

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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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.



FAITH FORMATION

**Book Pick Up, Lesson &
Orientation**

Beginning Monday,

October 5th

See inside for details

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 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

Thomas Frederick Price [Servant of God]

Cofounder, Maryknoll (1860–1919)



Thomas Frederick Price was born in 1860 in North Carolina, the child of Catholic converts. He would become the first Catholic priest ordained in that thoroughly Protestant state, a fact that helped inspire his great zeal for mission. Determined to spread the Catholic faith among his fellow “tar heels” he trudged throughout his native state, door to door, farm to farm, contenting himself to spread the faith one soul at a time.

In 1910 at the Eucharistic Congress in Montreal, he met Fr. James Anthony Walsh, director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Boston. Together they conceived the idea of founding a mission seminary to recruit and train American priests for overseas mission, particularly in China. At a time when the U.S. had itself only recently emerged from the status of mission territory, this was a bold plan. Nevertheless, in 1911 they received support from the U.S. bishops and from Rome to establish the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America—popularly known as Maryknoll.

Of the two founders, Price was the more contemplative—“the Mary to Walsh’s Martha”—who cherished a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother and St. Bernadette of Lourdes. He volunteered to serve among the first party of six priests who traveled to China in 1918, though his fragile health was not equal to the challenge. He died there after only a few months, living only to glimpse the first seeds of Maryknoll’s overseas mission.

“If the Catholics in this country but did their duty to both home and foreign missions, a mighty change would take place both in ourselves and in the whole foreign-mission world.” ~ Fr. Thomas Frederick Price

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.



World Mission Sunday, October 18th, we are called to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the missions, gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary work and offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

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

This past Friday evening, we celebrated the Confirmations of 18 young parishioners. We congratulate them on taking this great step into our community. We look forward to their sharing their many gifts with the community of St. Margaret, Selden, Centereach, Coram, Farmingville, Long Island, New York, The United States, and the world.

Please pray for



Natalia Z.

Daniel A.

Alicia C.

Anabella C.

Giavanna C.

Maria D.

Tyler D.

Vincent F.

Ryan F.

Salvatore G.

Nadia G.

Thomas L.

Zachary M.

Kaci M.

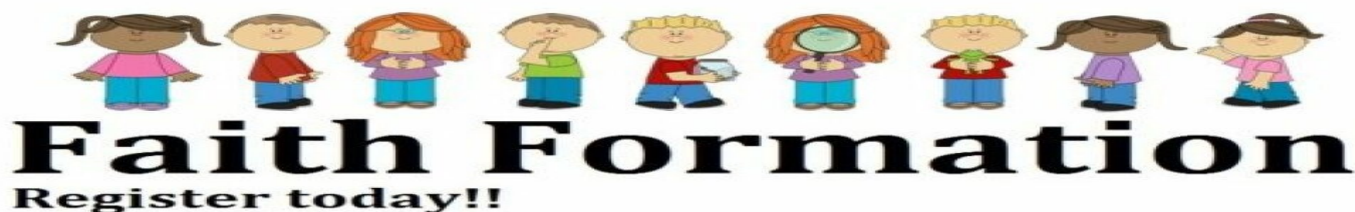
Isabella M..

Alyssa M.

Lindsay S.

McKenna V.

Faith Formation



Please return forms ASAP!

Book Pick Up, Lesson & Orientation 2020/2021

Level 1 – Monday, October 5, 2020 – 6pm-7pm

Level 2 – Monday, October 19, 2020 – 6pm-7pm

Level 3 – Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 4 – Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 5 – Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 6 – Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 7 – Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 8 – Thursday, October 8, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

*If you have any questions, Please contact Jackie Mirenda
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**Catechists
& Volunteers are
needed one day a
month starting
October 5th**

SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5^{pm} Saturday and 8^{am}, 10^{am} and Noon, the Sunday Mass continues to be streamed each weekend. There are two ways to watch it:

First, on our website WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM. Click the "Learn More" link on the "Online Masses and Latest Bulletin" page. It will take you to an info page; click link for "Online Mass." All the Masses since March are available. (In addition to our Mass, there is a link for the masses celebrated each day from St Agnes Cathedral.)

