

# 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: 4 - 4:45 PM  
in the **Church** or by appointment.

## **St. Margaret's Blood Drive**



**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

See Inside for Details

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## **July 11, 2021**

**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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When July 11<sup>th</sup> is not a Sunday, the Church in her liturgy honors the memory of Saint Benedict, Religious and Founder. A fifth and sixth century figure, he lived for a time in Rome but he was disappointed by the life he found there. He would in time eventually establish monasteries in Subiaco and Monte Cassino. Life in these monasteries, and later in other monasteries, was guided by what is known as the Rule of Saint Benedict. This work is regarded to this day as the most influential text on how to live monastically, and gained for Saint Benedict the title of founder of Western Christian monasticism.

The enduring significance of Saint Benedict is thought to be his preservation of Christian culture as Europe lapsed in to the period known as the Dark Ages. It is no wonder that he has been designated as the patron protector of Europe, and along with Saints Cyril and Methodius, as co-patrons of Europe. Saint Benedict had managed to figure out a way to keep alive the dynamism of Christian discipleship through a dedication to prayer and work (*ora et labora*).

Some think we ought to return to the Benedict Option as it is called, even though we do not live in monasteries. In fact, *The Benedict Option* is the title of a volume by Rod Dreher, a proponent of re-energizing Christian culture using the seminal insights of Saint Benedict. Others are less convinced of the imperative for duplicating what Saint Benedict achieved a long time ago and applying it to our circumstances now. Whatever be the case, Saint Benedict remains a model of sanctity for any period of history because he lived under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and fixed his intention on glorifying God in all he said and did. Let us strive after doing the same.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

## RECONCILIATION CONFESSION Update Saturdays ~ 4:00pm to 4:45pm



Beginning the third weekend of this month, July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, confessions will return to the 4:00 PM hour on Saturday before the 5:00 PM Mass. Confessions will be heard in the church, not in the parish center.

*Please be sensitive to those in the confessional as you wait. The line should run across the back of the church with the area at the door clear.* Those waiting for confession should be no closer than the St Joseph statue. The last pews in front of the confessional door should be left clear until the priest has left the confessional.

*Please knock and wait to be invited in.*

The church is open at 8:30 AM Monday through Friday. We encourage parishioners and other church-goers to come early for Mass.

The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among those so inclined.

## Sacraments are Celebrations!



### Wedding Banns

**Banns I:** Roxanne De Stefano & Victor Garcia,  
both St. Margaret of Scotland

**Banns I:** Jennifer Sarcone & Thomas Horan,  
both St. Margaret of Scotland

## Parish Updates

The filmed Mass will no longer be available after the weekend of August 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. The precept to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass resumes for Catholics in the Diocese of Rockville Centre the very next weekend. Please join us in person for Sunday Mass as soon as you can.

The procession and recession at weekend Masses were restored the first weekend of July. We will have both for all weekend Masses from this point forward.

We resume collections by the ushers at all weekend Masses on July 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>. Kindly place your envelope or other donation for Saint Margaret in the basket as it comes to you in church. As always, we are grateful for your financial support of the parish.

## Do you know?

Over the next couple of weeks, the weekly bulletin will have a question for all our bulletin readers. The answer will appear in the following week's bulletin.



*Here is the first one – Who was the lone Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, and which one of the 13 colonies was he from?*

## Faith Formation



*Please consult future bulletins or our website regarding fall registration. Have a Happy and Blessed Summer!*

## 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**

**Cream Soups, Coffee /Tea, Small Jelly, Beef Stew**

*A very special **THANK YOU to all!***

Please do **not** leave clothing at our Thrift Shop entrance or our Parish Center doors. We do not have a Thrift Shop open to accommodate. You may take items to St. Gerard Majella on Terryville Rd., PJS or Resurrection Parish on Granny Road in Farmingville. Thank you.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Bins are open**

next to the ballfield on the north side of our property for your donations. *Thank you for your patience and donations.*

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Virtual Bereavement Support

*The heartache of grief can be complicated when losing a loved one to an addiction.*



YES Community Counseling Center is continuing their support group for adults who have lost a loved one to an addiction. The Support Group meets the second Monday of each month from 7-8PM. To register for the Zoom invite contact Kathleen Coletta, LCSW-R via email at [kcoletta@yesccc.org](mailto:kcoletta@yesccc.org).

**JULY 10**

**ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL**



**CAMP**

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**VADIS**



**This summer, Camp Quo Vadis returns as a one day, in-person rally.**

All youth, current 8th-12th graders (2020-2021 school year) are invited to join us for a day of powerful talks, inspiring music, games and recreation, and incredible experiences of prayer and Sacrament.

More info: [www.campquovadis.com](http://www.campquovadis.com)

Registration: [bit.ly/QuoVadis21](http://bit.ly/QuoVadis21)

## Bankruptcy Case:

### **The Diocese of Rockville Centre**

Information regarding filing proofs of claim for sexual abuse in the Diocese's chapter 11 bankruptcy case and the forms to use can be found on the Diocese's website ([drvc.org](http://drvc.org)) by scrolling down to Diocesan News and clicking the following link:

- [Claim Deadline Notices and Forms](#) (February 10, 2021)
- Claims must be filed before August 14, 2021 (the Bar Date set by the Court). The entire Court notice that includes your rights and options can be found on our website ([saintmargaret.com](http://saintmargaret.com))

**2021**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
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*One Family in Mission*  
 Creating Pathways to Faith

Dear Friends:

This past Spring, Pope Francis spoke about the importance of having a prayer life that is complimented with acts of love. He stated, “*A small act of pure love is more useful to the Church than all the other works combined.*” One way we can perform an act of love is by supporting this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Your gift, given in love to God and neighbor, will help spread *Dramatic Missionary Growth* across Long Island.

