

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church
or by appointment.

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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

In today's First Reading, we are called to preach the Good News to all we come across. You may be the vessel and witness to God that someone needs; your testimony may change someone's life.



Sacrificial Giving

Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

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| Collected at Mass | 7,672 | 181 |
| Mailed Envelopes | 3,654 | 59 |
| Total Collection | \$11,326 | 240 |

Readings for Next Sunday

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- First Reading.....Wis 2: 12, 17-20
- Second ReadingJas 3:16-4:3
- Gospel.....Mk 9: 30-37

For the week of Sept. 12th

Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of



Lauren
Fennell

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

BAPTISMS: Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment - x131.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

Mon., Tues., Weds. 10 am –1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

Masses for the Week

As We Resume Public Masses, all attending:
please observe social distancing

Monday - September 13th

Tuesday - September 14th
Special Intentions of Kris Chelminski

Wednesday-September 15th
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

Thursday, - September 16th
Albert, Marion & Joseph Pietrozziello

Friday - September 17th

Saturday - September 18th
5^{pm}

MaryJane Kogler

Sunday – September 19th
8^{am}

Natalie, Luigi, Elisa & Giovanni Assalone

10^{am}

Anthony Wayne Rota

12^{pm}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as

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| John Schlagater | Marilyn Vacchio |
| James O'Sullivan | John Roucoulet |
| Logan Baar | Joseph Dulovic |
| John & Patricia Friscina | Terri Persina |
| Estelle Beauchamp | Alyssa Baisch |
| Lucy & Sarah Behie | Jillian Brown |
| Virginia Butler | Robert J. Heege |
| Eric Cohen | Kathleen Weiss |
| Lorraine Vogel | Steven Vacchio |
| Laura Durant | June Tamillow |
| Frank Guttilla | Robert Valletta |
| Joseph Kiely | Sharon Klyn |
| Warne Family | Michael C. Liotta |
| Anne Logan | Christine Mc Cusker |
| Dominic Percoco | Gina Rosenberg |
| Laura Positano | De Santis Family |
| Patricia Wovk | Natasha Roucoulet |
| James Reynolds Jr. | John Reynolds |
| Joseph Laria | |

Marie & Tony Caruana

Veronica Sheridan-Cox

Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri

James & Catherine Reynolds

Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri

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.

My first indication that something was wrong was when I parked my car in the parking lot of the bank. It was still fairly early in the morning, but I was struck that the lights didn't appear to be on inside the bank. Nonetheless, I continued to walk to the door giving me access to the bank. Within a matter of steps, I noticed a woman frantically waving her hands and locking the door. I recognized her from church and I just got back in my car and went back to the rectory. I figured it was some kind of power outage and I would just go back to the bank later in the day or the next day.

Then, later in my room at the rectory, I turned on the television set and I began watching the television coverage of the planes that had struck the Twin Towers in Manhattan. I saw that America was under attack and that there was pandemonium breaking out all over. I did see the buildings come down but I was miles and miles away at that point; it was scarcely like the fear and anguish I could see on the faces of men and women running for their lives in advance of the plumes of smoke enveloping downtown Manhattan that morning.

We all have memories of that fateful day, etched permanently inside of us. All of those memories come rushing back twenty years later as we mark another anniversary of what is simply called "9/11." In the days and weeks that followed, life regained its "normalcy" if ever we can use a term like that anymore. Life was changed and things would never be the same again.

For the last few weeks, we have been listening to passages from the Letter of Saint James at Mass. As I have noted before, this book of the New Testament reminds us of the importance of good works which accompany faith and demonstrate faith's practice. We recognize good works by their nature, that is, by what good works reflect in themselves. We also know good works by what they are not. Good works are not malevolent acts. They can't be; they are complete opposites.

Our faith tells us that God brings good out of evil. The chief sign of that omnipotence is found for us in the Cross. Just a few days after 9/11, the Church marks the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On the first 9/11, I recall being in the church where I was assigned at the time for a Mass at the dinner hour. Hundreds of people were there. How fitting it was to mark our faith together and mourn the loss of relatives, friends and neighbors and pray for them. Commending them to God's mercy was seemingly all we could do then. That in itself though is a meritorious act.