Second, there is a St. Margaret of Scotland channel on YouTube. Go to the YouTube app, search for St. Margaret of Scotland and look for our logo. (There are other parishes with the same name.) Only the video for the current weekend is available.



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.



Long Island Coalition for Life

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26).

Stand Up For Life On Respect Life
Sunday, Oct. 4th. ~ 2- 3:30 PM (rain or shine).

Have you ever thought about going to the March for Life in Washington DC in January? Did you know about the largest Pro-Life event right here on Long Island for the past 22 years? In only an hour of your time you can help save a Life, the greatest gift. Please join us in Huntington at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Whitman Mall) or in Manorville LIE exit 70S on County Road 111.

This rally is part of a nationwide family friendly event, held at more than 1,550 cities across the USA & Canada. We Stand about 10 feet apart - Using Only Approved Signs - On the public sidewalk. These allowable signs are available at the site, you don't have to bring anything. Come as you are, bring a friend or the whole family. You can come for part of the time or the full 90 minutes. There is strength in unity.

ALL PRO LIFE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME! For more info or questions contact AOH11@Live.com

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Please join us at Steven Crowley Park (corner of Old Town Rd. & Greenhaven Dr.), Pt. Jefferson Station on October 10th at 12 noon to say the Rosary. Please wear a mask. For info contact JoAnn Graziani at 631-928-3020.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OF LI OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education.

Open House Schedule

Sun., Oct. 4 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Our Lady of Mercy Academy
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - St. Dominic's HS

Sat., Oct. 17 - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Holy Trinity Dioc HS

Sun., Oct. 18 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - St. John the Baptist HS

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ONLINE FOR 2020-2021

Test - November 7th, 2020
Register TODAY ~ WWW.TACHSINFO.COM

Registration Deadline—October 23, 2020

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." God invites your marriage to be filled with His graces. Accept His invitation by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience via Zoom for seven sessions every Monday and Thursday evenings starting on November 2 - 23 from 7-9:30 PM. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit us at <http://www.wmenc.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

**Beef Stew, Bar Soap,
Powder Juice, Cookies, Snacks**

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Thrift Shop Closed due to Pandemic

Please DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING

Social Distancing requirements prevent our volunteers from serving you. ~ Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Society has opened the Clothing Bins.

next to the ballfield on the north side of our property for your donations.

Thank you for your patience and donations.

**Thank You
to all who donated to the
Pantry this past week**



Prayer before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our locality/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, as well as men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We pray for discernment in mind and heart so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

You Can Vote in One of Three Ways this Election

ABSENTEE VOTING You can vote by absentee ballot. If concerned about contracting COVID-19, the State is allowing voters to receive an absentee ballot by marking "temporary illness" on an application. You can apply in several ways:

Visit the state absentee application portal at absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov (Recommended) **Or** call for or download an absentee voting application to mail (see below for Board of Election website address and phone number). **Or** E-mail a request with name, address, and date of birth to absentee.voters@suffolkcountyny.gov **Or** Fax an application to (631) 852-4590 **Or** In person at the Board- 700 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980

EARLY VOTING Early Voting is available from October 24th through November 1st. All voters can vote at any of the 12 voting sites. The closest to our parish are: **Brookhaven Town Hall** 1 Independence Hill Farmingville, NY 11738 ~ **Nesconset Elementary School** 29 Gibbs Pond Road Nesconset, NY 11767

ELECTION DAY As always, you can vote at your regular polling place from 6:00am-9:00pm on Election Day, November 3rd.



Suffolk County Board of Elections~ PO Box 700, Yaphank, NY 11980-0700 - **1 (631)852-4500** Fax (631) 852-4590
[Suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/boe](https://suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/boe) ~ Anita S. Katz (D)Commissioner | Nick LaLota (R) Commissioner

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).

