

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Celebration of the Eucharist

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Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

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With my column today, I would like to cover a few issues which are important by the calendar we keep – the one which tells us what is going on in society and the one which governs our worship as Catholics. And I start with the liturgical calendar.

The Gift of Finest Wheat: Every few years or so the Church holds what is known as a Eucharistic Congress somewhere. A Eucharistic Congress provides us with an opportunity to gather at some place to worship the Eucharistic Lord and hear presentations by Church leaders on the topic of the Holy Eucharist. It's usually a few days in length and the Pope attends or sends a representative.

Back in 1976, when the United States celebrated its bicentennial, an International Eucharistic Congress was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I know about it because I attended part of it. If my memory serves me correctly on this point, the hymn *Gift of Finest Wheat* was written for the occasion. We sing that hymn periodically a Mass, especially when the scriptural texts are related to the Holy Eucharist.

As you know, today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. I would just like to mention here a few of the words or phrases we sing in that hymn as a way of giving us a deeper appreciation for the Lord's Presence to us. "Come give to us O Saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat." We should think here of the Bread of Life Discourse in Saint John's Gospel (Chapter Six). Jesus proclaims Himself there to be the Bread of Life (cf. Jn 6:35). He goes on to say "whoever eats my flesh . . . has eternal life." (Jn 6:54) That means with every reception of Holy Communion, the pledge of eternal life is offered to me. Because who would ever want life to stop with death? Isn't there a desire in the deepest recesses of our hearts to want to live forever? This desire is not a pipedream because Christ's Way (cf. Jn 14:6) is the Resurrection. And Christ's Resurrection is embraced by all who are baptized in His Name. What happened to Jesus happens to us too. Imitation of Christ cannot stop with His earthly ministry. It definitely reaches beyond the here and now. The promise of Jesus is an everlasting one: For the "one who feeds on me will have life because of me." (Jn 6:57)

Later in the hymn, we sing: "To serve each other in Your Name in truth and charity." The Holy Eucharist impels us to go forth and serve on the model of Christ's service. Jesus being the Truth (cf. Jn 14:6), our service must be rendered in truth. Living the truth means abiding in charity, the perfection of love. Saint Paul in the New Testament calls living this way the "more excellent way." (1 Cor. 12:31) This is the good life. We should not therefore be taken in by other accounts of the good life; Christ has already revealed to us what the good life is. Let us endeavor to embrace it as He has shown us how to do that.

Father's Day: It is good for us to have this yearly remembrance. It reminds us of where we came from. We all have fathers who gave us life, physical life, which in turn opens us to the reality of divine life in God. Human fatherhood makes us think of the fatherhood of God which has been revealed to us by Jesus Himself.

It is good for us to have a Father God. It helps us to come to terms with the problems which may arise in human fatherhood. When we stop to consider the social problems that cause us so much difficulties today, behind many of them is a crisis of human fatherhood. Faith in Our Father affords us opportunities to own up to and address this crisis in deeply personal ways. May that faith ever be a rich source of consolation to those who need it.

Graduates: At this time of year, many young people are moving up to continue their formal education or completing that formal education. It's a good time to take stock of the victories won, the losses endured and the growth achieved. We are always learning, and not just in the classroom. We learn also through our worship and prayer. I take this opportunity to encourage our young people – at whatever their level of formal education – to come to church as your faith enjoins you to do. For us Catholics, that would be on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Going to church regularly is good for the soul which must be attended to just as other parts of bodies are. Don't neglect your soul!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