Indeed, our good works help those who have died through the Communion of Saints. Belonging to the Body of Christ means that our lives on earth are, as it were, co-mingled with those whose earthly living is over. The good work which teaches us about this linkage is the Holy Eucharist. Let us resolve to participate in the good of the Eucharist for the good of those whose earthly lives ended tragically on the first 9/11. After all, what is at issue of course is the good of eternal life.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

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.



Those wishing to contribute financially to earthquake relief in Haiti may do so using the receptacle for this purpose in the vestibule of the church. The receptacle is marked clearly and it will remain in the vestibule through next weekend.



Baptisms

Susanna Alda Bartalini

Wedding Banns

Banns II: Brittany Cheever, St. Jude's, Mastic Beach & James Keller, St. John the Evangelist, Center. Moriches

Banns I: Kristen Verrico, St. Margaret of Scotland & Zachary Glossenger, Pennsylvania

Banns I: Pamela Markham, St. Margaret of Scotland & Anthony Policastro, New York, NY



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 _____

Parish Updates

The office in the parish center will have new hours. As of September, 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 1st, 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.

We invite you to visit the grotto in honor of Our Lady on church property. It has been beautified with new plantings and reflects an inspiring devotion to the Mother of God. We are grateful for the work done there and trust that many parishioners will be drawn to it for prayer and recollection. Thank you!

We are returning to the ordinary way of distributing Holy Communion at weekend and daily Masses. Kindly allow worshippers in the pews closest to the sanctuary to approach for the reception of Holy Communion **first**. This coincides with the return of the distribution of Holy Communion in the center aisle. This goes into effect on the weekend following Labor Day (September 11th and 12th).

“IT” Person Needed

If you are an IT Specialist or you know someone who is, our Parish is in need for our offices.

Contact the Parish Center Office at
631-732-3131 x113.

Please prayerfully consider.

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 or 516-799-3203 ~ YESCCC.ORG.

Faith Formation

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF YOUR ORIENTATION DAY

Volunteers Needed

Catechists and assistants needed. Please call Jackie if you are able to help out!

631-732-3131 x131

SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND FAITH FORMATION ORIENTATION DAYS

- LEVEL 1 – SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 6PM
- LEVEL 2 - SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 6PM
- LEVEL 3 – SEPTEMBER 15th AT 6:30PM
- LEVEL 4 – SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 6:30PM
- LEVEL 5 – SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 6:30PM
- LEVEL 6 – SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 6:30PM
- LEVEL 7 – SEPTEMBER 23rd AT 630PM
- LEVEL 8 – SEPTEMBER 30th AT 630PM



Parish Social Ministry



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

Jars of Juice, Jelly & Peanut Butter, Shampoo, Instant Potatoes, Crackers

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Free Comprehensive Child Care

The Children's Community Head Start Birth to Five Program provides a FREE educational program including developmental activities and meals. Health, Nutrition, Family Services and Parent Involvement are also a part of our program. Children with special needs are welcome. Home based and center based programs available ~ children ages birth to five years in Central Suffolk County. To see if you qualify call 631-585-2020-Ronkonkoma & 631-476-9698-Port Jefferson or visit WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG


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VETERANS BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

A representative from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will once again be on hand to assist veterans with submitting disability claims as well as benefits for widows/widowers of deceased veterans. Veterans should bring their DD214 and any service documents they may have.

Where: Middle Country Library-Selden and Centereach Library.

When: First Wednesday of every month in Selden and the third Wednesday of every month in Centereach from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

Bereavement Support Program St. Mary's in East Islip

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 16, 2021. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be properly adhered. Eight Week Group beginning Thursday evenings at 7pm ~ **Sept. 16th through Nov. 4th**. **Pre-registration is required** Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register

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 8th 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 and follow the admissions tab for the application or call 631-587-8000 x117.