Sunday, Oct 04, 2020 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Celebrate the joy of new life**

In a happy collision of observances, October is dedicated to respecting life, supporting fair trade, employing the differently abled, and praying the Rosary. Today is not only Respect Life Sunday but also, in memory of Francis of Assisi, an occasion to bless the animals who share our lives. If you're seeking an integrated moral code, here's your chance to champion the spectrum of life. The Rosary's Joyful Mysteries lead the way: embrace new life, encourage mothers, support child-affirming laws, recognize the gifts of all God's children, and respect the wisdom of young people. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139).* "Finally, [the landowner] sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'"

Monday, Oct 05 MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST **A saint for this season**

As we've lately learned, it's hard to be happy during a health crisis, but Redemptorist Father Francis Xavier Seelos was called the "Cheerful Ascetic," even while serving the sick during a disease outbreak. Known for his kindness and missionary zeal, this German-born priest kept his sermons simple for everyone to understand and was sought out as a compassionate confessor. He was an itinerant preacher throughout the Eastern and Midwestern United States, before being sent to New Orleans where he died of yellow fever. Those seeking healing can submit their petition to the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37 (461).* "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart . . . and your neighbor as yourself."

Tuesday, Oct 06 MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN **When Mary receives a Martha job**

Jesus said his friend Mary was right to cease activity, to simply sit at his feet and listen. But the church may ask you to be more like Martha—to reach out to the world, as Jesus also called on his followers to do. Such was the dilemma of Marie Rose Durocher. This quiet and frail young woman preferred the quiet life but was pressed into pastoral service by her brother, a Montreal priest in the 1830s. Then her bishop asked her to start a new religious community to help educate the young. How is God asking you to move beyond your own comfort zone today? **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42 (462).* "A woman whose name was Martha welcomed him."

Wednesday, Oct 07 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY **Protect us from harm**

The Rosary has been a favored Catholic form of prayer for centuries. Inviting us to pray five Our Fathers, 50 Hail Marys, and five Glory Be's while meditating on gospel stories from Mary's and Jesus' lives, this spiritual practice has helped generations of Catholics ask for Mary's intercession. In October 1571, Catholic soldiers prayed the Rosary to prepare for battle with Turkish soldiers in the Gulf of Corinth. When they won that battle, Pope Pius V claimed that October 7 would be known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. Two years later, his successor, Gregory XIII, changed the name to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As our world faces the challenge of the COVID-19 virus, we again ask for Mary's intercession. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4 (463).* "Jesus was praying in a certain place."

Thursday, Oct 08 Persistence pays off

Prayer is not like an ATM whereby requests are entered and dispensed. Ultimately our model is Jesus. Christ's persistence in prayer united him with God but did not erase his suffering. He sweated blood, he was crucified. When we do not receive the answer we are hoping for to our prayer request, we may suffer too, but, like Jesus, we can open ourselves to deeper union with God. Take time today to offer God your needs, trusting that God's strength and presence always suffices. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13 (464).* "If you . . . give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Friday, Oct 09 God casts out evil

Although Hollywood has popularized exorcism with such movies as *The Exorcist* (1973) and more recently *The Conjuring* series, exorcism is a legitimate rite in the church. An exorcism is actually a form of prayer. It is used in situations where the faithful experience a force of evil or the "powers of darkness," which we call the devil or demons. Recognizing the place of exorcism in the prayers of the church is important because it reminds us that God has already freed us from the snare of evil. As you encounter various "demons" in your life, remember to pray: Call upon God to be with you and to separate you from all that is evil and to surround you with God's love. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26 (465).* "But if it is by the finger of God that [I] drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

Saturday, Oct 10 Put on your dancing shoes!

On this day, the Jewish community celebrates Simchat Torah. This joyous harvest festival marks the beginning and end of the annual Torah reading, and culminates in dancing with the sacred texts. In a similar sense of celebration, Jesus says to his disciples, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." Choose scripture as your companion, and get ready to shimmy, shake, rock and roll, and trip the light fantastic all for the greater glory of God. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28 (466).* "And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."



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