

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



Ascension Thursday

Mass at 9:00 am & 7:30 pm

May 22, 2022

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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

Look back to Easter Sunday. From Easter Sunday till now, how have you grown in your faith? Ask the Holy Spirit to make you aware of certain areas of your life that need improvement.



Sacrificial Giving

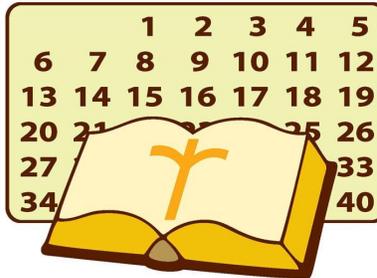
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

May 14 / 15

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	5,957	164
Mailed Envelopes	3,387	62
Total Collection	\$9,344	226

Readings for Next Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 7: 55-60
 Second Reading....Rv 22: 12-14,16-17,20
 Gospel.....Jn 17: 20-26



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 - May 23rd
 Special Intentions Msgr. Batule

Tuesday - May 24th
 Special Intentions Angel Guadalupe Diaz-Ximello

Wednesday - May 25th
 Special Intentions Anna Z., Magnolia & Baby Oliver

Ascension Thursday - May 26th
 9^{am} Elinor Finegan
 7:30^{pm} Spec. Intentions Jessica Beljour

Friday - May 27th
 Special Intentions Anna Z. & Isabella

Saturday - May 28th
 Karimierz & Regina Chrzanowski
 Jozet Matuszewski

Sunday - May 29th
 8^{am}
 Rev. Chris Aridas
 Col. Roberto A. DePeralta
 10^{am}
 Dolores A. Ernst
 Special Intentions Tyler Beljour
 12^{pm}

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

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



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| Patricia Fiscina | Marilyn Vacchio |
| Kathy Micheli | John Roucoulet |
| Logan Baar | Joseph Dulovic |
| Joseph Laria | 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 | Joseph De Aguiar |
| 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 |
| Scott Spencer | Ray Klyn |
| Sal Restivo | |

- Babies Aubrey & Greyson
 Marie & Tony Caruana
 Veronica Sheridan-Cox
 Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
 James & Catherine Reynolds
 Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri
 Christina Muller & Baby

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.

Looking ahead at our liturgical calendar, we still have two weeks before we close out the Easter Season. That would be on June 5th when we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. Without getting ahead of ourselves too much, I am looking at two weeks after Pentecost. That would be June 19th. The third Sunday of June is also Father's Day. Liturgically, though, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on that day. In anticipation of Corpus Christi Sunday, I am going to offer some remarks now on the Holy Eucharist.

As our bulletin has indicated, we will have a Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi Sunday following the 12 noon Mass. The aim of my remarks now is to consider some of the history of our theology of the Holy Eucharist. This gives us an opportunity to prepare as well as we can for one of the highlights of our liturgical year.

The fathers of the Second Vatican Council took up a consideration of the Eucharist in *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (1963). There they mention that there are various types of Christ's presence to us. Christ, they say, is present to us in the priest, in the word of God, when the Church prays and sings and in the Eucharistic species. (7) Regarding this fourth presence, the council fathers include in the text the modifying word "especially." Christ is "especially" present to us in His Body and Blood.

Within two years, the Pope at the time, Paul VI (now Pope Saint Paul VI), issued an encyclical entitled *Mysterium Fidei* (1965). In it, he writes "these various ways in which Christ is present fill the mind with astonishment and offer the Church a mystery for her contemplation." (38) The pontiff continues, referring to the fourth presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species, calling it "a way that surpasses all the others." (38) We have traditionally regarded this presence of the Lord as a Real Presence. The Pope identifies the Real Presence as the "presence par excellence." (38)

The vast majority of us were introduced to the Real Presence of Christ when we received Holy Communion for the first time. Our parents and teachers taught us that what we are receiving was not bread and wine, a mere reminder of what Jesus did at the Last Supper. No, we were receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus *under the appearance* of bread and wine. What looks like bread and wine is really, truly and substantially Christ, the eternal Son of God. That's what we understand the Holy Eucharist to be and we consider this truth a dogma of faith.