Sunday, Sep 12, 2021 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME From generation to generation

Loving grandparenting is a special gift to those children who receive it. Some of us were raised by generous elders. Others recognize our grandparents as the folks who cherished us just for showing up—something our parents couldn't always manage to do! Nine-year-old Russell Capper first wrote President Nixon in 1969 with the idea of honoring grandparents with their own day. It would take another decade and another president, Jimmy Carter, to make Grandparents Day official on the Sunday after Labor Day. Reach across the generations today and close the gap of understanding by listening to each other's stories, dreams, and hopes. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (131)*. "See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?"

Monday, Sep 13 MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Preach often—use words when necessary

Glossophobia—fear of public speaking—is one of the most common forms of anxiety, affecting a sizeable portion of the population. Saint John Chrysostom was not a sufferer. His name means "golden-mouthed"—and was he ever. Renowned as a preacher, his sermons could last up to two hours. (Think about that the next time your pastor runs a bit long!) Few of us are that eloquent as speakers, but all of us are called to be witnesses to our faith in words *and* deeds. There's no need to impress—let your actions speak for you. Never fear living your discipleship humbly and sharing what's in your heart. The truth always speaks volumes. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443)*. "Say the word and let my servant be healed."

Tuesday, Sep 14 FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Lift high the cross

After ending Christian persecutions in 313, Constantine sent his mother, Helena, to the Holy Land where her team is said to have unearthed Christ's tomb. Here, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built. Excavations also reportedly unearthed the three crosses of Mount Calvary, the wood of the "True Cross" being the instrument of Jesus' Crucifixion and associated with miraculous healings. Whether it's the crucifix, the Jerusalem cross, Maltese cross, Celtic cross—or countless others—no other symbol represents Christian faith better. And so we pray: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638)*. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."

Wednesday, Sep 15 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS She's with him

Being a strong companion or having great compassion is essential for discipleship. Mary had both. Notice the "com-" prefix of those qualities, which means "with." Under the title Our Lady of Sorrows, Mary is the first witness of the church and stood with Jesus through his pain and glory—his life, death, and Resurrection. The church uses "sorrows" here not so that we would be sad and weighed down but to lift up what it means to really be "with" another person and to share deeply their joy and sorrow. Mary continues to stand alongside us. How do you experience Mary's companionship and compassion in your own life? TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 3:14-16 (445); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639)*. "Woman, behold, your son."

Thursday, Sep 16 MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, & CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS The cost of discipleship can be high

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian were friends during the 200s, a period when Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire. Today a number of countries continue to oppress, harass, and even kill Christians. There is pressure today, as there was in the era of the early martyrs, to deny the faith in order to survive. With Cornelius and Cyprian in mind, stand in solidarity with courageous Christians everywhere. Learn what their needs are and how the worldwide church can help. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 (446)*. "[Jesus] said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"

Friday, Sep 17 MEMORIALS OF ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH AND HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Listen to your doctors

Jesus' ministry was simple: He went from town to town telling people that they were loved. The mantle, picked up by the doctors of the church, including those we honor today, was to interpret Jesus' message for subsequent generations. Saint Robert Bellarmine's *Catechism* clarified the Catholic understanding of faith and reason, and Saint Hildegard of Bingen's songs, such as "*O virtus sapientie*," helped unlock the mysteries of Divine Love and the Trinity. The Good News is meant for you. Find a way to hear it. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447)*. "Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God."

Saturday, Sep 18 Take the lesson to heart

On the eve of Catechetical Sunday, it's good to reflect on our task of teaching the next generation matters of the Spirit. One comment heard too often when bad things happen is that "God must have a reason for doing this." Or, "It must be God's will." Looking at the biblical testimony, however, leads to the realization that most of the bad things that happen are not God's will at all but the work of sinful people. God says, "Feed the hungry" and children starve. God says, "Do not kill" and people murder. Let's teach our kids what's on God, and what's on us. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448)*. "[T]he Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts."



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