

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

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Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

The words above are taken from the Responsorial Psalm which we read or sing at Masses on the Solemnity of Pentecost. It is hard to think of a more appropriate refrain for this 50th day of Easter. I say appropriate because the Lord told the apostles on the eve of His death that the Holy Spirit would come to them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus said. (cf. Jn 14:26) Just as the Risen Lord had promised, the Holy Spirit did indeed come to these men in the form of tongues of fire (cf. Acts 2:3) as they waited expectantly in the upper room.

The Holy Spirit equipped the apostles for the mission given to them by Jesus: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt 28:19) That mission required of the apostles that they take up the preaching task in places where they would be harassed and persecuted and, ultimately, martyred for the faith. That work could never have been carried out by weak or cowardly men; no, only courageous men could have undertaken such a mission.

We need to keep this in mind as we reflect upon the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us today. We who have received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation continue to live in the Spirit, and that same Spirit has called us to holiness of life. Our vocations, discerned with the assistance of the Spirit, are the real-life responses we make to that call to holiness of life. Our vocations, in turn, present us with a wide array of choices – those that bring us into deeper union with Christ and those which drive us away from that union. We sift through these choices in our consciences, weighing what is good and virtuous and deciding through judgments of conscience to affirm the good and the virtuous. Well, that is what we ought to do. But it doesn't always happen that we affirm the good and the virtuous with our judgments of conscience.

We wind up negating the good and the virtuous. And not just infrequently, either. We know what we ought to do but we seem unable to “close the deal.” Why is that?

We are inhibited. We are paralyzed by fear. We are preoccupied with what others are going to think and say of us. We are loath to stand apart from the majority. We can't take and hold stands which are unpopular.

Courage is missing from personal profiles and we need to re-claim it lest there be a shriveling up of Christianity. And that would be no exaggeration. Really.

The spread of our faith depends upon witness, the kind of witness we find in the Acts of the Apostles. Consider the example of Saints Peter and Paul there. From the moment Jesus had risen from the dead, Peter's witness became bold and daring. Before that, he had deserted Jesus in the hour of His greatest need – on Good Friday. Paul, on the other hand, went from persecutor of the Way to ardent promoter of the Way.

The transformation of both men was epitomized in their courage, the very way they accepted hardship and suffering in their personal lives so that the Gospel could be proclaimed to all who would listen. The acceptance of personal hardship and suffering by Peter and Paul led eventually to their deaths – not in their beds, either. Their deaths came with the shedding of their blood, showing us in history how the Body is forever united to the Head's love for us in the Cross and in the Eucharist.

This Pentecost, we pray for a fresh outpouring of courage, that what happened to the apostles Peter and Paul might be reflected in our lives. For the Church urgently needs this witness, a witness which rises above the ennui too often found in the life of the Church now.

Let us therefore pray this day in the words cited above: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



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*"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
 - Pope Francis*

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From the Pastor's Desk

Adult Catholics – six of them – celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 12 noon Mass today. They have been preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit, receiving catechesis on important subjects related to our Catholic faith for five weeks. May the same Spirit keep them faithful to Christ and the Church the rest of their journey.



For those who may be wondering, we intend to repeat the sessions for adult Catholics who never celebrated Confirmation next year along with the catechesis for the Sacrament. In 2023, the bulletin will carry more information and details.

We continue to call attention to our observance of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 19th. Following the 12 noon Mass that day, we are planning to have an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament, underscoring our belief that Christ's Real Presence is in the Eucharist – when the Mass is celebrated and in the tabernacle. All are invited to join us for the occasion.

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.



Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!
Sunday, June 12th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM
Mass ~ 2:30 PM



Prayers for our military

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



Children's Bereavement Camp

Good Shepherd Hospice invites you to Bob Sweeney's Camp H.O.P.E. This FREE, professionally run one day camp is for children ages 5 to 17 who have experienced the death of an immediate family member. The camp will be held on Saturday July 16th at beautiful Camp Alvernia, Centerport, NY. Call for an application – (631) 828-7628

Heart of the Island Council- Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. Prospective members call Tom Piderit at 917-365-7546. .



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.



