

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 :

May we learn to trust in Jesus fully and remember that the blind man's faith helped him regain his sight.



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	5,735	157
Mailed Envelopes	4,230	60
Total Collection	\$9,965	217

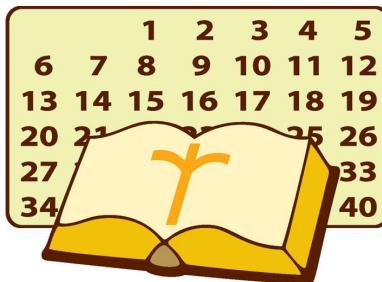
Readings for Next Sunday

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Dn 12: 1-3

Second ReadingHeb 10: 11-14, 18

Gospel.....Mk 13: 24-32



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:

Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am – 1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

Masses for the Week

Monday - November 8th

All Souls' Novena

Tuesday - November 9th

All Souls' Novena

Wednesday-November 10th

All Souls' Novena

Thursday, - November 11th

Michael Harrington

Friday - November 12th

Christine Lazarou Lawson

Saturday - November 13th

5^{pm}

Joseph De Silvestri

Ciro Porricelli

Sunday – November 14th

8^{am}

Special Intentions Jessica Beljour

Special Intentions Msgr. Batule

10^{am}

Nancy & Joseph Maresca

Special Intentions Tyler Beljour

12^{pm}

For All St. Margaret Parishioners

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

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 Wowk	Natasha Roucoulet
James Reynolds Jr.	John Reynolds
Eileen O'Sullivan	Joseph Laria
Joseph De Aguiar	Kathy Micheli
Eppie Larke	

Babies Aubrey & Greyson

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.

Years ago, a community leader who also headed up a local Girl Scout troop, approached me about having something for Veterans' Day. I liked her idea and suggested that Mass be celebrated in the evening in the church. She wanted the Girl Scouts under her tutelage – among whom was her own daughter – to honor the men and women who served our nation in the armed forces and I was in complete agreement.

On November 11th, the Church's liturgy honors the memory of Saint Martin of Tours. He lived in the fourth century in France and started out as a soldier. He was a convert to Christianity at the age of eighteen, was later ordained a priest and then consecrated the Bishop of Tours. He is also the patron saint of soldiers.

Early in his life, Martin knew what it meant to serve, to take up arms and defend the innocent and repel the force of evil. He also knew later in his life the importance of preaching the word of God, celebrating the Mass and the other sacraments, and shepherding the portion of the Body of Christ under his pastoral care. It seems, by the chronology of his life anyway, that it was two different vocations to which Martin responded. Both, it appeared, not having much to do with the other.

It would be a mistake though to draw the conclusion that being a soldier and being a Christian are incompatible. In Saint Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist is asked by the soldiers, "... what is it that we should do?" (Lk 3:14) The precursor of the Messiah answers: "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." (Lk 3:14) Nothing Jesus ever said in His ministry took exception to what John said on this topic. John never asked soldiers to give up their soldiering, and neither did Jesus.

Now it is true that in the early days of Christianity, before it was legally recognized in the Roman Empire, newly baptized Christians were instructed not to take up soldiering. It would have been a proscribed profession if you will. But the reason for this exclusion was that soldiers were expected to offer incense to the gods while in the army – in clear opposition to the teaching of the Decalogue which states: "You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:3) But when soldiering did not require idolatry, as latter Roman history attests it did not, the prohibition against serving in the military was lifted.

Later on, especially through the writings of Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas, the Church developed what we call the just war tradition which remains valid today. When certain conditions are met, countries may meet force with force. At the same time, individual citizens who refuse to bear arms and become conscientious objectors may serve in other non-martial ways. The Second Vatican Council refers to those who serve in the armed forces as custodians of the peace.

Back to Saint Martin of Tours. His conversion to Christianity was not a repudiation of his first calling – even if it was markedly different from his call to holy orders. Chaplains embody the dual but not intrinsically opposed vocations. A few chaplains such as Fr. Kapaun (d. 1951) and Fr. Capodanno (d. 1967) were exceptional in the vocation which is within a vocation. Both were Medal of Honor recipients posthumously (the former who served in the Korean War and the latter who served in the Vietnam War) and both have had their cause for canonization introduced. Heroes on the battlefield and exemplars of Christian holiness, they both were.

