

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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In last week's bulletin, there was an insert calling attention to **Stand Up for Life**, an annual event for nearly a quarter of a century now. It reminds us that every abortion takes the life of a human being, and that there are many, many Americans who are opposed to this practice despite its lawful character.

There are two places on Long Island where **Stand Up for Life** is held – in Melville along Route 110 and in Manorville which is Exit 70 off the Long Island Expressway. For years and years, I have participated in the event in Melville where there are usually several hundred pro-lifers who gather on the east side of Rt. 110 south of Jericho Turnpike between 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM in a largely silent public witness against the evil of abortion.

Those who participate hold signs which are visible to the hundreds and hundreds of vehicles which traverse that busy thoroughfare on a Sunday afternoon in the early autumn. As you would expect, it gets the attention of drivers and passengers, many of whom choose to express their approval for the public witness they see and others who do not.

The event is always the first Sunday in October (the 3rd this year), the month dedicated to the defense of human life in the womb. Those who participate pray the rosary and may use other prayers to petition the Lord for His assistance as we do what we can, refusing to let abortion slip from the public consciousness although it has been the law of the land since the Supreme Court decided the matter in *Roe v. Wade* in January of 1973.

For decades, Long Islanders have been going to Washington, D.C. for the **March for Life** since the Supreme Court decision of nearly fifty years ago. But the trip is a long one to our nation's capital and it is undertaken at a decidedly unfavorable time weather-wise. So, if you cannot go to Washington in the winter, **Stand Up for Life** affords you the opportunity to stay local with your pro-life conviction, and at a much more favorable time of the year weather-wise too.

As you may know, the Hyde Amendment, named for Rep. Henry Hyde (R, Illinois), precluded taxpayer monies from being used to support most procured abortions. But the Hyde Amendment was deliberately left out of the federal budget this year. Efforts have been made to re-institute the Hyde Amendment but that is not a certainty any longer. Besides, a drive is being made now to codify *Roe v. Wade* in the states, New York included, of course.

Whether you can get to **Stand Up for Life** this time or not, please set aside some time to contact our local legislators and let them know you are pro-life and you do not want your taxpayer monies going toward the procurement of abortion. And ask for a reply. Most media outlets do not publish or otherwise publicize office-holder votes because they do not want citizens to know who favors abortion and who does not – all the while the mainstream media is relentlessly pro-abortion.

If your schedule allows, I encourage you to participate in this year's edition of **Stand Up for Life**. And, by all means, let family members and friends know about **Stand Up for Life**. It deserves your support.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Baptisms

Knox Paul Redeker & Kenzie Skye Caiazza

Wedding Banns



Banns III: Kristina Verrico, St. Margaret of Scotland & Zachary Glossenger, Pennsylvania
Banns III: Pamela Markham, St. Margaret of Scotland & Anthony Policastro, New York, NY
Banns II: Megan Davie, St. John of God, Central Islip & James Hicks, St. Margaret of Scotland

Mass Book for 2022

The **Mass Book for 2022 opens on Monday, October 18th at 9:00 AM in the parish center.** We encourage you to remember deceased relatives and friends at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the Communion of Saints, we are never removed from those whom we love. We hope for a reunion with them in God's providence, and praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.

Parish Updates

Thank you to the **ushers** who attended the meeting on the 14th of this month. We are grateful for your service to the Parish of Saint Margaret. We will meet again in the Lenten season at some point. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date and time of that meeting.

Lectors and **extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion** are reminded to read and adhere to the instruction page for liturgical ministers distributed at the meeting earlier this month. Those who were not able to attend the meeting are asked to pick up the instruction page in the office at the parish center building. Our aim always is to pray the Mass with reverence. Your cooperation is appreciated.

On the weekend of October 16th/17th, Maria Hansen of **Forty Days for Life** will speak briefly at the end of all Masses. She will ask your help in giving witness to the sanctity of pre-born life. We thank you in advance for your attention and we ask you to consider becoming involved in the pro-life apostolate as your circumstances allow.

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.

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.



Faith Formation

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF YOUR ORIENTATION DAY

Volunteers Needed Once a Month

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 5 – SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 6:30PM

LEVEL 8 – SEPTEMBER 30TH AT 630PM



Parish Social Ministry



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

Hearty Soups, Jelly & Peanut Butter, Instant Potatoes, Applesauce, Shampoo

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



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.

Catholic Charities ~ TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a "NO fee for service" program.

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 go to <https://wwmenyli.org/>.



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.

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on Nov. 13/14, 2021. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or to register visit www.longisland.engagedencounter.com.



A WEDDING IS A DAY
A MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME!