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Sunday, Jun 05, 2022

Embody your faith

Being church is a different identity than simply going to church. If we are truly the Body of Christ, then we embrace this identity with a sense of purpose. Saint Paul describes the church as a body with many parts that function for the sake of the whole. Some of us have obvious gifts like preaching, teaching, or offering a healing presence. Others may benefit from prayer, spiritual direction, faith sharing, or a discernment retreat to come to an awareness of the particular service to which we're called. Joy is in the discovery of the Spirit's personal invitation to you.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 (63). *"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord."*

Monday, Jun 06, 2022

You will not be orphaned

Although the devotion to Mary as "Mother of the Church" is ancient, today's memorial is relatively new—having been instituted in 2018 by Pope Francis when he decreed it will be celebrated annually on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday—to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church." Reflect on how you can "mother" the church—as well as your family and friends, your community and work place, and even yourself. You don't have to be or have a mother in the traditional sense to know how to offer loving care. Standing beneath the cross, said Francis, Mary "welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters"—that means you, too.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572a). *"He said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.'"*

Tuesday, Jun 07, 2022

Let go and let God

On this day in 1925, Blessed Matt Talbot—40 years sober—died enroute to Sunday Mass. Though Alcoholics Anonymous wouldn't exist for another 10 years, Talbot had already discerned the central truth of AA's Twelve Steps. "It's as hard to give up the drink as it is to raise the dead to life again," he said. "But both are possible and even easy for our Lord. We have only to depend on him." Talbot is the patron of those who struggle with alcohol addiction. Ask his intercession for yourself or another who needs to kick a harmful habit.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). *"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."*

Wednesday, Jun 08, 2022

Honor and emulate a trailblazer for racial justice

On this day in 1910, Father Stephen Theobald was ordained for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul-Minneapolis, the first black diocesan priest ordained on U.S. soil. Theobald was born in Guyana in 1874 and later worked as a journalist in Canada before being recruited to Minnesota by Archbishop John Ireland, a fierce racial justice advocate. For his entire priestly career, Theobald served at Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church in Saint Paul, the only black parish in the state. He also served in the local chapter of the NAACP, advocating tirelessly for black lives. May we all follow his lasting example of saying "Yes!" to God and "No!"

to injustice.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). *"Let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant."*

Thursday, Jun 09, 2022

Sing with the Syrian saint

Although you may never have heard of him, today's saint left a lasting imprint on the church. Ephrem of Syria (306-373) is known for his writing—primarily for works that battled heresies—but even more so for introducing singing as a form of worship and education. Known as the Harp of the Holy Spirit, he cleverly wrote lyrics that educated the faithful against false teaching. Syriac churches still sing hymns that originated with him. The next time a hymn moves you, say a prayer of thanksgiving to Saint Ephrem.

MEMORIAL OF EPHREM OF SYRIA, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). *"[B]e reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."*

Friday, Jun 10, 2022

Let's get our bearings

"Why are we here?" is an age-old question. As Dostoyevsky writes in *The Brothers Karamazov*: "The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something to live for." One might think that Christians have it easy because Jesus clearly spells out our purpose for living: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind . . . [and] you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39). But on a day-to-day basis in any given situation, it is not always obvious what the loving response is and whether we are prepared to offer it. That is where prayer comes in. It can provide just the right environment for hearing God's finest whispers leading to the path of love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32 (363).

"There was a tiny whispering sound. . . . A voice said to him, 'Elijah, why are you here?'"

Saturday, Jun 11, 2022

One, holy, catholic, apostolic

In our recitation of the Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass, we profess our belief in "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." Those four adjectives are called the four "marks" or "attributes" of the church. *One*, because despite the many divisions and denominations of Christianity all worship one God, one Spirit, and one Lord, Jesus Christ. *Holy*, because, like sacred objects, the church is set apart for God's purpose. *Catholic*, from the Greek word for "universal," because it is for all without excluding any group or class of people. *Apostolic*, because it arises out of the efforts of the apostles, both the original 12 and others, like today's saint, Barnabas, who were later named apostles. And like you and me, called today to embody these same attributes.

MEMORIAL OF BARNABAS, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:33-37 (580; Gospel 364). *"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Parish Outreach



K of C Food Drive



Thank you to everyone who contributed to St. Margaret's Spring Food Drive. The Knights were able to collect over 1,951 pounds of food to carry us through the summer months!



Thank you to **The Members of Decision Women in Commerce and Professions** for their generous donation of \$250.00 to be used to supplement our Food Pantry.

St. Patrick's Elementary School, Smithtown ~ Class of 80

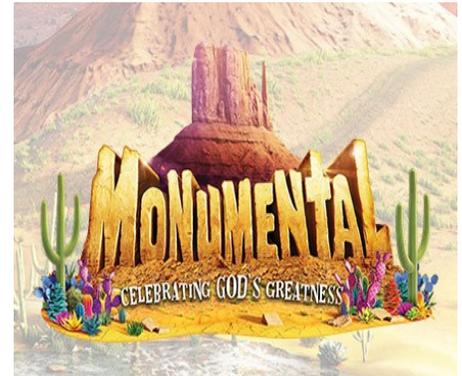
A 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, June 18th at the Smithtown Landing Country Club for all members of the class of 1980, and we are still looking for classmates. If you know anyone who might be interested in receiving more information about the reunion, please have them reach out to Lucy Rienzo Rogers (chitownlu@yahoo.com) or Tara Moore (taramja@gmail.com).

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