In this month of November, we honor saints and soldiers. It reminds us of the hymn *For All the Saints*, especially the verses which read: *Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight; Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.* That Light, of course, is Christ. We are lights of His by the vocations we live nobly and honorably.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Installation Mass for Msgr. Batule

When a priest is assigned as Pastor of a parish, he is asked to have a Mass of Installation. This is a public acknowledgment of his willingness to accept the needed responsibilities and of his parishioners' willingness to welcome him and assist him in those tasks.

Msgr. Batule's Installation will be on Sunday, November 14th at the 12 noon Mass.

Fr. Patrick Reigger, the Dean of our No. Brookhaven Deanery, will be part of the ceremony.

All are invited to come. Light refreshments will follow in the auditorium.

Welcome Father Patrick!

I am Rev. Fr. Patrick Abu-Bonsra first born of a family with a brother Francis and a sister Gifty and my mother Agatha. I am from Ghana in West Africa and from the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong. I was ordained in August of 2012. I worked as an associate pastor at St. Mary Sanctuary for 3 years. I was then pastor and director for St. Francis Xavier Rectorate and The Holy Rosary Grotto for 6 years before coming to St. Margaret of Scotland.

I love to visit the sick and home bound, praying and devotions to our Lady and the Saints and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I am happy to be among this wonderful family of St. Margaret of Scotland and ready to build the love and bond of a parish family.

Fr. Patrick ~ by God's grace we live!

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. 8th ~ 6 - 7 PM in the Church

Angels must be 4 years and older.

Rehearsals ~ 6 - 7 PM in the Church. ~ Nov. 12, 16, 19 (6:30), 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.

Our Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland gives Congratulations & Thanks to

Deacon Bill Kogler on his 40th Diaconate Anniversary

Sunday, November 21st after the 12 noon Mass

Deadline to respond ~ November 15th



First come first served ~ Limited Seating Light lunch to be served.

We ask that you fill out the form below and indicate the number attending.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ # of Persons in your party. _____

PLEASE notify the office of any updates or changes by NOVEMBER 15th.

You may drop the form off at the Parish Center during hours, place in the collection basket or mail to us to arrive by November 15th. Any questions or concerns, please call the office at 631-732-3131 x133.

Parish Social Ministry



THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Dinners will be distributed the week of Nov. 15th



St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Please choose items off of our wish list & bring them into the Parish Center during office hours or put in the box in the back of the church. Thank You!
(PLEASE-NO PERISHABLES IN CHURCH!)

Turkey (or voucher)	Corn muffin mix	Canned Fruit
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Cranberry Sauce	Stuffing
Canned Vegetables	Applesauce	Coffee / Tea
Jars of Apple Juice	Shelf Stable Milk	Package Gravy



Knights of Columbus Food Drive 2021 ~ Thank you to all who donated!

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Come and sing! Rehearsals for our Children's Chorus in the Parish Center on Saturdays beginning in November. All boys and girls (from 2nd grade and above) are invited to come and sing. Contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 / comatwins@optonline.net for information



"Holiday Visit to Calverton National Cemetery

Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown is offering a **free bus trip** to the cemetery on **Wednesday, December 1st**.

8:15 AM - Depart from Branch FH, 190 E. Main St., Smithtown

8:30 AM - Depart from Smithtown Senior Center, 420 Middle Country, Smithtown

The Bus will make stops at both locations on return. Please arrive 15 minutes before bus departure.

9:30 AM - Arrive at Calverton ~ **1:30 PM** Leave Calverton **Must reserve a seat.**

Call Branch FH at 631-724-9500 by Thursday, November 21st.

Coffee, cookies, pizza & cold drinks will be served on the return trip. The bus does have a lavatory.



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/>.



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.

Catholic Gifts

Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine, 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. Hours 10-4 weekdays & 10-5 Sat./ Sun. They carry a large variety of religious articles. **OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG**

Sunday, Nov 07, 2021 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A joyous calling

When we hear the word "vocation," the first thing that may come to mind is "sacrifice." Doesn't it imply God is asking us to give up something precious—like the rest of our lives and our freedom? No wonder we run from the idea whenever it surfaces! But if you ask a priest or religious sister or brother about what vocation means to them, words frequently uttered include *joy*, *meaning*, and *peace*. Listen to some who answered their inner longing speak of their joy, and pray for vocations this National Vocation Awareness Week. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 (155)*. "[This widow], from her poverty, has contributed all she had."

Monday, Nov 08 Mary, all the way

Nuestra Señora de los Treinta y Tres, or Our Lady of the Thirty-Three, also known as the Liberator of Uruguay, is the patron of that country. The image of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary was venerated by a group of 33 revolutionaries whose actions led to the founding of modern Uruguay, and there are still pilgrimages every November to the cathedral where this image is enshrined. Mary helps all of us along the way, on the pilgrimage of life, to the liberation of her son. Honor her on her feast day today by offering prayers of praise to the one who set us free from sin. TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 (491)*. "If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him."

Tuesday, Nov 09 FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA We gather together

Saint Paul says we're each a temple of the Holy Spirit. Saint Peter calls us the "living stones" of the church. But having a physical place to gather and worship is of practical importance, too; it's where we forge the bonds of Christian community and celebrate Christ's Incarnation. And so, after Emperor Constantine's edict in 313—allowing persecuted Christians to come out of hiding and be public in their practice—it's significant that he gifted a young church with the Lateran properties. How can you help your own parish maintain Christian community, knowing COVID has kept many from physically gathering? TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671)*. "No one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ."

Wednesday, Nov 10 MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Follow the good doctor's advice

The Latin word "doctor" means teacher, and so we have a number of them within the church to whom we look for inspiration and guidance on matters of significance of faith and belief. Leo the Great, whose feast we celebrate today, is one of those "doctors" whose teachings have helped form the foundation upon which we stand today as Catholic Christians. In Saint Leo's case, it was his defense of the doctrine of Christ's Incarnation—that Jesus is fully human and fully divine—that won him fame as a stalwart of the faith. Honor Leo by living fully the divine love showered upon you. TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (493)*. "Authority was given you by the Lord and sovereignty by the Most High, who shall probe your works and scrutinize your counsels."

Thursday, Nov 11 MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP Give us wisdom to confront and ease poverty

Saint Martin of Tours, today's saint, is famous for tearing his cloak in two to give half to a beggar. With poverty entrenched in our world, knowing how to overcome it ourselves or how to help those who are afflicted is a constant. Perhaps the Wisdom of God, uplifted in the first reading for today, can give guidance. In the footsteps of Saint Martin, we Christians turn to "Wisdom a spirit intelligent, holy, unique" to respond to the many kinds of pain inflicted by poverty. TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25 (494)*. "For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

Friday, Nov 12 MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR Don't let passion trump compassion

Saint Josaphat, Basilian monk and church reformer, born around 1580, worked to consolidate the Eastern and Western Christian Churches and was part of the "uniat" camp in Lithuania that supported union with Rome. Try as he might, Josaphat couldn't persuade all of his compatriots of the value of a unified Catholic Church, and his detractors claimed he had "gone Latin." Those against the union eventually stormed the bishop's residence and murdered him. Passions run deep when it comes to religion and politics, but, like Josaphat, never lose sight of the ultimate commandment for Christians: to love neighbor, friend, and enemy alike. TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495)*. "If they so far succeeded in knowledge that they could speculate about the world, how did they not more quickly find its Lord?"

Saturday, Nov 13 MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, FOUNDER Celebrate a saint for immigrants

As we wrap up National Vocation Awareness Week, we celebrate one of the truly great American vocations of the 20th century, Frances Xavier Cabrini. Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be made a saint. She came to the United States from Italy in 1889 to help the flood of immigrants coming to America. Starting with nothing, she founded schools, orphanages, and hospitals to provide support for her fellow immigrants. In her spirit, reach out to immigrants in need—documented or otherwise—they are everywhere to be found these days. TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 (496)*. "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"



thank fall

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IN MEMORY OF RICHIE BEAUCHAMP



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

2:00PM – 8:00PM

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Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

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