

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.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2020

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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

Eunice Shriver

Founder, Special Olympics (1921–2009)



Eunice Shriver, the fifth of nine children of Rose and Joseph Kennedy, was born into a remarkable home in which politics and privilege were joined by an urgent call to service. Her husband, Sargent Shriver, with whom she raised five children, founded the Peace Corps and ran for vice president. Her brothers included a president and two senators.

But perhaps the sibling who left the deepest impact was the least known—her sister Rosemary, whose mental disabilities, exacerbated by a lobotomy, caused her to spend most of her life in an institution. Shriver’s belief in the full humanity of all those with disabilities led her to dedicate much of her life to their cause, battling for their full inclusion and the recognition of their gifts and abilities.

The result was the establishment of the Special Olympics, a movement that helped change global attitudes toward those with mental disabilities. Inaugurating the first Special Olympics in Chicago in 1968, only weeks after the death of her brother Bobby, she greeted the athletes from many countries and led them in reciting the Special Olympics oath: “Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”

The effects of her life, rooted in her deep faith, were incalculable. A statement by her family, after her death on August 11, 2009, noted, “She was a living prayer, a living advocate, a living center of power. She set out to change the world and to change us, and she did that and more.”

“You are the stars and the world is watching you. By your presence you send a message to every village, every city, every nation. A message of hope. A message of victory.”—Eunice Shriver to Special Olympians

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.

ONE POSITION TO GO!

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



Part-time Maintenance Worker ~ Candidates are being interviewed.

MASS BOOK ~ 2021

The Parish Mass Book is open for intentions. Please be mindful of our office hours on the cover.



Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Luciano Giovanni Barton, Enzo Stephen Liotta,
Aiden Rosario Amarantinis

Wedding Banns

Banns II: Marissa Zoffranieri, St. Aiden’s,
Williston Park & Eric De Grottole,
St. Margaret of Scotland

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St. Margaret of Scotland



Lector Books

NEW Lector books are available for pickup in the priest sacristy after all the Masses

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.wwme.org/>



Faith Formation

Faith Formation orientations are complete. Thank you to all the families that participated.

If you have not picked up your child's materials, please contact Faith Formation at 732-3131 x131.

We are looking forward to a faith-filled year.



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.

The Catholic War Veterans of the USA

Post 1897 will be holding a Membership Drive at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Center, Crown Acres Road on November 14th from 10AM to 12PM.

CWV's purpose is to support and advocate for veterans of all Faiths, and their dependents, in obtaining earned benefits, in addition to Catholic Action and Americanism programs.

Membership is open to any Catholic veteran who has served 90 days or more in the US Armed Forces, with an honorable discharge.

For more information call Vincent Zecca at 631 588 3423 or visit <http://cwv.org>.



New Parishioner?

Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____

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](tel:6318524500) Fax (631) 852-4590
Suffolkcounty.gov/departments/boe ~ Anita S. Katz (D) Commissioner | Nick LaLota (R) Commissioner

Parish Social Ministry



THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Dinners will be distributed the week of Nov. 16th



We are asking for donations to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Please choose any items off of our wish list & bring them into the Parish Center during office hours

MON., TUES., WEDS. FROM 9-1 OR THURSDAY MORNINGS AT BACK DOOR OF PARISH CENTER FROM 9-11 AM.

Thank you!

Turkey drop off up 'til 11/19 or a voucher anytime	Corn muffin mix	Canned Fruit
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Cookies	Stuffing
Instant or Canned Potatoes	\$10 Supermarket Gift card	Coffee / Tea
Package Gravy	Canned Vegetables	Cake Mix
Cranberry Sauce	Crackers	Apple Juice/ Juice Boxes

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.

Thrift Shop Closed due to Pandemic

Please DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING

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

Questions and Answers Regarding the Diocese Bankruptcy Filing (part 3)

[The first nine questions & answers were in last two weeks' bulletins]

10. Where did the Diocese file? Who is the judge? What has happened so far?

The petitions were filed on October 1, 2020 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The judge is the Hon. Shelly Chapman. That evening, she held what is commonly referred to as the “first day hearing.” In large and complex chapter 11 cases, it is often necessary and beneficial for the entity that files the bankruptcy case (a “debtor”) to seek immediate court approval of certain motions. It’s done in order to assure the continuing smooth financial and other operations of the debtor. The relief sought in the motions is designed to help the debtor’s operations continue in the ordinary course and make the bankruptcy proceedings more efficient. The result was that all of the motions were granted and, as is typical, they were granted on an “interim” basis, meaning they will be the subject of a “final” hearing, which is scheduled for October 26th at 10 a.m.

