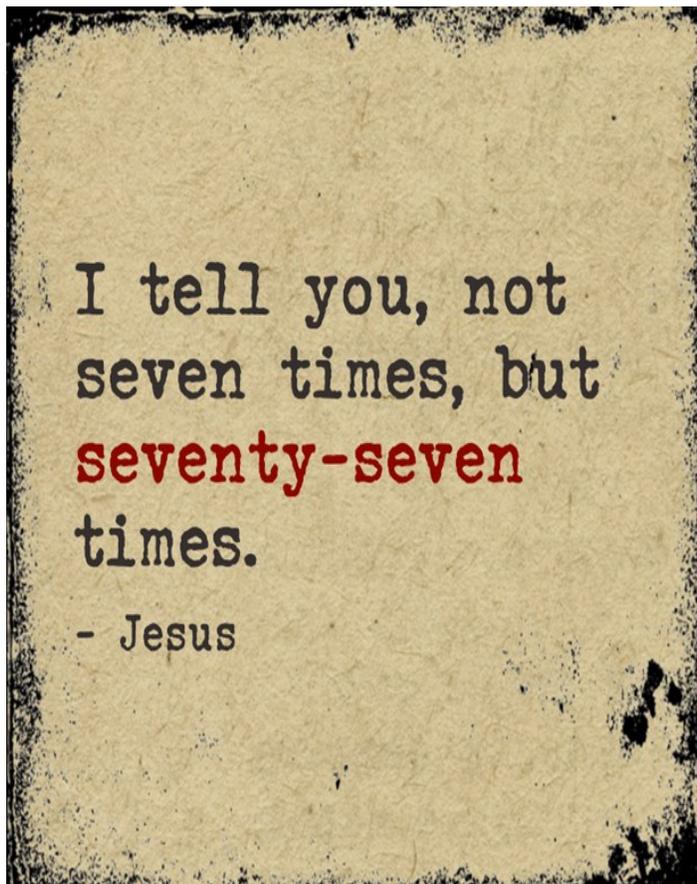
Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon, through Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

Phone: (631) 732-3131

the Parish Office

will be open limited hours during the week

Mon, Tue & Wed 9am to 1pm

Any meeting will be by appointment Only.

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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*

Muriel Lester

Peacemaker (1883–1968)



As a young child of privilege growing up in England, Muriel Lester had an experience that changed her life. While traveling by train in her first-class carriage, she glanced out the window at a rabbit warren of unsavory houses in London’s East End. “Do people live there?” she asked. “Yes,” said her nanny. “But you needn’t worry about them. They don’t mind it. They’re not like you.” Years later, she found opportunities to visit and know the people who lived there and to discover that they were, in fact, just like her—though thinner, paler, and destined to live short lives of worry and want. Muriel left her privileged life behind to devote herself to befriending these people, to sharing their lives and enlarging their hopes.

She established a community center called Kingsley Hall. Though rooted in the Gospels, the community was independent; it was simply “a fellowship based on the attempt to practice the presence of God.” She became a tireless promoter of her causes—whether for the poor, the rights of women, the message of nonviolence, or the cause of Indian Independence. “The job of a peacemaker,” she said, “is to stop war, to purify the world . . . to find God in everything and in everyone.” She befriended Gandhi, who insisted on staying with her while in London negotiating with the Crown.

She maintained her balance through a practice of contemplative prayer, believing this was a discipline anyone could follow, “while you dress, bathe, brush your hair, walk to work or sit in the bus.” Lester died on February 11, 1968.

“We should stop praying the Lord’s Prayer until we can see that we are tied to the same living tether not only with our fellow countrymen but with everybody on the planet.” —Muriel Lester

OUR PARISH IS SEEKING TWO POSITIONS

Please spread the word or let anyone you know that may be interested to contact the Parish Center. 

Part-time Faith Formation Assistant ~ Hours have some flexibility. Involves office work (including computer tasks) and event support (i.e., parishioner meetings, sacraments) for the Coordinator of Faith Formation. To apply, please contact Jackie Mirenda, Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ 631-732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com.

