

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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## August 1, 2021

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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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### **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.



To assist us in the goal of having a deeper awareness and appreciation for the Holy Eucharist, we started last week with the first fifteen verses of the Sixth Chapter of Saint John's Gospel. Not exactly a part of the Bread of Life Discourse which comes a little bit later in that pivotal Sixth Chapter, the multiplication of the loaves and fish has clear eucharistic overtones. In multiplying the loaves and fish, Jesus is telling us that the Eucharist multiplies or increases too. The divine gift of the Eucharist is an enlargement but not materialistically, of course. The enlargement is spiritual, taking place in our souls.

I chose to focus on charity because it flows from the Eucharist – not naturally but supernaturally. Charity is really an extension of the Eucharistic Mystery. As I stated last week, we are fed with charity by the Lord Himself. Thus, to share in the Eucharist is a summons to live charitably in act and in speech. By Christ's grace, we rise to meet that summons in a genuine transcendence.

My first reflection on the Holy Eucharist was attitudinal. However, attitude does not exhaust all of what we believe about the Eucharist. Along with attitude, there is the doctrinal foundation of the Eucharist which cannot be neglected. So, in this second reflection on the Eucharist, I aim to address how we explain the continuity of the Last Supper with every subsequent celebration of the Mass. This necessarily involves considerations on the history of the Church and the history of dogma.

In my second reflection on the Holy Eucharist, I want to comment on the preservation of the Eucharistic Mystery. As we will see, it is not unrelated to a longing expressed in the text by the crowd. That longing is our longing too. The satisfaction of that longing is part of a divine wisdom which is expressed in history and dogma. Let us think about these topics to help us arrive at a more profound amazement of what the Lord has done for us in the Holy Eucharist.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

## Parish Updates ~ *New Office Hours*

Beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, the office in the parish center will have new hours. As of this new date, the office is open from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM** Monday through Thursday and **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM** on Friday. Please make note of the new and expanded hours for serving the parishioners of Saint Margaret.

Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, the donation for announced masses and unannounced masses will be **\$20.00**. The increase is to meet the diocesan norm of **\$20.00**, which has been at this rate for more than several years. We are grateful that you remember deceased loved ones through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please continue this meritorious practice.



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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.

### Do you know?

**Answer to last week's question:** The blue and gray colors for Georgetown University symbolize the Confederacy and the Union at the time of the American Civil War. The University accepted students on both sides of the divide.

**Question for this week:** Which of the fifty states has the highest percentage of Catholics in its population? And which state has the lowest percentage of Catholics in its population?



## Faith Formation

### ***FALL REGISTRATION***

*Forms have been mailed to new and registered families..*

*If you have not received a form, please contact Jackie at at the Faith Formation office at 631-732-3131 x131.*

***Deadline is August 10<sup>th</sup>***

***Have a Happy and Blessed Summer!***



## Parish Social Ministry

BEGINNING THURSDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE PARISH CENTER.

PLEASE bring all donations to the front door of the Parish Center or bring to the box in the rear of the Church.

***Canned Vegetables, Juice, White Rice***

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

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**



This year we will be collecting **BACK PACKS** along with any school supplies that you would like to bring. Drop off at the Parish Center or the box in the back of the Church.

Monetary donations can be placed in our Outreach Angel in the lobby of the Church.

The children thank you in advance!

**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.*

### ***Handicapped Encounter Christ***

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC), a ministry of two communities coming together as one, is having a full-day retreat on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY. Adults with disabilities and able-bodied volunteers will nurture their spiritual growth, share the good news of the risen Christ, increase awareness of self worth and come together as friends. Looking for some new friends to join us - both adults with disabilities and volunteers (18+ please). All participants must be fully vaccinated. For information: (631) 806-6213 / [DianafromHEC@gmail.com](mailto:DianafromHEC@gmail.com) or Bob Tolan at (516) 241-4122 / [rtolan@mtb.com](mailto:rtolan@mtb.com).



