

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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With the **Mass Book for 2022** opening on Monday, October 18th, I thought I would present some remarks about why we have Masses offered for those who have died. I do this also in light of the fact that we mark *All Souls Day* (November 2nd) in a few weeks.

When I arrived in my first assignment more than thirty-five years ago, the parish (Saint Boniface in Elmont) had three daily Masses from Monday through Saturday and eight Masses on the weekend (from Saturday's Vigil Mass through the last Mass on Sunday). Every week, each of those Masses (all 26 of them) had an intention. In most instances, the intention was for a deceased relative, friend, neighbor or co-worker. And here is the most riveting fact of all – if you wanted to reserve a Mass intention, you had to wait **fourteen months!**

We are all cognizant that a lot of things have changed on the Catholic scene since 1985 – not least being that it is hard to find a parish with three daily Masses and eight weekend Masses on Long Island anymore. Mass attendance is way down over the last few decades. Yet, the death rate hasn't really changed. Yes, it is true that the average life-span has increased, but so has the size of the population increased at the very same time.

Many of the parishes on Long Island have but one daily Mass and usually four or five weekend Masses now. And nowhere on Long Island is anyone waiting fourteen months for an open Mass intention now. What happened?

The connection between death and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has waned enormously in the last couple of decades – to the point that a lot of Catholics no longer see the death of a loved one as prompting the need for the assistance of the living. It might be good then to indicate what our Catholic faith says concerning those who die and the help they receive from the prayers of the living.

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 313 – 386), Bishop and Doctor of the Church, instructed Christians of his time with works known as *Catecheses* and *Mystagogic Catecheses*. In that second work, Saint Cyril wrote and then preached that “we have a deep conviction that great help will be afforded those souls for whom prayers are offered while this holy and awesome victim is present.” The holy and awesome victim in question at the end of the quote is Christ and the presence adverted to is His at the Holy Eucharist. The deep conviction at the beginning of the quote is ours. Note it is not a vague, amorphous premonition we hold but a firm and settled belief. Lastly, the great help is atoning or propitiatory, that is, Christ has atoned for our sins; His propitiatory sacrifice is His death for us on the Cross.

By arranging to have Masses offered for the deceased (relatives, friends, and others), we “operationalize” all of what is described above by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem. The Eucharistic Lord helps the dead to reach their heavenly home by way of purifying them. This act of love, undertaken by those who are still alive, effectively wills the highest good there is: to be united eternally with God.

As pastor, I urge you to have your deceased loved ones remembered at the celebration of the Eucharist. Your love can go a long way . . . all the way to heaven!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Wedding Banns

Banns I: Karolina Jarmolowicz & Justin Hinte, both 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

On November 1st, the Church celebrates All Saints, which is ordinarily a Holy Day of Obligation. Since it is a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass does not apply. However, we encourage all of our parishioners to join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM.

On November 2nd, the Church commemorates All Souls Day. We remember deceased relatives and friends and pray for their eternal repose with God. We encourage you to remember your loved ones by attending Mass at 9:00 AM. We also encourage you to enroll your deceased relatives and friends in our All Souls Novena of Masses. Envelopes for this purpose were sent to those parishioners who support our parish using donation envelopes. Additional envelopes are available from the ushers.

The next second collection ~ weekend Masses October 23/24. On that weekend, the Church marks Mission Sunday. The second collection is taken up immediately after the first one.

Faith Formation

Calling all Children! Christmas Play



Sunday, December 12th ~ 3 PM

The children of Saint Margaret's parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends and all of our parishioners.

Speaking parts(3rd grade & up) ~ Monday, Nov. 1st & Monday Nov. 8th ~ 6 - 7 PM in the Church

All interested Children ~ Friday, Nov. 5th ~ 6~7 PM in the Church.

Angels must be 4 years and older.

Rehearsals ~ 6 - 7 PM in the Church. ~ Nov. 12, 16, 19, 30 & Dec. 3

Dress Rehearsal Friday, Dec. 10 @ 5:30-7:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 12th Day of Show—arrive at 2:15 PM

Cast Party to follow immediately after Pageant.



Retrouvaille Weekend

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage



Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships.

Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend.

Friday, November 5, 2021

Please visit our website www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Immaculate Conception ~ 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

Parish Social Ministry

Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION



The *Knights of Columbus* are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry.

Bags will be distributed on **October 23/24 at all Masses**, and on **October 30/31 at all Masses**, they will be in front of the church to receive your donations.

Please assist them and us as you can. If anyone is able to help Outreach on **October 30/31**, please leave her a message at 631-732-3131 x119. *Thank you!*

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/>.



St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Save the Date!
Monday, November 15th



Hands Needed!



Our Music Ministry is in need of someone to assist in placing the words on our screen during Mass. All that is required is clicking the next screen with one button. Please see Dan, our Music Minister, after Mass or call at 631-732-3131 x117. Prayerfully consider.

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.



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 _____



Attention all Health Care Professionals!

Consider joining the Long Island Guild of the Catholic Medical Association recently chartered by the national CMA and endorsed by Bishop Barres.

Join us for a White Mass for Health Care Professionals

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
St. Agnes Cathedral ~ Presided by Bishop Barres

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.

Sunday, Oct 17 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Come face-to-face with Jesus

Spiritual truths often sound mysterious and paradoxical. God is a Trinity; Jesus is human and divine; the last will be first. But not everything in the life of faith is a mystery. Take poverty. It's where Jesus said we'd always see him face to face. Poverty's roots are well understood: malnutrition, limited healthcare, unsafe housing, dangerous work conditions, unequal access to justice, and no political voice. In founding today's Poverty Eradication Day, French priest Joseph Wresinski dared us to rewrite these terms of modern civilization. Pray the Rosary's Sorrowful Mysteries and commit to undercutting poverty's roots. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 (146). "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."*

Monday, Oct 18 FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST First in line for Marian devotion

As the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke the Evangelist penned over a quarter of the New Testament—more than anyone else. The Virgin Mary has a special place in his gospel—it is only here that we find the story of the Annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth, the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple, and the finding of the child Jesus preaching in the temple. In art, Luke is sometimes depicted painting images of Mary (and he is the patron saint of painters). Revisit the richness of what we know about Mary thanks to Luke by giving his gospel another good read. TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."*

Tuesday, Oct 19 MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Learn the language of God's love

In 1642, Jesuit missionary John de Brébeuf penned "The Huron Carol." Drawing from the experience of indigenous Americans, it lauds a babe born into modest means—wrapped in a "ragged robe of rabbit skin." Instead of shepherds and Magi, Native American hunters and chiefs arrive to pay homage to "Jesus, your King." While the famous Canadian carol comes under some cultural scrutiny in modern times, it also gets credit for preserving the Huron/Wendat language it was written in. Mostly, it reminds us to speak other people's languages—figuratively, if not literally—when sharing the Good News. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more."*

Wednesday, Oct 20 MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST Need some passion in your life?

"Passion" is a fiery word with various meanings, from an intense love relationship to an activity that we give our all to. Christians also have a unique understanding of "passion" as the suffering and death of Jesus. Saint Paul of the Cross was so fired up by this that he founded a religious community dedicated to the Passion of Jesus. But wait a minute, how did we get from intense love to suffering? Paul makes the connection for us—the Passion is about Jesus' great love, a love so great that he was willing to suffer and die for us. Take a moment to reflect anew what you live—or would die—passionately for. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "But thanks be to God that . . . you have become obedient from the heart."*

Thursday, Oct 21 God at work

Summer vacations are now a faded memory as workplaces and schools operate at full swing. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of seeing work as more than a necessity and duty. Through work we transform nature—a creative act, just as God's ongoing creation of the world is a creative act. A job that contributes to well-being can also be a path toward personal fulfillment. Whatever your work involves today, offer it up to God and take note of how God is able to work through you. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"*

Friday, Oct 22 MEMORIAL OF JOHN PAUL II, POPE Reasonable faith

In this era of "alternative facts," it is challenging to find the truth. Saint John Paul II gave us good counsel on seeking truth. In the encyclical letter *Fides et Ratio* ("Faith and Reason") he wrote, ". . . believers do not surrender. They can continue on their way to the truth because they are certain that God has created them 'explorers,' whose mission it is to leave no stone unturned, though the temptation to doubt is always there. Leaning on God, they continue to reach out, always and everywhere, for all that is beautiful, good and true." How might you be an "explorer" in situations where truth is difficult to find? TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"*

Saturday, Oct 23 MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST You get as good as you give

Jesus, his disciples, and the early evangelists were all clear about one thing: "the wages of sin is death." Beyond physical death, the selfishness of sin cuts off our relationship with God and the opportunity for true peace and joy. Paying attention to the needs of others as well as yourself keeps us alive in Christ. Study after study shows that happiness comes from social connectedness and a spirit of generosity. Franciscan Saint John Capistrano says of the faithful: "The brightness of their wisdom must make them like the light of the world that brings light to others." Ponder the ways that you can acquire wisdom to share with others. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9 (478). "The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the spirit is life and peace."*





St. Margaret of Scotland
CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Prepaid Orders ONLY ~Deadline for orders Nov 4th.

**Pickup orders on Saturday, November 20th
PARISH CENTER ~ 9:00 to 10:30 am**

**Return form below with your check by Nov. 4th made payable to:
St. Margaret of Scotland. ~ Please print neatly.**

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Name: _____.

Address: _____.

Phone: _____.

Wreaths	_____	X \$25 = \$	_____
Grave Blankets	_____	X \$45 = \$	_____
Kissing Balls	_____	X \$35 = \$	_____

Total \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **All Above are Decorated**

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.



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.