The CMA helps fund the education of our seminarians—the future priests of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Your gift helps these young men focus on their studies and prayer life, instead of worrying about how they will financially support their education. Last month, I ordained 3 men to the priesthood; your gift helped make that possible and will be remembered for years to come as they offer the Sacrifice of the Mass for generations to come.

Along with the seminarians, the CMA helps hundreds of thousands of Long Islanders each year. Your dollars can be used to help a pregnant mother looking for resources to help her family, a homeless veteran find housing, or an individual struggling with a drug addiction receive treatment. Your gift combined with the gifts of your fellow Long Island Catholics can be life changing for so many people—and be a light of hope for those who are in darkness.

This past year and a half have been difficult for all for us, especially those who have lost loved ones or have suffered severe financial hardships. If you have suffered from those instances, please reach out to your local parish for support and care or call Catholic Charities at 516-733-7000. If you are able to give to the CMA, I ask you to please pray on it and give what you can. I speak for myself and your pastor when I say thank you for your gift. Your generosity and compassion are very much appreciated.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
 Bishop of Rockville Centre

## Sunday, Jul 11, 2021 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Each one, bring one

A lot of things in life are lonely. Being sick, being wrong, and being broke are hours difficult to share with anyone not inside the experience. Happily, religion isn't intended to be a solitary undertaking. Jesus formed a community before he engaged his ministry, and he urged his followers to go out in pairs. If you're struggling to ground your prayer life, make a deeper commitment to Bible study, or get a work of service or justice off the ground, remember: Companions in faith make the way more joyful and fruitful. TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 (104)*. "Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two."

## Monday, Jul 12 Cross purposes

No one said the path of Christian discipleship was going to be a bed of roses—but it is indeed the way of love. "The temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross," Pope Francis said—that is, to succumb to an easy albeit empty life that the world offers. Instead, "If we live our lives for the Lord, set on fire with love, then our lives will be fruitful and we will have genuine joy," said Francis. What's more, there's food for the journey, he reminds—we rediscover the mystery of Christ's cross every time we participate in the Eucharist. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1 (389)*. "... whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

## Tuesday, Jul 13 MEMORIAL OF HENRY Words matter

Holy Roman Emperor Henry II championed the Nicene Creed. He encouraged its official recitation during the Mass, a practice that didn't gain papal approval until the 11th century. And he promoted the *filioque*. *Filioque* is Latin for the four small words—"and from the Son"—used in the Nicene Creed to describe the origin of the Holy Spirit, who, Catholics and Protestants believe, "proceeds from the Father and the Son." Draw strength from our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God, and honor the Blessed Trinity today by praying a "Glory Be." TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390)*. "Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented."

## Wednesday, Jul 14 MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN See with the eyes of faith

Some people survive trials and adversity with a faith that cannot be explained. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-80) is one of those people. At the age of 4, Tekakwitha was physically scarred and left nearly blind by a smallpox epidemic that took the lives of her parents. Though she continued to live among her people, she followed a different path than most. Baptized Kateri (Catherine) at the age of 19, she soon found a distant village of Christian Native Americans who accepted her desire to remain single and devote her life to Jesus. The life of this first Native American saint was short, but her kind and deep faith left its own lasting mark. Visit the website: of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391)*. "Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

## Thursday, Jul 15 MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Bask in reflected glory

Understanding and proving the existence of God has been a human pursuit since the beginning of time. For medieval Franciscan philosopher Saint Bonaventure, vestiges of God's existence are found in all God's creatures and, indeed, in all creation. Thus, he posits, we see God, "through a mirror." As our understanding of God increases, we begin to see God "in a mirror"; that is, we see the image and likeness of God in all things. For Bonaventure, signs of God's existence are all around, and God is present in each of us. "Therefore," says Bonaventure, one "who is not brightened by such splendors of created things is blind." Open your eyes to our all-around God. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392)*. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

## Friday, Jul 16 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL The view from on high

If there were such things as spiritual "power points" on Earth, Mount Carmel would have to qualify as one. A range on the Mediterranean coast in Northern Israel, Mount Carmel has been a crossroads for religious traditions, military strife, monastic life, biblical archeology, and now, modern urban living. There is something for everyone on Mount Carmel, which is perhaps why it has a long and contentious history. Today, join your prayers for peace in the Middle East with those of Carmelites the world over. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us! TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393)*. "If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men."

## Saturday, Jul 17 No one is without dignity

Bruised reeds and smoldering wicks were commonly discarded in ancient society because they were no longer useful for the purpose they served. People were often treated the same way. If a person was blind, lame, or suffered leprosy, they were essentially discarded by society because they were seen as a burden that couldn't be sustained. But Jesus taught of the sacred dignity of all human life regardless of health or usefulness, and that our final judgment would be based on our treatment of the least among us. Can you take a moment today to in some way lift up a lowly or outcast person? TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 (394)*. "A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench."



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Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>  
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