Part-time Maintenance Worker ~ Hours have some flexibility. Provides setting up spaces for parish activities and maintenance for the parish buildings, including minor repair work. Also, grounds work as needed to supplement the contracted service companies. To apply, please contact Fr. Jim Wood, Pastor ~ 631-732-3131 x111 or jwood@saintmargaret.com



St. Pius X
Enriched Living Facility

On Sept. 19/20 there will be our special collection for the retired priests of our Diocese who reside at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville.

Please place your envelope in the basket along with your regular parish support.

Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. “Still on duty,” they serve as our teachers, counselors and spiritual leaders.

The facility accommodates our retired priests who require assistance with daily living, while still allowing them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community. It also is a place for our priests to go on a temporary basis as they recover from illness or other injury.



St Margaret’s Sunday mass is available on YouTube as well as our parish website. There is a St Margaret of Scotland channel on YouTube. If you have a “smart” television, and go to the YouTube app, search for St Margaret of Scotland and there under our parish logo, you will find the video for the weekend’s

Sacraments are Celebrations!

Baptisms

Gabriella Nella Buccellato



National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children ~ Prayer Service

Recommitment to the Sanctity of Life.

Please Join Us - Respect Life Committee

Saturday, September 12th ~ 10 AM

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rte. 112 & Granny Rd., Coram

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bins

The clothing bins next to the ballfield on the north side of our property are open for your donations. Thank you for your patience and donations.

SUNDAY MASS WILL CONTINUE ON ST MARGARET'S WEBSITE

We resume celebrating weekend masses in St Margaret's church as was usual, at 5^{pm} Saturday and 8^{am}, 10^{am} 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.

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.

Thursday Mass Resumes

9AM Mass resumes this Thursday, September 10th.

There is no Mass on Saturday mornings at 8AM as we video the Sunday Mass that morning.

Faith Formation



Faith Formation

Register today!!

Registration forms have been mailed. Please return forms by ASAP!

Catechist & Volunteers are needed one day a month starting October 5th.

Please contact Jackie Mirinda at
[jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirinda@saintmargaret.com) or 631-732-3131 x131

Campaign Catch Up

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It's Coming Together



Above, one of two ADA Rest Rooms
Upper Right: New Bi-Level Water Fountain
Right: Men's Room Partitions & Tile
Below Left: Coffee Station replaces refrigerators
Lower Right: new counters on either side of the sinks..



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!**

Good Shepherd Hospice - Virtual Bereavement Support Groups

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge. Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

Virtual Spousal/Partner Loss Bereavement Support Group

September 15 thru November 3 / 5:00PM-6:30PM. Registration Required: Roger Sullivan, LCSW @ (631) 465-6332 / roger.sullivan@chsli.org

Virtual Bereavement Support Group for COVID Related Loss

September 15 thru November 3 / 6:45PM-8:00PM. Registration Required: Roger Sullivan, LCSW @ (631) 465-6332 / roger.sullivan@chsli.org



Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry

We will be available to accept donations at the Parish Center Back Door on **Thursday from 9am until 11am or during office hours listed on the front cover.**

Food Items

Canned Vegetables, Cookies & Snacks, Hearty Soups, White Rice

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!

Senior Citizen Apartments Available

St. Anne's Gardens, 80100 2nd Avenue, Brentwood NY

Low-income Rental Apartments for seniors,
60 Years of Age or Older

Call Stanan Management at: 516-486-1000

Church Side Steps Renovation Successful !

The side steps were done last Fall. Due to less daylight hours and some construction personnel problems, actions were taken that we were not comfortable with from the beginning. Water pooled on some of the steps and the concrete work was not up to par. The company tried to do some spot repairs, but none of them were able to deal with the most important problems.

Thus, working with the Diocese, we were able to get the company to agree to remove the current landings and steps (not the railings or the heating coils, which are fine) and rebuild them from scratch. The work has been finalized successfully!



Prayer for Labor Day

Loving Father, on this Labor Day weekend, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor — in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in undesirable but necessary jobs, In the professions, and in caring for family.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for an opportunity for employment, particularly those whose livelihoods have disappeared due to the Covid pandemic.

We also pray for those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and our commitment to use our abilities as we can.

May our working and resting give praise to you in this world as we keep our hearts focused on the fulness of your Kingdom, where you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