In the 13th century, Pope Urban IV instituted the liturgical feast of Corpus Christ to highlight the teaching of Jesus and His Church that Christ is the Bread come down from heaven (cf. Jn 6:33) and that the Lord's flesh is true food and His blood is true drink. (cf. Jn 6:55) And by eating the Lord's Body and drinking His Blood, we remain in Him and He remains in us. (cf. Jn 6:56)

Twenty-five years ago, the Gallup Polling Company surveyed American Catholics concerning their beliefs about the Holy Eucharist. The results were far from edifying. Not even 30 percent of the respondents then held the Catholic position on the meaning of the Eucharist. Similar polling results were replicated just within the last few years. It is troubling to say the least that what the Church confesses about the Holy Eucharist is so poorly reflected in the beliefs of individual Catholics.

We need to do a much better job at catechesis, obviously. We are fortunate, though, that our liturgical rites in themselves are educative, that is, not only do they bring us into deeper communion with God, but they also teach at the same time. And thus a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament imparts the lesson that the Lord is with us always – just as He promised. (cf. Matt 28:20) We have not been left alone. We have in our company still the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. What a great delight this is!

Thus, I invite you to clear your schedules on June 19th and plan to be with us for the 12 noon Mass. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament on church property immediately following the Mass. It promises to be a beautiful occasion. Don't miss it!

Continue to follow the bulletin in the meantime for more details.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Rosary Night

Tuesday, May 24th ~ 7:00 PM in the church

Honor our Blessed Mother Mary with the praying of the rosary, led by Fr. Patrick
**Bring an extra set of rosaries you would like to donate to a future communicant, RCIA candidate or
in honor of a deceased family member.**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Heart of the Island, Council 7262



Bishop Andrzej's Easter Reflection

The Road to Emmaus

"... and it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them..."



Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:30 pm; Via ZOOM

You are invited to join Bishop Andrzej for his
Easter Evening of Reflection,
as we continue our Synodal Journey together,

Communion * Participation * Evangelization

Please call 516-744-6850 or email
westernvicariate@drvc.org to register.

From the Pastor's Desk

Next month, on the 19th, which is also Father's Day, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**.

Following the 12 noon Mass, there will be an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament on our property. It will conclude with Benediction in the church. Please follow the bulletin over the next few weeks for more details.

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00 PM. The Holy Hour will close at 8:00 PM. All are invited to join us for this time of prayer.

We express our appreciation to Henryk and Margaret Chelminski for the gift of the **Divine Mercy** image to the Parish of Saint Margaret and appreciation also to Frank and Eileen Durante for the framing construction and mounting of the picture. It was used at our observance of **Divine Mercy** on April 24th this year. We will have the **Divine Mercy** devotion next year too.



On June 19th, when the Church marks the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 12 noon Mass.

Msgr. Batule ~ Pastor

Catholic Communications

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!

Sunday, June 12th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM

Mass ~ 2:30 PM

Lector Gathering

There will be a meeting of all current **Lectors** on Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 PM in the church. If you have been serving Mass the last year, you are requested to attend. The meeting will not last more than one hour.



Baptisms

Mila Kennedy Cavallero

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1TH

7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Church

Adoration is the highest act of worship. By sitting quietly before His presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we offer to God what is most personal and pleasing – our time and our hearts. This allows our gracious God to draw us lovingly to Himself. By joining our adoration to prayer and praise, we celebrate that we are the Body of Christ. Come experience the beauty of this holy exchange heart to heart.



Sunday, May 22, 2022 How to find the missing peace

The first step to peace is to ensure the hungry are fed. This requires that workers are fairly compensated. Labor priest George G. Higgins, who died on this day in 2002, recognized a vital connection between workers' unions and Catholic social teaching. He actively supported Cesar Chavez in arbitrating for farm workers. Higgins also advocated for the United Auto Workers and Kentucky coal miners. Higgins acknowledged that, "All members of the white community and especially those of us who have benefited most from the system are responsible, in varying degrees, for the tragic plight of black Americans." Learn about the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29 (57)*. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Monday, May 23 Here comes everybody

We hear a lot about "inclusion" these days—in our schools, workplaces, churches, and communities at large. For Christians, inclusion isn't just a buzzword—it's at the heart of our faith. Jesus didn't just include the marginalized, he put them front and center. Saint Paul emphasized repeatedly that we are one in Christ. The very word catholic means "universal." And yet, humanity has never been more rife with division—from the world stage down to our own families. How can we strive to overcome differences? To respect the dignity of every person? To celebrate diversity while living in solidarity? Everyone belongs. Let's commit to that much, at least. EASTER WEEKDAY ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291)*. "The hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God."