11. Where can I find Chapter 11 case information?

To ensure access to all restructuring information, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has created a link to its Reorganization Information page on the diocesan website, www.drvc.org, which contains a variety of information on our Chapter 11 restructuring. The Diocese has also set up a toll-free information line for inquiries at (888) 490-0633. For access to certain court documents and other information about our Chapter 11 case, please visit <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>.

Further Q and A will continue in the November 8th bulletin.

Campaign Catch Up

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Sunday, Oct 25, 2020 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Worship the God of glory

Leadership earns public honors, and the best leaders exercise humility in accepting them. Pope Francis began his papacy by donning simple attire and asking for our prayers before offering his first blessing. Genuine leadership recognizes that all authority comes from God. Today is Priesthood Sunday, honoring the multitudes of pastors who did their job this year with passion, grace, and ingenuity under extraordinary circumstances. Pray the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries for those who lead us to: rise up from despair, lift our gaze upward, encounter the Spirit's power, give ourselves body and soul, and accept honor with grace. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40 (148)*. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Monday, Oct 26 Slow down, you're moving too fast

Too many people work too much. Some have a psychological compulsion to work incessantly. Some work excessively to acquire money and success. Some have no identity outside of their jobs. Some are driven by guilt and fear of being lazy. Some think that an overly busy work life makes them look important. And far too many are forced to work too much in order to make ends meet. None of these reasons are healthy or holy. God wants us to rest and enjoy life too—thus, the sabbath day. Let's work together to create a just society where all can get some rest. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Luke 13:10-17 (479)*. "Ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?"

Tuesday, Oct 27 Console the consolers

Prayerful words from the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, written by NACC member Lisa Ecks: "May the wilderness of this time, and the uncertainty we may feel, strengthen our resolve to lean on your word, abide in your presence, and be guided by your enduring and powerful Spirit." The NACC helps priests, religious women, and laypeople bring a trained, professional experience to their ministry of caring for the sick. Pray for all hospital chaplains during this Pastoral Care Week. They're consoling not just COVID-19 patients but medical workers on the front lines. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21 (480)*. "Jesus said, 'What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it?'"

Wednesday, Oct 28 FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES Obscure but still important

Much of what we know about apostles Jude and Simon is who they are *not*. Simon was called the Zealot—someone passionate, and perhaps revolutionary, about his Jewish faith. Calling him the Zealot also helped to distinguish him from the more famous Simon Peter. We find Jude (along with Judas, variant translations of the name Judah) mentioned in the list of the apostles in Luke and Acts, but he is called Thaddeus in Matthew and Mark, perhaps to distinguish him from the traitor Judas Iscariot. Regardless of their relative obscurity, Jude and Simon were chosen by Jesus to share the Good News and there is every indication they did just that. Even if your life seems quiet and unremarkable to you in some ways, the call to discipleship is your call as well. Saint Jude and Saint Simon, pray for us. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666)*. "Jesus called the disciples to himself. . . Simon who was called the Zealot and Judas the son of James."

Thursday, Oct 29 Do the right thing

Even in this day and age, Christians standing up for what is right have been killed for their efforts. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. comes to mind. So does Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, of Dayton, Ohio, who was murdered in 2005 for defending the poor and protected lands in the Amazon rain forest in Brazil. Would you allow yourself to be inconvenienced (or more) to do the right thing? Look for a way to stand up for a good cause today, even if it feels inconvenient. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35 (482)*. "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how many times I yearned to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings."

Friday, Oct 30 A time for healing

One of the comforting takeaways from our experience of church during the pandemic is that people are more important than rules. The obligation to physically participate in Sunday Mass has been dispensed during the pandemic by our bishops. We are given the opportunity to make a "spiritual communion" instead. We don't have to go to Confession to be absolved of our sins. A sincere Act of Contrition and a resolve to celebrate the sacrament when it once again becomes available is sufficient. Just as Jesus set aside the sabbath commandment in order to heal, so too our bishops set aside the precepts so that we may be healed. Let's pray today for our bishops, and for a time of healing. TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6 (483)*. "The one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it."

Saturday, Oct 31 Meal ministry

One of the many things to be longed for during this extended time of physical distancing is the free and easy sharing of meals with family and friends, in groups large and small. Shared meals hold a special place in family life, and in Catholic life as well. It's no mystery why meals are central. Something magical happens at mealtime, the communion among people is palpable. And in Catholic life, Communion is sacred. Pray we may safely gather again without appointment or extra precautions in the not distant future and freely share the mysteries of our faith in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood. Until then, let us raise a glass in remembrance of Christ. TODAY'S READINGS: *Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484)*. "On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully."



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