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 26, 2021 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Well done, good and faithful servants

Mother's and Father's Days aren't occasions for parents to toot their own horns about how fabulously they fulfilled the tasks of child-rearing. These dates are for their children to recall and celebrate the special people who made their lives possible. Similarly, today's Priesthood Sunday isn't meant for priests to beat the drum about their vocation. It's an opportunity for the rest of us, who benefit from their fidelity, to thank the men who were present to the first moments of our life in faith and will be there at the last—plus countless moments in between. TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137)*. "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"

Monday, Sep 27 MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST God works with us as we are

Saint Vincent de Paul is known for founding two religious orders, reforming the church, and serving the poor to such an extent that he is the patron of all works of charity. Many schools and parishes bear his name. But in his lifetime, he was also known for being irritable and quick-tempered—which his friends confirmed and he himself admitted. He said it was only God's grace that made him compassionate, humble, and generous. He's a perfect example that we don't have to be perfect to do saintly work—if we let God soften our hard-heartedness, what great things we might do. TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50 (455)*. "For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."

Tuesday, Sep 28 MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR A faith that runs in the family

Good King Wenceslaus is, of course, best known for his care of the poor and the concern he showed his servant, as immortalized in the famous Christmas carol. Indeed, it was young Wenceslaus' habit to sneak out in the middle of the night and—with his servant assisting—roam the countryside looking for poor or imprisoned people he could anonymously help with his almsgiving. But Wenceslaus and his grandmother, Saint Ludmila, could also be patron saints for grandchildren who are raised in the Catholic Christian faith primarily by their grandparents. Pray for all modern grandparents who assume this role. TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456)*. "Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord."

Wednesday, Sep 29 FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS God's special care for migrants

Every minute of the day 20 people in the world leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror. The archangels of the Bible represent God's special care for these migrants. Michael was the guardian of Israel during their captivity in the foreign land of Babylon. Gabriel is the patron saint of diplomats and ambassadors living in foreign countries. Raphael is featured in the Book of Tobit accompanying the story's hero, Tobias, on his journey to a foreign land to find a wife. The church recognized World Day of Migrants and Refugees last Sunday. Pray that the archangels guide and protect migrants and refugees making perilous journeys everywhere. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647)*. "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Thursday, Sep 30 MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Translating the faith for the ages

Where would the church be without the word? If you have ever read a verse from the Bible, thank Saint Jerome (347-419). His translation of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin set the standard until the mid-20th century, paving the way for scholarship that affects our contemporary translations of scripture. His pivotal writing and translating earned him the rare title of "doctor of the church." Give a nod to Saint Jerome by reading a favorite scripture passage today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458)*. "Say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

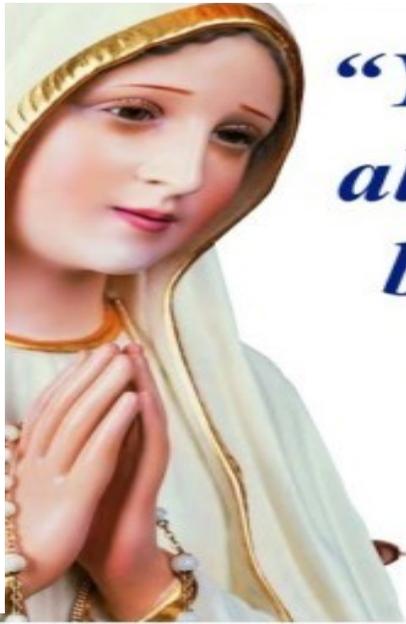
Friday, Oct 01 MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Graceful glances

Glances are totally underrated. They seem trivial, hurried and fleeting, even stolen! They are the smallest of gestures, barely registering a flick of the eye. It is surprising then that a glance can also be a prayer. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something." Our prayerful "glances" are significant. They register with God. A glance can communicate everything to God, especially when life leaves us wordless. Pause now for a moment and glance at God. TODAY'S READINGS: *Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459)*. "Justice is with the Lord, our God."

Saturday, Oct 02 MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS All night and all day

Years back, in perhaps what were more innocent times (or at least appear so to us now), Catholic schoolchildren were encouraged to leave a little space on their chairs for their guardian angels. This charming bit of nostalgia reveals a deeper article of faith. From biblical times to the present, the testimony on angels guiding us has been consistent. Saint Augustine said, "Go where we will, our angels are always with us," while Saint Bernard encouraged Christians to "Make the holy angels your friends . . . we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians." Perhaps the larger truth is that although suffering and even tragedy may come our way, if we leave our hearts open, we will not be left alone. God will be at our side. Scoot over a bit! TODAY'S READINGS: *Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 (460); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650)*. "Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."





***“You shall obtain
all you ask of me
by the recitation
of the Rosary.”
The Mother of God***

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

*has asked all Catholics to gather on Saturday, October 16th at
12 Noon to pray the Rosary.*

*You are invited to gather at our Blessed Mother's statue
to pray the Rosary.*

Bring a chair.

(Please park in the area closer to the apartments.)

Dan Schutte in Concert An Evening of Song and Reflection

*Dan Schutte is one of the best known and critically acclaimed composers of liturgical music in the country. Dan has graced us with many fine works including—
Here I Am, Lord.; Only this I Want and Table of Plenty.*

Friday, October 22nd at 7:30 PM
Good Shepherd RC Church ~ 1370 Grundy Ave., Holbrook

Tickets pre-sale \$20. Call the Parish at 631-588-7689
Tickets may be purchased at the door ~ subject to availability.