Tuesday, May 24 Our Lady of Sheshan, pray for us

Today marks the World Day of Prayer for the Church in China, established in 2007 by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Benedict's original proclamation included pastoral guidelines for a church that had been driven underground by years of Communist rule, plagued with complicated issues relating to the separation of church and state. One year later, the pontiff penned a special prayer for today, seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Sheshan—the Chinese equivalent of "Mary, Help of Christians," whose feast is also today. Use Benedict's prayer as you ask God to guide and further bless China's embattled Catholic community. EASTER WEEKDAY ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292)*. "His household rejoiced at having come to faith in God."

Wednesday, May 25 This little light

The life of a mystic may seem romantic and exciting, with ecstatic visions and union with God at your fingertips. The reality is something else, as the life of Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, 16th-century Carmelite mystic from Italy, attests. It was truly a tale of agony and ecstasy. After a period of visions, at the tender age of 19 she experienced five long years of desolation. She referred to her heart as a pitch-dark room with only a feeble light shining that only made the darkness deeper. Thankfully her trials ended in 1590 with mystical union once again. Though perhaps not so dramatic, trials of one sort or another visit all of us. Hold onto the feeble light if that is all you see at the moment. Have faith that it will brighten. MEMORIAL OF MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, CARMELITE MYSTIC TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293)*. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

Thursday, May 26 Save me a seat

The epic movie version of the Ascension, today's feast, is exciting to imagine: Christ floating upward, astonished disciples gaping, full orchestra swelling as the Earth becomes a blue ball below Jesus. However it happened, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says the point is that "Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain." He is there, says the catechism, preparing a place for us. The mystics tell us that we don't have to wait for death for that place next to Jesus; we can go there in prayer. Now that's epic! SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53 (58)*. "As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."

Friday, May 27 Be a voice in the wilderness

Nobody ever sets out to be a prophet. And why would they? Scripture and history have both taught us that prophets are often treated poorly because people don't want to hear their message, especially when it calls them to change their ways. Prophets in scripture were people called to speak on behalf of God. Like prophets today, they called people and communities to be their best selves, to truly live as people of God and people for others. Today's prophets include folks like Pope Francis and Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. They may even include you. Search your own heart. How is God calling you? EASTER WEEKDAY ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:9-18; John 16: 20-23 (295)*. "Do not be afraid. Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you."

Saturday, May 28 Who do you say he is?

People of faith have been debating the precise nature of Jesus—fully human? fully divine? both?—since the earliest days of the church. It's understandable—after all, Jesus could not be contained by our existing categories. He broke the mold, with stunning insights, powerful works, and unlimited compassion. After centuries of debate, the church at the Council of Nicaea settled the question as best we mere mortals could manage, deciding that Jesus can only be understood as fully human and fully divine. How fortunate are we that he is both relatable and unsurpassable. Spend some time with him today; he is always available! EASTER WEEKDAY ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296)*. "I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

Parish Outreach



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.

We are in need of: Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Canned Fruit, Cookies, Snacks, & Oatmeal

A very special THANK YOU to all!

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 July 16-17, 2022.

Visit longisland.engagedencounter.com for information and registration.

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.



Prayers for our military

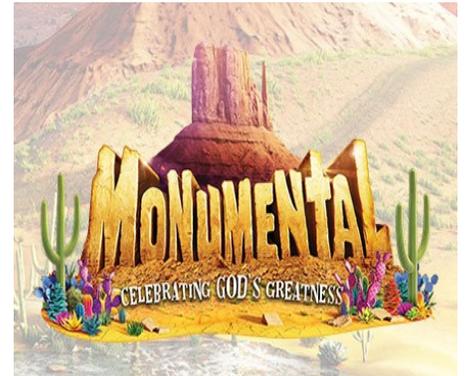
Jaime Ottenwalder, US Navy
Anthony Anglikowski, US Navy
Ivan Slawsky, US Army

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Adventure through God's Colorful Canyons!

JULY 11th - 15th
9:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Registration Open



4 yr. old & up — entering 6th grade.
Potty trained & have been separated from parent in the past.



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\$35 per child ~ \$70 for 2 children

\$ 90 three children or more

Register in the Parish Center

We are in need of adult volunteers. Please call to let us know if you're able to assist us. Must be VIRTUS certified (not sure, ask us). **Teen Helpers ~ 7th Grade & Up** Call 732-3131 x131