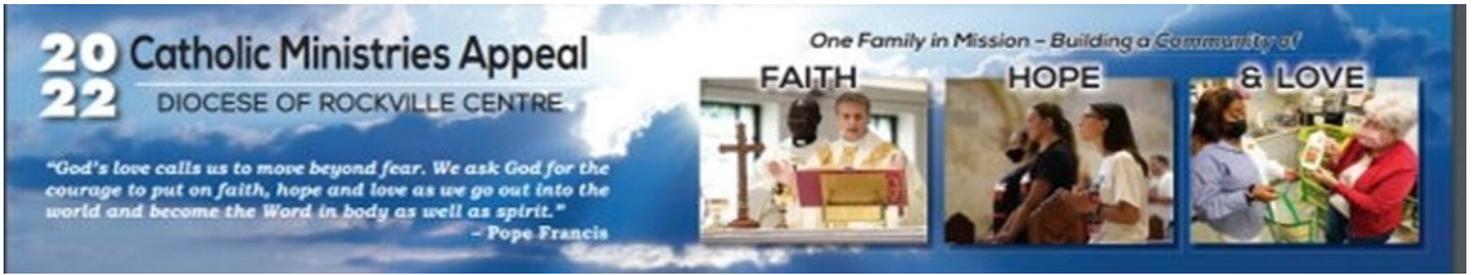
Peter's Pence

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.



Happy Father's Day!

Blessings to all.



Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raise through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Today, consider a dad like James. James saw information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal at his local parish, and he knew he had to turn to the Church for help since he had nowhere else to go. James had been gainfully employed for more than 10 years when he began to fall ill. Soon his medical issues made it impossible for him to keep working and he was forced to go out on disability.

After paying the co-pays on his medications, his family's rent and utilities bills, James had very little left to purchase food and other necessities for his family.

It was hard for him to ask for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities found him a specialist who assessed the family's needs and directed them to appropriate resources in their community. He went to his Parish Outreach, where his family received food that allowed them to make it through the month. James and his family received the help they sodesperately needed,

Today, James is back to work and the family is doing well. *"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, if I am ever in sucha situation again,"* shared James.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

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From the Desk of the Pastor

Today we mark Father's Day on Sunday the 19th. An excellent way to remember your father is by enrolling him in our Father's Day Novena of Masses. The remembrance applies to fathers who are either living or deceased. Just fill out the envelope and place your donation in it and return it to Saint Margaret in the collection basket or mail it to us or drop it off in person at the parish center.

On the last weekend of this month, the 25th and 26th, Fr. Lenin Delgado of Cross Catholic Outreach will be here at Saint Margaret to offer Masses and preach on the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. We welcome him to our parish.

As we all know, this weekend, the 18th and 19th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi at all Masses. Following the 12 noon Mass, we will have an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament on our property. All are invited to join us. In the event of inclement weather, our procession will still take place but it will be indoors. Our commemoration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi following the 12 noon Mass ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

On Sunday the 19th, Baptisms will be at **2:30 PM and not at 2:00 PM**. Please note the change.

Come Holy Spirit!

Congratulations to the Adult Catholics – six of them – who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. 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.



Parish Center Closed
Monday, June 20th for Juneteenth.



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. To be held on Sat., July 16th at Camp Alvernia, Centerport, NY. Call for an application – (631) 828-7628

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 19, 2022

The purpose of power

We can use power to help others—or to help ourselves. Jesus chooses to feed the multitude and invites his followers to do the same. Lord John Acton (1834-1902), an English Catholic historian, counseled caution with our authority: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Acton also noted, "Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right to do what we ought" and "The will of the people cannot make just that which is unjust." This Father's Day, pray for fathers and others to act wisely and lovingly when exercising their authority.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17 (169). "[Jesus] said to them, 'Give them some food yourselves.' "

Monday, Jun 20, 2022

The only measure that matters

When you were a kid, did your parents measure you by marking your height on a wall each birthday? Perhaps later report cards and sports trophies were a measure of your progress. In adulthood, do you measure yourself by rungs you've climbed on a corporate ladder, or by the increasing figures in your bank account? Some measures are less quantifiable—and far more important. Are you becoming more forgiving, more patient, more giving, more humble, more faithful? Are you getting closer to God? Comparison to others is no measure at all when God knows your heart completely and is helping you grow.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5 (371). "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."

