

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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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



February 6, 2022

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Monday through Thursday ~ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

The fishermen did as Jesus commanded and were surprised at the miracle they had witnessed. May we listen to and trust in Jesus, so that we may see His good works in our lives.

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.

Christmas Collection 2021

Stewardship Envelopes
\$25,037 (Up 14.7%) 328

Christmas Collection 2020

Stewardship Envelopes
\$21,360.00 275

Christmas Flower Collection ~ \$3936.00

January 30 / 31

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	1,700	33
Mailed Envelopes	2,509	44
Total Collection	\$4,209	77

Readings for Next Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Jer 17: 5-8
Second Reading1 Cor 15:12, 49-20
Gospel.....Lk 6:17, 20-26

For the week of Feb. 6th Altar Bread & Wine in Memory of



**Amy Grace
Quaranta**

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 - February 7th

Jose Vallejos Granda

Tuesday - February 8th

Joseph, Anne & George Prementine

Wednesday - February 9th

John Schlageter

Thursday - February 10th

Friday - February 11th

Saturday - February 12th

5^{pm}

For All St. Margaret Parishioners

Sunday - February 13th

8^{am}

Thomas O'Donnell

Irena Malinowska

10^{am}

John Caffrey

12^{pm}

Joseph De Masi & Roseanne Schuck
Gloria Ferraro & Virginia Fleming

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

Rev. Chris Aridas	Marilyn Vacchio
Kathy Micheli	John Roucoulet
Logan Baar	Joseph Dulovic
John & Patricia Fiscina	Terri Persina
Estelle Beauchamp	Alyssa Baisch
Eppie Larke	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 De Aguiar	Joseph Laria

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.*

When I started these columns on parish finances two weeks ago, I covered the subject of Mass attendance first. I would like to begin with this topic now as I finish up this series. I wish to emphasize therefore that **parish finances are healthiest when Catholics attend Mass regularly**. This point may be obvious but it underscores how devotion to the faith is connected to fiscal strength. Those who come to church are more likely to support the parish financially than are those who do not come to church regularly.

So, let me urge all Saint Margaret parishioners to heed the commandment to keep holy the sabbath and come to church on Sundays (or on Saturday evenings) and Holy Days of Obligation. Holiness and stewardship go together. When we practice the former, we attend to the latter **at the same time**.

Church-going is related to discernment. By discernment, I mean our faith bids us to decide things in life by the criterion of faith. In other words, we decide things according to a well-formed conscience. In my first column, I used the expression **generous sacrificial giving**. I return to it now because generosity is integrally related to faith. Faith-filled people are generous because the Lord is first generous with them. He has given us life, talents and grace. We show our gratitude to the Lord for His blessings by generously using what He has conferred upon us. God did not spare His Son; rather, He gave the Son to us lest we perish and die. Eternal life, we know, comes to us at a cost – the cost being a life. By sacrificing Himself on the Cross for us, Jesus teaches that true love cannot be shown without sacrifice.

We exercise generosity and sacrifice in that to which we give the treasure portion of our stewardship. That **generous sacrificial giving** is made manifest in writing out a check, placing it in an offering envelope which comes to my home, and then placing that same envelope in a basket which comes to me in God's home – the church. That solemn act of **generous sacrificial giving** honors what God has done for me in the gift of His Incarnate Son.

If you are unable to be present for Mass on a weekend, if you are ill, for instance, or if you happen to be away on vacation – whenever you are prevented from worshipping with us, please send your **weekly offering** in the regular mail or electronically. The bulletin offers details on how to contribute to Saint Margaret electronically. A fair number of parishioners already supports our parish this way. Join those who give of themselves even if they cannot be present in the pew for a good reason.

With all of the attention on how to give up to this point, let me say a few words here at the end about what we need as a parish. You may have seen over the last few weeks in the bulletin that the weekend collection has come in at \$11,000.00 or so. May I ask that we seek to raise that total figure about a thousand dollars more **each weekend up to 12,000.00**. The method for doing so I outlined in my column last weekend. Recall how I used the categories: under \$10.00; between \$10.00 and \$25.00; over \$25.00 and up to \$49.00 and \$50.00 and higher. We can get to \$12,000.00 if enough parishioners take a step – a step being an increase within a category **or** a jump to the next category. I ask that you consider my request prayerfully and act accordingly. Thank you.