### **Prep Course for Catholic High School St. John the Baptist ~ West Islip**

If you are planning to have your son or daughter attend one of the nine Catholic high schools on Long Island in September 2022, he or she is required to take an entrance exam in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as part of the admissions process. We will be administering this exam on Nov. 6, 2021. Five Saturday prep classes will be held to assist the student. If you would like to more information and/or sign up, go to [STJOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET](http://STJOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET) and follow the admissions tab for the application or call 631-587-8000 x117.

### **Bankruptcy Case: 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))





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# Sunday Gospel Activities

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JOHN 6:24-35

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.



## Catholic Charities Senior Housing

Catholic Charities has Senior Housing in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in 16 locations. Rent is calculated based on the income at 30% ~ below \$45K for one person and \$52K for two people over 62 years. For info or an application, call STANAN MANAGEMENT at 516-486-1000. Each site has its own applications and waiting list. Their current wait time is approx. 2 1/2 - 3 years.

## Child Care Scholarships

The Office of Children and Family Services is now offering childcare scholarships for essential workers. This scholarship will be awarded weekly through payments made directly to child care providers. Child care for children aged from six weeks old through 12 years are eligible. <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/COVID-relief/essential-workers.php>

## Sunday, Aug 01, 2021 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME In it to win it?

*Quid pro quo* sounds like a pretty good deal. "This for that": the time-honored barter in which we swap resources or labor for room and board, if not a bit more. Consumer culture initiates all of us into the pursuit of the best trade. No surprise that early followers of Jesus imagined they were swapping their attention to his teaching for free food and even better opportunities down the road. Jesus seeks friends who share his vision, not churchgoers hoping for a celestial deal. When it comes to the religion quest, what's in it for you? TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35 (113)*. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

## Monday, Aug 02 MEMORIAL OF PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST The communion of saints awaits you

Saint Peter Julian Eymard was a 19th-century French priest with a devotion to the Eucharist. He founded two religious institutes with a focus on Eucharistic Adoration: the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for men and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for women. The former prepared children for their First Communion and reached out to lapsed Catholics to bring them back to receiving Communion. He famously said, "You take Communion to become holy, not because you already are." Perhaps you spent some time away from the Eucharist because of the pandemic. No matter how long you are apart, Christ eagerly awaits your return. TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407)*. "He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples."

## Tuesday, Aug 03 We're in the same boat

The "Barque (boat) of Saint Peter" is one of the oldest symbols of the Catholic Church. Early church fathers, like Tertullian and Clement of Alexandria, compared the church to a sailing vessel. Saint Boniface wrote: "The church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course." As Peter learned, the trick is to place our trust in Jesus. Pray for Pope Francis—successor to Peter—that he can guide the church through today's troubled waters. TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408)*. "Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."

## Wednesday, Aug 04 MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST Ministry for the ministers

The unique lives of Catholic priests and religious sometimes give rise to stressful times and difficult transitions that need the help of a healing hand. The Saint John Vianney Center in Downingtown, Pennsylvania serves Catholic clergy and religious struggling with behavioral and emotional issues, addictive and compulsive disorders, weight management, and other challenging issues that arise during their vocational journeys. The JVC employs modern therapeutic support along with traditional prayer, spiritual practices, and the intercession of today's saint to restore these dedicated men and women to active and fruitful ministry. Pray for your religious sisters and brothers, priests, deacons, and bishops. They need your love. TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409)*. "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

## Thursday, Aug 05 MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR Legend-worthy Madonna

Legend has it that a freak snowstorm in August was a sign that urged a Christian couple to build an enormous Roman church dedicated to the Virgin: the Basilica of Mary Major, founded in the 400s. Yet this story is like many others that church historians call "legends." Our legends are not to be disdained; they usually uphold truths as interesting as the facts. In this case, the larger truth is that Mary is a key member of the communion of saints who helps us on our path to God. During this month when Mary is particularly venerated, ask for her intercession. TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23 (410)*. "Then, raising his hand, Moses struck the rock twice with his staff, and water gushed out in abundance for the people and their livestock to drink."