Tuesday, Jun 21, 2022

Find the happy medium

Young Aloysius—eldest child of a powerful Italian Renaissance family—was scandalized by all the excesses around him. In his corner of the world, corruption and promiscuity abounded. So impressionable was the boy that, as he began to contemplate religious life, he increasingly added penitential practices that promoted the opposite extreme, excessive mortification. Later, as he entered the Society of Jesus, he admitted "I am a piece of twisted iron" and "I entered religious life to get twisted straight." Are there habits in your own life, no matter how holy, that might benefit from the virtue of moderation?

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, JESUIT PRIEST
TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372). "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you."

Wednesday, Jun 22, 2022

Make some noise

Paulinus of Nola was a fourth-century Roman poet before he converted to Christianity and became a bishop, which might hint at what inspired him to take the imaginative step of introducing the ringing of bells into church services. The psalms—sacred poetry—encourage us to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" (Ps. 98:4) and that is what bells bring to the life and liturgy of the church. A medieval handbell came to be known as a *nola* and steeple bells as *campanas*, from Campania, the region of Italy Paulinus oversaw as bishop. The clear, crisp tones of a bell at liturgy

remind us that something sacred is in the air. Consider incorporating a bell into your own life of prayer and contemplation.

MEMORIAL OF PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20 (373). "By their fruits you will know them."

Thursday, Jun 23, 2022

Give birth to possibilities

Today is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, one of the earliest feast days established in the church. John the Baptist is the only person outside of Jesus and Mary whose birth is honored with a feast day, indicating his importance. His unlikely birth to the aged Elizabeth has long been a popular subject for artists. It has miraculous parallels to the birth of Isaac (born to the aged Sarah and Abraham) and to the birth of Christ himself (born to a virgin). Let John's birth remind you that God continuously brings forth life out of seemingly impossible situations.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). "Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

Friday, Jun 24, 2022

Don't lose heart

It's tempting to ditch traditional religious images because they can feel so unrelatable today. They can leave us uttering "meh" instead of "amen." But what happens when we look beyond the artistic style and focus on the symbolism itself? Take the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is never portrayed as a perfectly pristine heart, untouched and unaffected. Instead, we see a heart that knows both deep suffering and sacrifice (the crown of thorns) and great love and passion (flames). Now that's relatable! You can surf the web and find an image of the Sacred Heart that speaks to you and make it part of your prayer today.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7 (172). "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts."

Saturday, Jun 25, 2022

Look to your heart

Today's memorial focuses on Mary's heart, a way of speaking of her profound internal life as depicted in scripture. Images of Mary's heart often show it pierced by seven swords, representing the different sorrows she endured, from having to flee into Egypt with her infant son to having to witness his crucifixion and burial. Each of us has our own list of sorrows accumulated over a lifetime—griefs and losses we carry with us in our hearts. But Mary's heart reflects much more than sorrow. It reflects her love for Jesus, her courage in accepting her calling, her resilience in the face of hardship. These qualities also live in your heart. In honoring Mary's heart, you honor your own heart, too.

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Luke 2:41-51 (573). "And his mother kept all these things in her heart."

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



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Parish Outreach

The children are home from school!



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: Snacks, Juice Boxes & Jars of Juice, Canned Fruit, Applesauce

Also are in need of shampoo and bar soap.

A very special THANK YOU to all!



Family Movie Night!

July 16th ~ Auditorium

More info to come.

St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Save the Date!

July 19th



Faith Formation

Registration ~ September 2022

Letters have been mailed for your child's Faith Formation Registration.

Please mail or drop off at the Parish Center as soon as possible.



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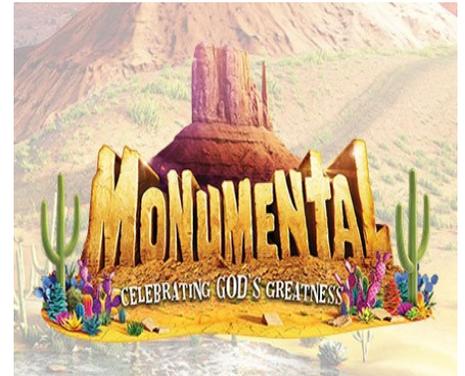


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