I will give further updates in the weeks and months to come through the bulletin. As always, I am grateful for the trust you show in supporting Saint Margaret. Let us seek to do more financially that we may continue to be faithful to the mission we have in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

A few things from the Pastor

As you know, there are a number of weekends every year where there is a **second collection** taken up at Mass. The **second collection** is a **requirement** for every parish in the diocese. It is taken up immediately after the first collection, which is always for the Parish of Saint Margaret. Your envelope packet every month or so tells you the date when the **second collection** is taken up.

I received a call from an Officer at Suffolk's Sixth Precinct. She was inquiring if we would be interested in an Officer coming to Saint Margaret to talk to seniors on safety. If you are interested in attending a presentation here at Saint Margaret on this topic, kindly call the office at the parish center. If enough seniors are interested, we will schedule such a session.



Becoming a Catholic Christian & Completing your Confirmation ~ RCIA

Do you know a friend or family member who has expressed a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith? Is there someone who has mentioned to you that they are thinking about becoming a Catholic and does not know how to proceed? Are you someone who is reading this yourself and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith?

If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes," then you are invited to continue your exploration with the members of our RCIA team. RCIA stands for **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

The first stage is called "Inquiry," a time to ask questions and receive answers without any pressure to make a decision. The goal is to help adults move toward a commitment to the Lord and full participation in the Catholic community at their pace. It is meant specifically for adults who are seeking Baptism, or those who have been baptized but have not received **Confirmation or Eucharist**. For more information, please call the Parish Center (631-732-3131 x 133).



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www.CFNtv.org

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at www.CFNespanol.org



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"! 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/>.



Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



Calling all Catholic Boys and Girls

The Bishop's Crew for Suffolk County, Diocese of Rockville Centre, is looking for motivated young men and women, ages 14 - 20 to join us. We are a county wide unit chartered by the Diocese. In addition to venturing activities, we provide support to the Catholic Committee on Scouting's religious emblems programs, retreats and events. This is a great opportunity for Catholic youth to make friends, have fun, learn new skills, earn recognition, perform community service to the church and community, earn recognitions and scholarship opportunities. We are open to all Catholic youth, ages 14 - 20. Previous scouting experience is not required! Current scouts can join while remaining in their current unit. To join us or learn more, contact Suffolk CCOS Chairman and Crew Advisor, Al Rodriguez at suffolkccos@aol.com

Give from the heart

February is American Heart Month.

**DONATIONS
SAVE LIVES**



BLOOD DRIVE

In Memory of Richard Beauchamp

St. Margaret of Scotland

Wednesday, February 23



3:00pm – 7:30pm

81 College Rd., Selden – Auditorium



All donors will receive a McDonald's voucher!

**Appointments are strongly preferred- Scan the QR code
above or call 1-800-933-2566/ visit www.nybc.org**

Any further questions contact Kristen at KReutter@nybc.org

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Masks are required for all donors regardless of vaccination status. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.



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Sunday, Feb 06, 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dreams for my family

Today is the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. It recalls Pope Francis' encouragement of a family feeling among us all: "We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together . . . Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh" (Fratelli Tutti, 8). Pray for unity in families, society, and church. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 (75)*. "I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you . . . and in which you also stand."

Monday, Feb 07 And you visited me

Most of us probably thought (and hoped and prayed) the pandemic would be over by now, but COVID-19 is sticking around in 2022. As weary as we all are of it, we need each other as much as ever for support. Look no further than the corporal and spiritual works of mercy for guidance on helping others in ways that are safe and particularly useful right now. Visit the sick—if not literally, by grocery shopping or cooking for someone ill, or by reaching out to exhausted healthcare workers you know. Need tips on the other works specific to our times? Visit the Catholic bishops' resource page, "The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic." TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 (329)*. "They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was."

Tuesday, Feb 08 MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA Time to stop traffic

Each year, the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking falls on this day—the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, F.D.C.C. In 1877, while still a young girl, Bakhita was kidnapped from her Sudanese village and sold—many times over—as a slave. She was brutalized for 12 years, her body a bundle of scars from being whipped and tortured. But human trafficking isn't just a problem from long ago, happening only in faraway places. Today, the United States remains one of the world's top three trafficked nations. Pray for—and learn more about—trafficking victims by visiting sistersagainstrafficking.org. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 (330)*. "Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O Lord."