## Friday, Aug 06 FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Shhh . . .

"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply," says leadership guru Stephen Covey. When we fail to listen, we miss the messages necessary for growth in ourselves and others. Listening builds a well of wisdom that helps the listener and the speaker get to know themselves better. "Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality," says Henri Nouwen, and Pope Francis calls listening a form of "self-sacrifice" as we put another person above ourselves and "share questions and doubts." God commanded Jesus' disciples to listen to him. We are called to do the same. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10 (614)*. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

## Saturday, Aug 07 MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS The courage to teach

Today's teachers have a tough job (which the pandemic only made more difficult). But imagine risking your life to teach about your faith. That's how it was "back in the day." In the year 258, Roman soldiers burst into the room where Sixtus was teaching, dragged him from the chair, and beheaded him in the street. Six deacons joined him in martyrdom that day. Many bishops, priests, and deacons were murdered during that persecution by the Roman Emperor Valerian. Next time you're in the pew, find Sixtus in Eucharistic Prayer I, the first one printed in your missalette. He's in the list that includes "Linus, Cletus, Clement," and other notables of the early church. When you get to the name Sixtus II, pause and remember his courageous sacrifice to pass on the faith. TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412)*. "[I]f you have faith the size of a mustard seed . . . Nothing will be impossible for you."



## *Pope Francis has declared December 2020 ~ December 2021 as The Year of St. Joseph*

Born in 1845, St. André Bessette was known as the “Miracle Worker of Montreal” He was instrumental in the construction of the Basilica of St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, Canada and promoted an efficacious love for and devotion to St. Joseph in his practical deeds of daily charity as a doorkeeper. As a doorkeeper at a Holy Cross Catholic school in Montreal, Brother André opened the door to Jesus Christ every time he opened the door physically for the students, families, and Cross-carriers he encountered.

We have a number of Doorkeeper Saints in the history of our Catholic Church that meditated, prayed, contemplated and lived these biblical passages on doors. They include the Jesuit brother St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1532-1617), the Dominican brother St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639), and the simplex Capuchin priest Blessed Solanus Casey (1870-1957) These Doorkeeper Saints who opened the door to Christ and greeted Christ as they listened to and served suffering humanity, encourage us to reflect on the doors in our own lives and how we open them to others. As these Doorkeeper Saints opened physical doors to Catholic schools, monasteries, and residences, they did so with exquisite reverence for the people which the opened door revealed, though the crowds and long lines often led to exhaustion.

Reflect for a moment on the door of the home you grew up in and all the traffic that went in and out of it. Reflect on the door of where you live now. Reflect on your room door or your office door. Reflect, in these Covid-19 times, on the door or portal of the computer you use every day. How do we answer the doors of life? As we open these doors, do we greet Christ and the person representing Christ with warmth, openness, steadfast charity, humility, and magnanimity?

As we answer the doors of life, are we accompanied by St. Joseph and the Holy Family, striving to greet Jesus Christ in every providential dimension of humanity that the Holy Spirit sends to us?

In every door-opening moment, St. André Bessette opened the door to Jesus Christ with the help, assistance, and intercession of his friend St. Joseph.

He sought the intercession of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Guardian of the Holy Family, and model for all husbands, fathers, and family members. St. André sought the intercession of St. Joseph, the Dreamer and Contemplative, and asked St. Joseph to intercede for his prayer life and the prayer lives of those he served.

He sought the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, who teaches us to give Glory to God in the sanctification of every detail of daily work.



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

St. André sought the intercession of St. Joseph, the Just Man – faith-filled, rock-solid, mature, reliable, constant, hardworking, contemplative, and prayerful, always trusting in God as he faced the most difficult and perplexing situations and curve balls of life.

As we remember and celebrate the stories and vast panorama of spiritual, physical, and emotional healings of which St. André Bessette and St. Joseph together were God’s humble instruments, we “go to Joseph” in the Year of St. Joseph. We ask their intercession to help us pray, deepen our daily charity, and open every door in life to Jesus Christ and the neighbors he sends to us.

*Bishop John Barres ~ Condensed from the LI Catholic 2/2021*