

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.

A Prayer for Veterans Day

**Father, bless our veterans and all who
serve our nation defending our freedom.**

**For those who bravely gave their lives,
grant them eternal rest.**

**For those who are serving, give them
courage.**

**For those who served, we offer
our gratitude.**

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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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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. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Since our bulletin needs to be completed early in the week, there is nothing about last Tuesday's elections. Instead, I invite you to look at a much older slice of history. This Monday (Nov. 9) is the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Most people will naturally think first of St. Peter's Basilica, because that is where the Pope resides. However, St. John Lateran is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and thus has more prestige than St. Peter's! It is where the *cathedra* or the chair symbolizing the authority of the Roman bishop is. (Our St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre has a bishop's *cathedra*, as do all cathedrals.)

Its full name is Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in the Lateran. ("Lateran" comes from the old Roman family whose palace was on that site two thousand years ago.) It is the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in the city, holding the unique title of "archbasilica". It is the oldest public church in the city of Rome, and the oldest basilica of the Western world.

This feast is celebrated around the Catholic world because, since the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) is the visible head of the Catholic Church, St. John Lateran is the mother church of all the Catholic faithful and the physical expression of the unity all Catholics share under our Holy Father. At this time of so much upheaval, there is another reason to celebrate this feast. Throughout the 1,500 years of its existence, St. John Lateran has been destroyed and rebuilt several times; it has been renovated and changed in appearance. Yet it continues to express the faith that the Church endures despite the changes of history. ~ *Fr. Jim*

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.

Pandemic Improv - Can you help?

Like all households, St. Margaret of Scotland church has been adapting to the changes the coronavirus has placed on us. Thanks to the generosity and flexibility of parishioners, we have been able to provide as normal a parish life as possible.

But, special demands centering on Christmas are another issue!

With the limitations and uncertainty that we are living with, some changes have to be made. Most importantly, **the schedule of Christmas Masses needs to be different.** For Christmas Eve, we plan on a 2:00pm, a 4:00pm and an 8:00pm Mass. Christmas Day will have three Masses also. However, due to the limited space in our lobby, we will be unable to have any Masses downstairs, which is why we are using the one-time permission from the Bishop for a 2:00pm Mass on this Christmas Eve, in place of the Auditorium 4:00pm Mass.

Also: based on past years' attendances, reservations for the Masses would appear to be necessary.

In addition, here are some practical details that need people to help:

- 1) Greeters (Ushers) for the Christmas Eve and Day Masses.** The number of ushers has taken a hit due to the virus, and so, the current active members could not cover all the Masses. Having people at the front doors and in the church to assist people is essential.
- 2) Church Christmas decorating.** Here also, the pandemic has cut into our volunteers. You can help by giving some time to get things out of storage and set up. There will not be as much as in previous years, but we want to have the Church look festive.
- 3) Church seating roping.** With the pandemic staying as long as it has, the original plan of using painters tape to limit seating has passed its time. We would like to have something more attractive to mark the pews. Some churches are using roping, hanging them from the tops of the pews. If you can help with planning and creating these ropings, you would be adding to the weekly attractiveness of our church.



These are the areas that are most obvious; others will follow.

If you are interested or would like more information, please email the parish at: bgoode@saintmargaret.com or call 631-732-3131 x133

Faith Formation

Correction for LEVEL 5

Your next gathering will be Weds., Dec. 2nd!

LEVEL 3 Reconciliation

If your child's last name begins with the **Letter A** – through-
Letter M you are assigned to attend the Reconciliation workshop
on **Friday November 13th at 5pm** and
First Reconciliation on **Saturday, November 14th @ 3pm.**

It is very important that you attend both days.

**Catechists
& Volunteers
are needed one
day a month**

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>.



Social Security Administration Important Information

We are still available to help by phone. A local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9AM-4PM.

1-866 -771-1991 ~ (TTY) 1-800-325-0778

We may be able to schedule an appointment if we cannot help you by phone. Please do not come into one of our local offices as we *cannot* accept walk in visitors.

You may also visit **SSA.gov** to complete a service online.

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

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“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/>



Pray for the Homebound



The Thrift Shop and Barn at

St. Gerard Majella Church is offering you a ***Shop Smart stress free holiday gift buying*** experience. Many boxed sets to choose from.

Open Monday thru Thursday from 10am - 4pm.
Located at 316 Terryville Rd. , Pt Jefferson Station.

Parish Social Ministry

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.**

Daily Use Food // Toiletry Items

Pasta, Crackers, Soup, Juice Boxes, Toothpaste, Shampoo

A very special THANK YOU to all!



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 9-11 AM 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

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Instant or Canned Potatoes

Package Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Corn muffin mix

Cookies

\$10 Supermarket

Gift card

Canned Vegetables

Crackers

Canned Fruit

Stuffing

Coffee / Tea

Cake Mix

Apple Juice/ Juice Boxes

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

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 4)

[The first eleven questions & answers are in Oct. 11, 18 & 25 bulletins]

12. Is our Parish included in the DRVC Chapter 11 filing?

No. Our Parish is a separate legal entity and therefore not included in the Chapter 11 filing of the Diocese.

13. Will our Parish file bankruptcy too now that the Diocese has filed?

No. There are no plans for parishes to file for Chapter 11.

14. What if our Parish has been named in a sexual abuse lawsuit? Will we need to file for bankruptcy to resolve it?

The Diocese will ask the Bankruptcy Court to “stay” or halt any sexual abuse actions against parishes and bring these cases under the umbrella of the process in order to resolve them.

15. Will my donation to the Parish during Mass now be used to settle sexual abuse lawsuits?

No. Monies collected from donors and parishioners will not be redirected toward litigation settlements.

16. If a parishioner has made a designated gift or donation to this parish, will that money remain here, or can it be moved to the Diocese for settlement purposes?

Designated gifts and donations are protected under New York state law and cannot be used to settle claims.

17. Is there a chance that the Diocese will sell this Parish or other real estate to help settle claims?

No. This parish and any real estate surrounding it are property of this parish, which is a separate legal entity from the Diocese. The Diocese does not have a legal right to sell property that belongs to a parish corporation.

18. If our parish has been the subject of a sexual abuse allegation or lawsuit, what impact does the Diocese’s filing have?

The bankruptcy process should bring closure to the lawsuits facing the Diocese and a release for all parishes from any and all abuse claims. As we move through the settlement process, additional information will be available.

Additional Information is also available by clicking on the restructuring icon on the DRVC website:

www.drvc.org.

St. John the Baptist High School ~ “Salute to Service”

Our “**SALUTE to Service**” campaign is an opportunity for you to purchase a 3’ x 5’ American Flag that will be displayed on the front lawn of our school the week of November 9th thru November 13th in honor of Veterans’ Day. All proceeds will assist us in fundraising for our Hardship and Incentive Scholarships.



For information and pricing go to

[HTTPS://STJOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET/SALUTE-TO-SERVICE](https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/salute-to-service)

Or call Joanne at 631-587-8000 x176
1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY



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.

Sunday, Nov 08, 2020 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prudence is my co-pilot

Some of us can still recite the four Cardinal Virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. They're good not just to recite but also to practice. Virtues are good habits; i.e., things we *don't* have to surrender for Lent. *Cardinal*, meanwhile, means "hinge." Put together, the four hinge virtues swing open the door to a life well lived. Prudence is called the pilot of the virtues because it enables us to discern the good and how best to accomplish it. When a decision is important, reflect on it through the lens of scripture. How is God inviting you to proceed? TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 (154)*. "*Wisdom 'is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.'*"

Monday, Nov 09 FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Open the door and look at all the people

Why would there be a feast day for a church? Because it's the "mother of all churches," one that all Catholics can call their own, and so we all celebrate its dedication in the year 324. Christianity had only recently been legalized in the Roman Empire, and the Lateran Basilica—full name: Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in the Lateran—was the first church in Rome and, to this day, remains the pope's church as the bishop of Rome. Keep passing on the faith of the Mother Church that has been passed down to you through the centuries. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671)*. "*His disciples recalled the words of scripture, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'*"

Tuesday, Nov 10 MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH The great pope who did good things

Leo the Great was the first pope to be called "Great." His diplomacy kept Attila the Hun from attacking Rome. His authoritative teaching solidified the role of the bishop of Rome as Saint Peter's successor. And his eloquent prose—detailing the two natures of Jesus Christ, both human and divine—was key to defeating heresy at the Council of Chalcedon. "Peter has spoken through Leo," marveled the bishops of Chalcedon. "The infancy of the Babe is exhibited by the humiliation of swaddling clothes," wrote Leo, while "the greatness of the Highest is declared by the voices of angels." TODAY'S READINGS: *Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 (492)*. "*We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.*"

Wednesday, Nov 11 MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP Half of what I have is yours

Fourth-century Bishop Martin of Tours was not born to the faith but chose it for himself as a young man. He followed his father into the Roman army but found that he could not remain a soldier; Martin is one of the earliest documented conscientious objectors. Yet it was while serving as a soldier that perhaps the most famous episode of Martin's life occurred. Coming upon a naked beggar, Martin took out his sword, cut his own cloak in two, and shared it with the poor soul. Martin was a founder of monasteries, a popularly acclaimed bishop, destroyer of pagan shrines and builder of churches, and most of all, he inspires us to share what we have with those most in need. TODAY'S READINGS: *Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19 (493)*. "*Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.*"

Thursday, Nov 12 MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR Draw courage from Josaphat

Books of saints have long been filled with the gore of martyrs, but the story of Josaphat is shocking even in that bloody context. Josaphat, a Polish Byzantine priest and archbishop, was embroiled in controversy for much of his life because of his emphasis on reforming lax practices within the church and striving for unity among Christians. After years of wrangling, his enemies mobbed him, killed him, and tossed his beaten body into a river in 1623. With Josaphat's courage as a model, take a step today to support the ongoing reform efforts in the church, including efforts to end sexual abuse in the church we love. TODAY'S READINGS: *Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 (494)*. "*No one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.*"

Friday, Nov 13 MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN Do likewise

What would we do if a saint of God rose in our midst today and instructed us in the proper care of people who are immigrants and refugees at our borders? Would that saint's halo give us any more certitude to stand behind every effort to protect the lives of women, men, and children seeking a safe home? Just over 100 years ago we had such a saint showing us the way. Frances Xavier Cabrini was called by Pope Leo XIII to tend to the many immigrants landing on the shores of the United States in the late 1800s. She built schools, orphanages, and hospitals to tend to them. Though she met resistance, she persisted, and her legacy lives on in each of us and our ancestors, for the most part immigrants. How do we honor this legacy in our own treatment of immigrants and refugees today? TODAY'S READINGS: *2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495)*. "*Look to yourselves that you do not lose what we worked for.*"

Saturday, Nov 14 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Let your soul proclaim greatness

Take an opportunity today to celebrate Mary, who found her voice in difficult circumstances so that we might follow her voice and find our own in these difficult times. Read her "Magnificat" (Luke 1:46-56) for a canticle to the power of trust. Imagine how she waited years to understand her son's calling, grieved his inconceivable death, and then, in the many years of her grief, nurtured the early Christian community. That's greatness! TODAY'S READINGS: *3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 (496)*. "*Will [God] be slow to answer them?*"



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