Wednesday, Feb 09 Be a truly "catholic" Christian

In our daily lives as Catholics, it's easy to forget that we are members of a big church. Most of us are members of the Latin Church, which is the largest of the two dozen churches that make up the Catholic Church. The other 23 are Eastern churches. They use different liturgies, and some were established during the earliest times in church history. The Ethiopian Catholic Church, for example, uses the ancient Ge'ez liturgy—one of the oldest in existence—and can be traced back to the missionary work of Saint Mark the Apostle. Today, remember that the Catholic Church is truly universal! TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 (331)*. "The queen of Sheba, having heard of Solomon's fame, came to test him with subtle questions."

Thursday, Feb 10 MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA The truth behind the tradition continues

Tradition says that Scholastica, today's saint, had significant influence on her twin, Saint Benedict of Nursia, who codified the monastic way of life with his famous Rule. The lack of documentation on Scholastica's life is curious, given her centrality in shaping Benedictine life. There are written accounts of her, but they are sparse. While the historical record is lean, clearly Benedictine women, of whom Scholastica is said to be the first, have achieved spiritual greatness, scholarship, and leadership in their own right over the centuries and illuminated the faith for all of us. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 (332)*. "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter."

Friday, Feb 11 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES Release the power of your touch

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have suffered from a sense of isolation and alienation, this despite the myriad forms of modern communication from calls, to Zoom, to social media posts. Nothing is quite the same as the up close and personal—a handshake, a pat on the back, an embrace, or a kiss. Indeed, as many physicians, spiritual healers, and wisdom figures will tell you, humans not only need physical touch but it has healing benefits. Jesus puts a finger in a man's ear and rubs his own saliva into the man's mouth to cure him. Through his touch, Jesus gives part of himself to others. Perhaps that is the secret to all healing. Each of us giving of ourselves to help others. Pray to Our Lady of Lourdes for the opportunity to provide a healing touch to someone in need. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 (333)*. "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Saturday, Feb 12 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Seventh heaven

From ancient times, the number seven was seen as the number of spirituality, perhaps because of the "seven moving luminaries" visible to the naked eye (the Sun and Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn). There are many examples of the use of the number seven in both Testaments, from the seven days of creation in Genesis to the seven churches of Revelation. Catholicism celebrates seven sacraments, identifies seven deadly sins and seven virtues, seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and seven corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Today, the seventh day of the week, is a good day to reflect on the seven sorrows and seven joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 (334)*. "Then, taking the seven loaves he gave thanks."



Offertory Support through **ONLINE BILL PAY**

is the form of Electronic Giving we have been using in the parish. Your bank offers this service, sending money out of your bank account to whomever you wish. ONLINE BILL PAY services will print an actual check and mail it to St. Margaret of Scotland. Sending your regular Offertory support electronically will save you time and money. It is an easy way to continue your support of St Margaret of Scotland Parish during this difficult time. Your Bank **does not charge** a fee for this service. You have complete control of your funds, starting, stopping and changing at your will. We have no access to your accounts, receiving only what you wish. If you pay your bills this way currently, you know how easy it is.

**To set up sending your Offertory Support
all you need is:**

Your St. Margaret Account Number: (**Located on your stewardship envelope directly under the date**) (or call the Parish Center 631-732-3131 x0 for your number). Please make sure this number is listed under notations or in address.

St. Margaret's Mailing Address:

St. Margaret of Scotland Church
81 College Road
Selden, NY 11784

1. Visit your bank's website or call your bank for more information.
2. On your bank's website: Click on BILL PAY or Pay Bills: each bank may have a different name for bill pay service.
3. Click on "Set up NEW PAYEE": Complete all required fields.
4. Enter amount you will be remitting. Schedule payments for desired frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly: 52x, 26x, 12x).

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Come and sing! Rehearsals for our Children's Chorus in the Parish Center on Saturdays. 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



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 & the third Weds. of every month in Centereach from 9:30am to 1:30pm.*

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.



The 2022 Mass Book is open for you to have family members and friends remembered at the divine liturgy Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM and at all the weekend Masses. Please consider reserving a Mass intention for a deceased relative or friend at some point this year. Anniversaries of birth and death are common dates to choose. It is a most salutary gesture for it expresses a desire that we live with the Lord for all eternity. The parish center office is where you can arrange for Mass intentions during the week (Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).



Diocesan COVID Update:

"The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated."